

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**U.S. Codex Office****Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Alimentarius Commission**

AGENCY: U.S. Codex Office, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Codex Office is sponsoring a public meeting on June 21, 2019. The objective of the public meeting is to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items and draft United States (U.S.) positions to be discussed at the 42nd Session of the of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC), in Geneva, Switzerland, on July 8–12, 2019. The U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius and the Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs recognize the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the 42nd Session of the CAC and to address items on the agenda.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for June 21, 2019, from 1:00–4:00 p.m. EDT.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will take place at the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Jamie L. Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 107–A, Washington, DC 20250. Documents related to the 42nd Session of the CAC will be accessible via the internet at the following address: <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/en/>. Mary Frances Lowe, U.S. Delegate to the 42nd Session of the CAC, invites U.S. interested parties to submit their comments electronically to the following email address: uscodex@osec.usda.gov.

Call-In-Number: If you wish to participate in the public meeting for the 42nd Session of the CAC by conference call, please use the call-in-number: 1–888–844–9904 and participant code 5126092#.

Registration: Attendees may register to attend the public meeting by emailing uscodex@osec.usda.gov by June 18, 2019. Early registration is encouraged because it will expedite entry into the building. The meeting will take place in a Federal building. Attendees should bring photo identification and plan for adequate time to pass through the security screening systems. Attendees who are not able to attend the meeting in person, but who wish to participate,

may do so by phone, as discussed above.

For further information about the 42nd Session of the CAC, contact U.S. Codex Office, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 4861, South Agriculture Building, Washington, DC 20250, Telephone:(202) 205–7760, Fax: (202) 720–3157, Email: uscodex@osec.usda.gov.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

Codex was established in 1963 by two United Nations organizations, the Food and Agriculture Organization and the World Health Organization. Through adoption of food standards, codes of practice, and other guidelines developed by its committees, and by promoting their adoption and implementation by governments, Codex seeks to protect the health of consumers and ensure fair practices in the food trade; promotes coordination of all food standards work undertaken by international governmental and nongovernmental organizations; determines priorities, initiates, and guides the preparation of draft standards; finalizes the standards elaborated and publishes them in a Codex Alimentarius (food code) either as regional or worldwide standards, wherever this is practicable; and amends published standards, as appropriate, in the light of new developments.

Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The following items on the Agenda for the 42nd Session of the CAC will be discussed during the public meeting:

- Report by the Chairperson on the 76th and 77th Sessions of the Executive Committee
- Amendments to the Procedural Manual
- Final Adoption of Codex Texts
- Adoption of Codex Texts at Step 5
- Revocation of Codex Texts
- Proposals for New Work
- Discontinuation of Work
- Amendments to the Codex Standards and Related Texts
- Matters arising from the Reports of the Commission, the Executive Committee, and the Subsidiary Bodies
- Codex Strategic Plan 2020–2025
- *Codex Budgetary and Financial Matters:* Progress Report 2018–2019

- *Codex Budgetary and Financial Matters:* Proposal 2020–2021
- *FAO/WHO Scientific Support to Codex:* Activities, Budgetary, and Financial Matters
- Matters Arising from FAO and WHO
- Report of the Side Event on FAO and WHO Capacity Development Activities
- Report of the Side Event on the Codex Trust Fund (CTF2)
- Election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons and Members of the Executive Committee Elected on Geographical Basis
- Designation of Countries Responsible for Appointing the Chairpersons of Codex Subsidiary Bodies
- Other Business

Each issue listed will be fully described in documents distributed, or to be distributed, by the Secretariat before the meeting. Members of the public may access or request copies of these documents (see **ADDRESSES**).

Public Meeting

At the June 21, 2019, public meeting, draft U.S. positions on the agenda items will be described and discussed, and attendees will have the opportunity to pose questions and offer comments. Written comments may be offered at the meeting or sent to the U.S. Delegate for the 42nd Session of the CAC (see **ADDRESSES**). Written comments should state that they relate to activities of the 42nd Session of the CAC.

Additional Public Notification

Public awareness of all segments of rulemaking and policy development is important. Consequently, the U.S. Codex Office will announce this **Federal Register** publication on-line through the USDA web page located at: <http://www.usda.gov/codex/>, a link that also offers an email subscription service providing access to information related to Codex. Customers can add or delete their subscription themselves and have the option to password protect their accounts.

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Fax: (202) 690-7442, Email: program.intake@usda.gov.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD).

Done at Washington DC, on April 19, 2019.

Mary Lowe,

U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection

Activities: Employment and Training Performance Measurement, Monitoring and Reporting Requirements

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice invites the general public and other public agencies to comment on this proposed information collection. This collection is an extension, without change, of a currently approved collection for annual outcome data for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Employment and Training (E&T) programs, as mandated by Section 16(h)(5) of the Food and Nutrition Act (FNA) and as amended by section 4022 of the Agricultural Act of 2014.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before July 8, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be sent to: Moira Johnston, Director, SNAP, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 806, Alexandria, VA 22302. Comments may also be submitted via email to moira.johnston@usda.gov. Comments will also be accepted through

the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, and follow the online instructions for submitting comments electronically.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will be a matter of public record.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of this information collection should be directed to Moira Johnston at 703-305-2515.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions that were used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Title: SNAP E&T Performance Measure, Monitoring, and Reporting Requirements.

Form Number: Not applicable.

OMB Number: 0584-0614.

Expiration Date: 9/30/2019.

Type of Request: Extension, without change, of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) regulations at 7 CFR 273.7(c)(17) requires State agencies to submit annual outcome reports to monitor the effectiveness of SNAP Employment and Training (E&T) programs. State agencies must maintain records in order to support data reported in the annual outcome reports.

The information collected on the annual outcome report includes: (1) The number and percentage of E&T participants who retain employment 2 quarters and 4 quarters after completing E&T; (2) the median wages for participants with earnings 2 quarters after completion of E&T; (3) the number and percentage of participants that completed a training, education, work experience or on-the-job training component; (4) certain unique characteristics of SNAP E&T participants; and (5) additional reporting requirements for State

agencies that pledge to serve all at-risk Able-bodied Adults without Dependents (ABAWDs). State agencies are also required to identify appropriate outcome reporting measures for each proposed component that is intended to serve a threshold number of participants of at least 100 a year. The reporting measures for these components are identified in State agencies' E&T plans and the outcome data will be reported to the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) in State agencies' annual outcome reports. State agencies are required to report outcome data annually.

With this information, FNS will be able to identify more, and less, successful E&T practices and work with State agencies to improve their E&T programs. This process is critical to building a more effective E&T operation nationally that will help move more individuals into the workforce.

State agencies use a combination of methods to collect the outcome data, including existing automated data systems, new data collection, sampling methods, and some direct contact with SNAP E&T participants. FNS estimates that the ongoing additional time burden will average no more than about 231 hours annually per State (about one and a half staff-months) on average (12,233 hours per year for all States).

The breakdown of the 231 hours is itemized in the table below. FNS believes this estimate may be somewhat high since more States have moved to collecting data through automated data systems which requires less time than data collected through direct contact with SNAP E&T participants.

Affected Public: State, Local and Tribal Government. Respondent groups identified include State agencies administering the SNAP E&T program in 50 States, the District of Columbia, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Estimated Number of Respondents: The total estimated number of respondents is 53 State agencies, including the agencies responsible for SNAP administration in 50 States, the District of Columbia, Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: The 53 State agencies are required to submit data on the outcome report annually. State agencies will be required to maintain data to support 1 report per year.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 53.

Estimated Time per Response: The estimated time of response, including recordkeeping and reporting is 32.796 hours per response.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 12,233 hours.