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## ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED STATES

### Notice of Public Meeting of the Assembly of the Administrative Conference of the United States

**AGENCY:** Administrative Conference of the United States.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 595, the Assembly of the Administrative Conference of the United States will meet during a two-day virtual plenary session to consider proposed recommendations, a proposed official statement, and to conduct other business. Written comments may be submitted in advance, and the meeting will be accessible to the public.

**DATES:** The two-day meeting will take place on Wednesday, December 16, 2020, from 10 a.m.–5 p.m.; and Thursday, December 17, 2020, from 10 a.m.–4 p.m. The meeting may adjourn early if all business is finished.

**ADDRESSES:** Due to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention COVID-19 health guidelines, the meeting will be conducted virtually. Information on how to access the meeting will be available on the agency's website prior to the meeting at <https://www.acus.gov/meetings-and-events/plenary-meeting/73rd-plenary-session>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Shawne McGibbon, General Counsel (Designated Federal Officer), Administrative Conference of the United States, Suite 706 South, 1120 20th Street NW, Washington, DC 20036; Telephone 202-480-2088; email [smcgibbon@acus.gov](mailto:smcgibbon@acus.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Administrative Conference of the United States makes recommendations to federal agencies, the President, Congress, and the Judicial Conference of the United States regarding the improvement of administrative

procedures (5 U.S.C. 594). The membership of the Conference, when meeting in plenary session, constitutes the Assembly of the Conference (5 U.S.C. 595).

**Agenda:** The Assembly will receive updates on past, current, and pending Conference initiatives. In addition, pending final action by the Conference's subcommittees and the Council, six proposed recommendations and one proposed official statement are tentatively scheduled for consideration. Summaries of the recommendations and statement appear below:

**Agency Appellate Systems.** This proposed recommendation addresses agencies' appellate review of hearing-level adjudicative decisions. It offers best practices with respect to an agency's identification of the purpose or objective served by its appellate review; its selection of cases for appellate review, when review is not required by statute; its procedures for review; its appellate decision-making processes; its management, administration, and bureaucratic oversight of its appellate systems; and its public disclosure of information about its appellate system.

**Agency Litigation web pages.** This proposed recommendation offers best practices and factors for agencies to consider in deciding whether and how to make litigation filings and relevant court opinions publicly available on their websites. It identifies costs and benefits agencies should weigh when considering whether to post such materials on their websites and suggests steps agencies can take to maximize their accessibility.

**Agency Use of Artificial Intelligence.** This proposed official statement identifies important issues agencies should consider as they develop and use artificial intelligence systems. Among the topics it addresses are transparency, bias, technical capacity building, data collection and use, privacy, and internal and external oversight and evaluation.

**Government Contract Bid Protests Before Agencies.** This proposed recommendation addresses the rules governing the resolution of agency-level procurement contract disputes—commonly called bid protests—under the Federal Acquisition Regulation and agency-specific regulations. It identifies changes agencies can make to current agency-level bid protest procedures to

promote transparency, simplicity, and predictability.

**Protected Materials in Public Rulemaking Dockets.** This proposed recommendation offers best practices for handling personal information and confidential commercial information that agencies determine should be withheld from public rulemaking dockets. It addresses how agencies can best inform members of the public that comments are generally subject to public disclosure and encourage them to review comments for protected material before submission. It also offers best practices for redacting, summarizing, and aggregating comments containing protected material before publishing the comments in public rulemaking dockets.

**Public Availability of Information About Agency Adjudicators.** This proposed recommendation addresses the disclosure of agency policies relating to the selection, appointment, supervision, evaluation, discipline, and removal of adjudicators. It offers agencies best practices for providing plain-language descriptions of such policies and access to relevant legal documents on their websites.

**Rules on Rulemakings.** This proposed recommendation urges agencies to consider adopting rules governing their rulemaking procedures, making such rules publicly available, and soliciting public input on their content. It identifies the subjects that agencies should consider addressing in their rules on rulemakings without prescribing any particular procedures that agencies should include.

Additional information about the proposals and the agenda, as well as any changes or updates to the same, can be found at the 73rd Plenary Session page on the Conference's website prior to the start of the meeting: <https://www.acus.gov/meetings-and-events/plenary-meeting/73rd-plenary-session>.

**Public Participation:** The Conference welcomes the virtual attendance of the public at the meeting, subject to bandwidth limitations. Members of the public who wish to view the meeting are asked to RSVP online at the 73rd Plenary Session web page shown above, no later than two days before the meeting, in order to ensure adequate bandwidth. For anyone who is unable to view the live event, an archived video recording of the meeting will be

available on the Conference's website shortly after the conclusion of the event: <https://livestream.com/ACUS>.

**Written Comments:** Persons who wish to comment on any of the proposed recommendations or official statement may do so by submitting a written statement either online by clicking "Submit a comment" on the 73rd Plenary Session web page shown above or by mail addressed to: December 2020 Plenary Session Comments, Administrative Conference of the United States, Suite 706 South, 1120 20th Street NW, Washington, DC 20036. Written submissions must be received no later than 10 a.m. (EDT), Monday, December 14, to ensure consideration by the Assembly.

Dated: November 24, 2020.

**Shawne McGibbon,**

*General Counsel.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

November 24, 2020.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments are requested regarding; whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments regarding this information collection received by December 31, 2020 will be considered. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day

Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

### Animal Plant and Health Inspection Service

**Title:** Export Health Certificate for Animal Products.

**OMB Control Number:** 0579-0256.

**Summary of Collection:** The Animal Health Protection Act (AHPA) of 2002 is the primary Federal law governing the protection of animal health. The law gives the Secretary of Agriculture board authority to detect, control, or eradicate pests or diseases of livestock or poultry. The export of agricultural commodities, including animals and animal products, is a major business in the United States and contributes to a favorable balance of trade. To facilitate the export of U.S. animals and products, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Veterinary Services maintains information regarding the import health requirements of other countries for animals and animal products exported from the United States. Many countries that import animal products from the United States require a certification from APHIS that the United States is free of certain diseases. These countries may also require that our certification statement contain additional declarations regarding the U.S. animal products being exported. Regulations pertaining to export certification of animals and animal products are contained in 9 CFR part 91. VS forms 16-4 and VS 16-4A, Export Certificate for Animal Products and Export Certificate for Animal Products Continuation Sheet; a hearing request to appeal VS' decision to refuse to grant a certificate; a notification of tampered certificate; and letterhead certification can be used to meet these requirements.

**Need and Use of the Information:** VS forms 16-4 and 16-4A serve as the official certification that the United States is free of rinderpest, foot-and-mouth disease, classical swine fever, swine vesicular disease, African swine fever, bovine fever, bovine spongiform encephalopathy, and contagious bovine pleuropneumonia. APHIS will collect the exporter's name, address, the name and address of the consignee, the quantity,

and unit of measure, type of product being exported, the exporter's identification, and type of conveyance (ship, train, and truck) that will transport the products. The form also asks for any declarations the receiving country might require such as statements concerning where the product originated and how it was processed. Without the information, many countries would not accept animal products from the United States, creating a serious trade imbalance and adversely affecting U.S. exporters.

**Description of Respondents:** Business or other-for-profit.

**Number of Respondents:** 42,000.

**Frequency of Responses:** Reporting: On occasion.

**Total Burden Hours:** 51,771.

**Ruth Brown,**

*Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Food and Nutrition Service

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Recordkeeping of D-SNAP Benefit Issuance and Commodity Distribution for Disaster Relief

**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 a revision of a currently approved collection. This information collection addresses the recordkeeping burden associated with forms FNS-292A (*Report of Commodity Distribution for Disaster Relief*) and FNS-292B (*Report of Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Benefit Issuance*). The reporting burden for these forms, which we are not seeking in this request, are already approved under OMB Control Number: 0584-0594; Expiration Date: 07/31/2023.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before February 1, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** The Food and Nutrition Services, USDA, invites interested persons to submit written comments.

• Preferred Method: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, and follow the online instructions for submitting comments electronically.