

ANNEX—QUANTITY-BASED SAFEGUARD TRIGGER—Continued

Product	2023 Quantity-based safeguard trigger		
	Trigger level	Unit	Period
Infant Formula Containing Oligosaccharides .....	9,621,394	Kilograms .....	Jan 1, 2023–Dec 31, 2023.
Blue Cheese .....	3,819,960	Kilograms .....	Jan 1, 2023–Dec 31, 2023.
Cheddar Cheese .....	12,221,307	Kilograms .....	Jan 1, 2023–Dec 31, 2023.
American-Type Cheese .....	74,528	Kilograms .....	Jan 1, 2023–Dec 31, 2023.
Edam/Gouda Cheese .....	12,097,071	Kilograms .....	Jan 1, 2023–Dec 31, 2023.
Italian-Type Cheese .....	23,283,445	Kilograms .....	Jan 1, 2023–Dec 31, 2023.
Swiss Cheese with Eye Formation .....	23,441,766	Kilograms .....	Jan 1, 2023–Dec 31, 2023.
Gruyere Process Cheese .....	4,168,160	Kilograms .....	Jan 1, 2023–Dec 31, 2023.
NSPF Cheese .....	45,793,590	Kilograms .....	Jan 1, 2023–Dec 31, 2023.
Lowfat Cheese .....	120,534	Kilograms .....	Jan 1, 2023–Dec 31, 2023.
Peanut Butter/Paste .....	4,738	MT .....	Jan 1, 2023–Dec 31, 2023.
Peanuts <sup>1</sup> .....	673	MT .....	April 1, 2022–Mar 31, 2023.
Raw Cane Sugar <sup>1</sup> .....	5,947	MT .....	April 1, 2023–Mar 31, 2024.
.....	634,554	MT .....	Oct 1, 2022–Sep 30, 2023.
.....	899,349	MT .....	Oct 1, 2023–Sep 30, 2024.
Refined Sugars and Syrup <sup>1</sup> .....	280,612	MT .....	Oct 1, 2022–Sep 30, 2023.
.....	639,299	MT .....	Oct 1, 2023–Sep 30, 2024.
Articles over 65% Sugar .....	662	MT .....	Oct 1, 2022–Sep 30, 2023.
.....	975	MT .....	Oct 1, 2023–Sep 30, 2024.
Articles over 10% Sugar .....	22,852	MT .....	Oct 1, 2022–Sep 30, 2023.
.....	25,111	MT .....	Oct 1, 2023–Sep 30, 2024.
Blended Syrups .....	463	MT .....	Oct 1, 2022–Sep 30, 2023.
.....	965	MT .....	Oct 1, 2023–Sep 30, 2024.
Sweetened Cocoa Powder .....	727	MT .....	Oct 1, 2022–Sep 30, 2023.
.....	671	MT .....	Oct 1, 2023–Sep 30, 2024.
Mixes and Doughs .....	4,420	MT .....	Oct 1, 2022–Sep 30, 2023.
.....	4,400	MT .....	Oct 1, 2023–Sep 30, 2024.
Mixed Condiments and Seasonings .....	446	MT .....	Oct 1, 2022–Sep 30, 2023.
.....	799	MT .....	Oct 1, 2023–Sep 30, 2024.
Short Staple Cotton <sup>2</sup> .....	18,889	Kilograms .....	Sep 20, 2022–Sep 19, 2023.
.....	13,415	Kilograms .....	Sep 20, 2023–Sep 19, 2024.
Harsh or Rough Cotton .....	0	Kilograms .....	Aug 1, 2022–July 31, 2023.
.....	0	Kilograms .....	Aug 1, 2023–July 31, 2024.
Extra Long Staple Cotton .....	724,706	Kilograms .....	Aug 1, 2022–July 31, 2023.
.....	747,139	Kilograms .....	Aug 1, 2023–July 31, 2024.
Medium Staple Cotton .....	173	Kilograms .....	Aug 1, 2022–July 31, 2023.
.....	163	Kilograms .....	Aug 1, 2023–July 31, 2024.
Cotton Waste <sup>2</sup> .....	1,510,045	Kilograms .....	Sep 20, 2022–Sep 19, 2023.
.....	1,385,381	Kilograms .....	Sep 20, 2023–Sep 19, 2024.
Cotton Processed but not Spun <sup>2</sup> .....	202	Kilograms .....	Sep 11, 2022–Sep 10, 2023.
.....	18,752	Kilograms .....	Sep 11, 2023–Sep 10, 2024.

<sup>1</sup> Includes change in U.S. consumption.

<sup>2</sup> 12-month period from October to September.

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**Forest Service**

**Forest Service Handbook 5509.11, Chapter 10 Title Claims and Encroachments**

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, Agriculture (USDA).

**ACTION:** Notice of availability for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Forest Service (Forest Service or Agency), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), is revising directives related to Title Claims and Encroachments (FSH 5509.17 Chapter 10). The contents of the

handbook have been reorganized to align with the case processing activities in the Title Claims and Encroachment Management System Database (TCEMS) which was deployed in August 2012. The new directive will include clear direction on how to process a trespass case from start to finish, including exhibits and example letters that should be used and followed. All trespass and encroachments will be stored in the TCEMS database for ease and tracking. In addition, internal processing steps were included in the handbook to provide clarity for Forest Service staff.

**DATES:** Comments must be received in writing by July 17, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted electronically to <https://cara.fs2c.usda.gov/Public/CommentInput?project=ORMS-3650>.

Written comments may be mailed to Nathan Price, Chief Land Surveyor, Lands and Realty, 201 14th Street SW, Washington, DC 20024. All timely received comments, including names and addresses, will be placed in the record and will be available for public inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received at <https://cara.fs2c.usda.gov/Public/ReadingRoom?project=ORMS-3650>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nathan Price, Chief Land Surveyor, at 202–205–1353 or [nathan.price@usda.gov](mailto:nathan.price@usda.gov). Individuals who use telecommunications devices for the deaf and hard of hearing (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 800–877–8339, 24 hours a day, every day of the year, including holidays.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Forest Service has determined that the changes to the handbook formulate standards, criterion, or guidelines applicable to a Forest Service program and are therefore publishing the proposed manual for public comment in accordance with 36 CFR part 216. The Forest Service is seeking public comment on the proposed directive, including the sufficiency of the proposed directive in meeting its stated objectives, ways to enhance the utility and clarity of information within the direction, or ways to streamline processes outlined.

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) procedures exclude from documentation in an environmental assessment or impact statement “rules, regulations, or policies to establish service wide administrative procedures, program processes, or instructions” (36 CFR 220.6(d)(2)). The Agency’s conclusion is that these proposed directives fall within this category of actions and that no extraordinary circumstances exist as currently defined that require preparation of an environmental assessment or an environmental impact statement.

After the public comment period closes, the Forest Service will consider timely comments that are within the scope of the proposed directive in the development of the final directive. A notice of the final directive, including a response to timely comments, will be posted on the Forest Service’s web page at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/about-agency/regulations-policies/comment-on-directives>.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Rural Utilities Service

[Docket No. RUS–23–ELECTRIC–0003]

#### Amended Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Powering Affordable Clean Energy (PACE) Program

**AGENCY:** Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice; amendment.

**SUMMARY:** The Rural Utilities Service (RUS or the Agency), a Rural Development (RD) Agency of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), announced its intent to solicit Letters of Interest (LOI) for Applications under the Powering Affordable Clean

Energy (PACE) Program in a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) on May 16, 2023, in the **Federal Register**. In addition, the NOFO announced the Application process and deadlines, and the criteria that RUS will use to evaluate applications under the Powering Affordable Clean Energy (PACE) Program. These loan funds will be made to qualified PACE Applicants to finance power generation Projects for Renewable Energy Resource (RER) systems or Energy Storage Systems (ESS) that support RER Projects. The PACE Program has \$1,000,000,000 available in appropriated funds under the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (IRA). This notice is making amendments to ensure applicants know they are required to establish a Verified eAuthentication ID, to inform applicants that they are eligible for the PACE Program even if they are subject to a “cooling off period” under the Rural Electrification Act, and to notify applicants that the Agency will provide general assistance to applicants through the RUS’ General Field Representatives (GFRs) prior to LOI submissions.

**DATES:** Letters of Interest (LOIs) can be submitted beginning at 11:59 a.m. Eastern Time (ET) on June 30, 2023, until 11:59 a.m. ET September 29, 2023. An applicant that is invited by RUS to proceed with the loan Application will have 60 days, or a time agreeable to the Agency, to complete and submit a loan Application beginning from the date the Invitation to Proceed is emailed to the PACE Applicant. If the deadline to submit the completed Application falls on Saturday, Sunday, or a Federal holiday, the Application is due the next business day. RUS reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to extend the deadline upon the written request of the applicant if the applicant demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Administrator that exceptional circumstances exist to warrant the extension.

#### ADDRESSES:

*Letters of Interest (LOI) Submissions.*

All LOIs must be submitted to RUS electronically through an on-line application window. The Agency will finalize the specific requirements of submitting the LOI through the on-line application window by notice in the **Federal Register** and the RUS website at <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/electric-programs/powering-affordable-clean-energy-pace-program> on or before June 30, 2023.

*Application Submissions.* LOI submitters chosen to proceed with the loan Application must submit a completed loan Application package in accordance with the instructions

provided in the RUS’ Invitation to Proceed.

*Other information.* Additional information and resources are available at <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/electric-programs/powering-affordable-clean-energy-pace-program>. Information on IRA Funding for RD is located at the following website: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/inflation-reduction-act#fn>.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Christopher A. McLean, Assistant Administrator, Electric Program, RUS, RD, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, STOP 1568, Washington, DC 20250–1560; Telephone: 202–690–4492; Email: [SM.RD.RUS.IRA.Questions@usda.gov](mailto:SM.RD.RUS.IRA.Questions@usda.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Corrections and Amendments

This program was initially announced in the **Federal Register** on May 16, 2023, in FR Document 2023–10388. As of this publication, the following changes are being implemented.

1. On page 31239, in the second column, section D.7, is being amended to add two new paragraphs, (g) and (h), to read as follows:

(g) Prior to accessing the on-line application window to submit an LOI or an Application, PACE Applicants must obtain a Verified USDA eAuthentication (eAuth) account for each member of their staff requiring access to the online application window. If an Applicant or staff member does not have a Verified eAuth account, then they will need to create an account or upgrade an existing account. To do so, a person will need to follow the instructions on the USDA eAuth website to create a Verified eAuth account or upgrade an existing account from “unverified” to “verified.” The USDA eAuth website can be found at: <https://www.eauth.usda.gov/eauth/b/usda/home>.

(h) The 120-month or 180-month exclusions referenced in sec. 306B of the Rural Electrification Act and related regulations do not apply to financing under this program.

2. On page 31243, in the first column, section I is being amended to add a new paragraph 9. to read as follows:

9. *Application of General Assistance.* Prior to official submission of an LOI, Applicants may request general assistance from the Agency if such requests are made prior to August 17, 2023. The Agency may provide general assistance as it is able, and Applicants may request assistance in the form of general assistance and consultation with an RUS GFR. Please note that RUS GFRs shall not provide strategic submission or