

individual. Providing a subject with access to these records could impair the effectiveness of the Commission's investigations and could significantly impede the investigation by providing the opportunity for the subject to destroy documentary evidence, improperly influence witnesses and confidential sources, fabricate testimony, and engage in other activities that could compromise the investigation. In addition, providing an individual with access to these records may reveal the identity of a source who furnished information under an express promise that their identity would remain confidential. Amendment of the records in this system of records would interfere with ongoing law enforcement proceedings and impose an impossible administrative burden by requiring law enforcement investigations to be continuously reinvestigated.

(3) From subsection (e)(1) (Relevancy and Necessity of Information), because in the course of conducting and adjudicating background investigations, the significance of certain information may not be clear or the information may not be strictly relevant or necessary to a specific investigation; but, effective investigations require the retention of all information that may aid in the investigation and provide investigative leads.

(4) From subsection (e)(4)(G), (H), and (I) (Agency Requirements) and (f) (Agency Rules), because the Commission is not required to establish requirements, rules, or procedures related to access and amendment of records in a system of records that is exempt from the individual access and amendment provisions in subsection (d) of the Privacy Act.

(g) *CFTC-49 Whistleblower Records*. The system of records identified as CFTC-49 Whistleblower Records contains records related to whistleblower tips, complaints and referrals, records related to investigations and inquiries into whistleblower complaints, and records related to the whistleblower award claim and determination process. Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(2) and subject to the requirements and limitations set forth therein, the Commission is exempting this system of records from the following provisions of the Privacy Act: 5 U.S.C. 552a(c)(3); (d)(1), (2), (3), and (4); (e)(1); (e)(4)(G), (H), and (I); and (f), and from the following corresponding sections of this part: 146.3; 146.5; 146.6(d); 146.11(a)(7), (8), and (9); and 146.7(a). Exemptions from these particular subsections of the Privacy Act are justified for the following reasons:

(1) From subsection (c)(3) (Accounting of Certain Disclosures), because release of the accounting of certain disclosures could alert the subject of an investigation to the existence and extent of that investigation and reveal the investigative interests of the Commission and the recipient entity. Release of such information to the subject of an investigation could reasonably be anticipated to impede and interfere with the Commission's efforts to identify and investigate unlawful activities.

(2) From subsection (d)(1), (2), (3), and (4) (Access and Amendment), because individual access to these records could alert the subject of an investigation to the existence and extent of that investigation and reveal the investigative interests of the Commission and others. Providing a subject with access to these records could impair the effectiveness of the Commission's investigations and could significantly impede the investigation by providing the opportunity for the subject to destroy documentary evidence, improperly influence witnesses and confidential sources, fabricate testimony, and engage in other activities that could compromise the investigation. Allowing the subject of the investigation to amend records in this system of records could likewise interfere with ongoing law enforcement proceedings and impose an impossible administrative burden by requiring law enforcement investigations to be continuously reinvestigated.

(3) From subsection (e)(1) (Relevancy and Necessity of Information), because in the course of investigations, the significance of certain information may not be clear or the information may not be strictly relevant or necessary to a specific investigation; but, effective investigations require the retention of all information that may aid in the investigation or aid in establishing patterns of activity and provide investigative leads.

(4) From subsection (e)(4)(G), (H), and (I) (Agency Requirements) and (f) (Agency Rules), because the Commission is not required to establish requirements, rules, or procedures related to access and amendment of records in a system of records that is exempt from the individual access and amendment provisions in subsection (d) of the Privacy Act.

**§ 146.13 [Removed]**

- 3. Remove § 146.13.

Issued in Washington, DC, on January 24, 2024, by the Commission.

**Christopher Kirkpatrick,**  
*Secretary of the Commission.*

**Note:** The following appendix will not appear in the Code of Federal Regulations.

**Appendix to Privacy Act Regulations—  
Commission Voting Summary**

On this matter, Chairman Behnam and Commissioners Johnson, Goldsmith Romero, Mersinger, and Pham voted in the affirmative. No Commissioner voted in the negative.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND  
HUMAN SERVICES**

**Food and Drug Administration**

**21 CFR Part 117**

[Docket No. FDA-2016-D-2343]

**Hazard Analysis and Risk-Based  
Preventive Controls for Human Food;  
Draft Guidance for Industry;  
Availability**

**AGENCY:** Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notification of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA, we, or the Agency) is announcing the availability of a revised draft Introduction, and a revised draft Appendix 1, within a multichapter guidance for industry entitled "Hazard Analysis and Risk-Based Preventive Controls for Human Food." This multichapter draft guidance, when finalized, will explain our current thinking on how to comply with the requirements for hazard analysis and risk-based preventive controls under our rule entitled "Current Good Manufacturing Practice, Hazard Analysis, and Risk-Based Preventive Controls for Human Food." We revised the draft Introduction and draft Appendix 1: Known or Reasonably Foreseeable Hazards ("Potential Hazards") to address comments submitted on drafts that we made available in 2016. This draft guidance is not final nor is it in effect at this time.

**DATES:** Submit either electronic or written comments on the draft guidance by June 3, 2024 to ensure that the Agency considers your comment on this draft guidance before it begins work on the final version of the guidance.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments on any guidance at any time as follows:

*Electronic Submissions*

Submit electronic comments in the following way:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. Comments submitted electronically, including attachments, to <https://www.regulations.gov> will be posted to the docket unchanged. Because your comment will be made public, you are solely responsible for ensuring that your comment does not include any confidential information that you or a third party may not wish to be posted, such as medical information, your or anyone else’s Social Security number, or confidential business information, such as a manufacturing process. Please note that if you include your name, contact information, or other information that identifies you in the body of your comments, that information will be posted on <https://www.regulations.gov>.

- If you want to submit a comment with confidential information that you do not wish to be made available to the public, submit the comment as a written/paper submission and in the manner detailed (see “Written/Paper Submissions” and “Instructions”).

*Written/Paper Submissions*

Submit written/paper submissions as follows:

- **Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier (for written/paper submissions):** Dockets Management Staff (HFA–305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, Rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.

- For written/paper comments submitted to the Dockets Management Staff, FDA will post your comment, as well as any attachments, except for information submitted, marked and

identified, as confidential, if submitted as detailed in “Instructions.”

**Instructions:** All submissions received must include the Docket No. FDA–2016–D–2343 for “Hazard Analysis and Risk-Based Preventive Controls for Human Food.” Received comments will be placed in the docket and, except for those submitted as “Confidential Submissions,” publicly viewable at <https://www.regulations.gov> or at the Dockets Management Staff between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, 240–402–7500.

- **Confidential Submissions—**To submit a comment with confidential information that you do not wish to be made publicly available, submit your comments only as a written/paper submission. You should submit two copies total. One copy will include the information you claim to be confidential with a heading or cover note that states “THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION.” The Agency will review this copy, including the claimed confidential information, in its consideration of comments. The second copy, which will have the claimed confidential information redacted/blacked out, will be available for public viewing and posted on <https://www.regulations.gov>. Submit both copies to the Dockets Management Staff. If you do not wish your name and contact information to be made publicly available, you can provide this information on the cover sheet and not in the body of your comments and you must identify this information as “confidential.” Any information marked as “confidential” will not be disclosed except in accordance with 21 CFR 10.20 and other applicable disclosure law. For more information about FDA’s posting of comments to public dockets, see 80 FR 56469, September 18, 2015, or access

the information at: <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2015-09-18/pdf/2015-23389.pdf>.

**Docket:** For access to the docket to read background documents or the electronic and written/paper comments received, go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and insert the docket number, found in brackets in the heading of this document, into the “Search” box and follow the prompts and/or go to the Dockets Management Staff, 5630 Fishers Lane, Rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852, 240–402–7500.

You may submit comments on any guidance at any time (see 21 CFR 10.115(g)(5)).

Submit written requests for single copies of the guidance to the Office of Food Safety (HFS–300), Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, Food and Drug Administration, 5001 Campus Dr., College Park, MD 20740. Send two self-addressed adhesive labels to assist that office in processing your requests. See the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for electronic access to the draft guidance document.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Linda Kahl, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS–024), Food and Drug Administration, 5001 Campus Dr., College Park, MD 20740, 240–402–2784.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

We are announcing the availability of a revised draft Introduction and a revised draft Appendix 1 of a multichapter draft guidance for industry entitled “Hazard Analysis and Risk-Based Preventive Controls for Human Food.” We previously announced the availability of several chapters of that draft guidance as shown in table 1.

TABLE 1—AVAILABLE DRAFT CHAPTERS IN HAZARD ANALYSIS AND RISK-BASED PREVENTIVE CONTROLS FOR HUMAN FOOD

Chapter No.	Chapter title	Publication
N/A	Introduction	81 FR 57816, August 24, 2016.
1	The Food Safety Plan	81 FR 57816, August 24, 2016.
2	Conducting a Hazard Analysis	81 FR 57816, August 24, 2016.
3	Potential Hazards Associated with the Manufacturing, Processing, Packing, and Holding of Human Food.	81 FR 57816, August 24, 2016.
4	Preventive Controls	81 FR 57816, August 24, 2016.
5	Application of Preventive Controls and Preventive Control Management Components.	81 FR 57816, August 24, 2016.
6	Use of Heat Treatments as a Process Control	82 FR 41364, August 31, 2017.
11	Food Allergen Program	88 FR 66457, September 27, 2023.
14	Recall plan	84 FR 53347, October 7, 2019.
15	Supply-Chain Program for Human Food Products	83 FR 3449, January 25, 2018.
16	Acidified Foods	88 FR 66457, September 27, 2023.
Appendix 1	Potential Hazards for Foods and Processes	81 FR 57816, August 24, 2016.
Appendix 2	Food Safety Plan Forms	81 FR 57816, August 24, 2016.
Appendix 3	Bacterial Pathogen Growth and Inactivation	81 FR 57816, August 24, 2016.

We are issuing these revised sections of the draft guidance consistent with our good guidance practices regulation (21 CFR 10.115). The draft guidance, when finalized, will represent the current thinking of FDA on “Current Good Manufacturing Practice, Hazard Analysis, and Risk-Based Preventive Controls for Human Food.” It does not establish any rights for any person and is not binding on FDA or the public. You can use an alternate approach if it satisfies the requirements of the applicable statutes and regulations.

The FDA Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) (Pub. L. 111–353) enables FDA to better protect public health by helping to ensure the safety and security of the food supply. FSMA enables FDA to focus more on preventing food safety problems rather than relying primarily on reacting to problems after they occur. FSMA recognizes the important role industry plays in ensuring the safety of the food supply, including the adoption of modern systems of preventive controls in food production.

Section 103 of FSMA amended the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FD&C Act), by adding section 418 (21 U.S.C. 350g) with requirements for hazard analysis and risk-based preventive controls for establishments that are required to register as food facilities under our regulations in 21 CFR part 1, subpart H, in accordance with section 415 of the FD&C Act (21 U.S.C. 350d). We have established regulations to implement these requirements within part 117 (21 CFR part 117).

The multichapter draft guidance for industry is intended to explain our current thinking on how to comply with the requirements for hazard analysis and risk-based preventive controls under part 117, principally in subparts C and G. One revised draft that we are announcing in this document is “Introduction and General Information Applicable to This Guidance.” We revised the draft Introduction that we made available in 2016 to address comments submitted regarding the draft Introduction, include all draft definitions that we subsequently included in chapters we have made available, and add draft recommendations for training applicable to most topics covered in the multichapter guidance. We also added two administrative features. One feature is a comprehensive bibliography of references that we cited within the chapters previously made available, as well as references that we expect to cite in the additional chapters that we have included in the table of contents. Another feature is a compilation of

resources that could be useful to persons who use the multichapter guidance.

The second revised draft that we are announcing in this document is “Appendix 1: Known or Reasonably Foreseeable Hazards (“Potential Hazards”).” We revised the draft Appendix 1 that we made available in 2016 to add text providing context for what the Appendix is, how it was developed, and how it should be used. To address comments submitted regarding the draft Appendix, we made several changes, including: (1) significantly revised product categories (which emphasize ingredients that go into foods rather than finished foods that can be formulated with many variations of such ingredients); (2) replaced a series of tables listing known or reasonably foreseeable (“potential”) process-related hazards with a discussion of such hazards; (3) provided a general discussion of food allergen hazards rather than identify known or reasonably foreseeable (“potential”) food allergen hazards that could apply to multiple product categories; and (4) identified scientific, technical, or regulatory information that we considered when identifying some hazards that are known or reasonably foreseeable (“potential”), but less common, hazards in some food categories.

We intend to announce the availability for public comment of additional chapters of the draft guidance as we complete them. The titles of the additional chapters that we expect to make available for public comment are included in the table of contents for the complete multichapter guidance.

## II. Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

While this guidance contains no collection of information, it does refer to previously approved FDA collections of information. The previously approved collections of information are subject to review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501–3521). The collections of information in part 117 have been approved under OMB control number 0910–0751.

## III. Electronic Access

Persons with access to the internet may obtain the draft guidance at <https://www.fda.gov/FoodGuidances>, <https://www.fda.gov/regulatory-information/search-fda-guidance-documents>, or <https://www.regulations.gov>. Use the FDA website listed in the previous sentence to find the most current version of the guidance.

Dated: January 26, 2024.

**Lauren K. Roth,**

*Associate Commissioner for Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### 34 CFR Chapter VI

[Docket ID ED–2023–OPE–0123]

#### **Negotiated Rulemaking Committee; Announcement of Fourth Session of Committee Meetings—Title IV Federal Student Aid Programs, Student Debt Relief**

**AGENCY:** Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to establish negotiated rulemaking committee; amendment.

**SUMMARY:** On August 31, 2023, we announced our intention to establish the Student Debt Relief Negotiated Rulemaking Committee (Committee) to develop proposed regulations related to the modification, waiver, release, or compromise of Federal student loans under the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA). We now announce a fourth session of Committee negotiations on February 22 and 23, 2024.

**DATES:** The dates, times, and location of the fourth Committee meeting are set out in the *Amended Schedule for Negotiation Sessions* section under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information about the content of this document, including information about the negotiated rulemaking process or the schedule for negotiations, please contact Rene Tiongquico. Telephone: (202) 453–7513. Email: [rene.tiongquico@ed.gov](mailto:rene.tiongquico@ed.gov).

For information about negotiated rulemaking, see “The Negotiated Rulemaking Process for Title IV Regulations—Frequently Asked Questions” at <https://www2.ed.gov/policy/highered/reg/hearulemaking/hea08/neg-reg-faq.html>.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On August 31, 2023, we published in the **Federal Register** (88 FR 60163) an announcement of our intent to establish the Committee under section 492 of the HEA to develop proposed regulations related to section 432(a) of the HEA, which relate to the modification, waiver, or compromise of Federal