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#### EXEMPTIONS PROMULGATED FOR THE SYSTEM:

To the extent permitted under the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(2), this system has been exempted from the provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974 that permit access and correction. However, USAID may, in its discretion, fully grant individual requests for access and correction if it determines that the exercise of these rights will not interfere with an interest that the exemption is intended to protect. The exemption from access is limited in some instances by law to information that would reveal the identity of a confidential source.

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(2), this system is exempt from the following provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974, subject to the limitations set forth in that subsection: 5 U.S.C. 552a (c)(3); (d); (e)(1); (e)(4)(G); (e)(4)(H); and (f)(2) through (5). Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(5), this system is exempt from the following provisions of the Privacy Act, subject to the limitations set forth in that subsection: 5 U.S.C. 552a(c)(3) and (d).

#### HISTORY:

None.

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*Government Privacy Task Lead.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### U.S. Codex Office

#### Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods

**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 March 21, 2024. The objective of the public meeting is to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items and draft U.S. positions to be discussed at the 17th Session of the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods (CCCF) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC). CCCF17 will be held in Panama City, Panama from April 15–19, 2024. 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 17th Session of the CCCF and to address items on the agenda.

**DATES:** The public meeting is scheduled for March 21, 2024, from 1 to 3 p.m. EDT.

**ADDRESSES:** The public meeting will take place via Video Teleconference only. Documents related to the 17th Session of the CCCF will be accessible via the internet at the following address: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/it/?meeting=CCCF&session=17>.

Dr. Lauren Posnick Robin, U.S. Delegate to the 17th Session of the CCCF, invites interested U.S. parties to submit their comments electronically to the following email address: Quynh-Anh Nguyen, [quynh-anh.nguyen@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:quynh-anh.nguyen@fda.hhs.gov). Emailed comments should state in the title that they relate to activities of the 17th Session of the CCCF.

**Registration:** Attendees may register to attend the public meeting here: <https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJl5dOmsrjgpGbqn89rYPIXUAWJawQCq39Y>. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

For further information about the 17th Session of the CCCF, contact U.S. Delegate, Dr. Lauren Posnick Robin, Chief, Plant Products Branch, in the Division of Plant Products and Beverages, Office of Food Safety, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, U.S. Food and Drug Administration, at [lauren.robins@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:lauren.robins@fda.hhs.gov). For additional information regarding the public meeting, contact the U.S. Codex Office by email at: [uscodex@usda.gov](mailto:uscodex@usda.gov) or Quynh-Anh Nguyen, [quynh-anh.nguyen@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:quynh-anh.nguyen@fda.hhs.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

The Codex Alimentarius Commission was established in 1963 by two United Nations organizations, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO). 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.

The Terms of Reference of the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods (CCCF) are:

(a) to establish or endorse permitted maximum levels or guidelines levels for

contaminants and naturally occurring toxicants in food and feed;

(b) to prepare priority lists of contaminants and naturally occurring toxicants for risk assessment by the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives;

(c) to consider methods of analysis and sampling for the determination of contaminants and naturally occurring toxicants in food and feed;

(d) to consider and elaborate standards or codes of practice for related subjects; and

(e) to consider other matters assigned to it by the Commission in relation to contaminants and naturally occurring toxicants in food and feed.

The Netherlands hosts the CCCF and is co-hosting the 17th Session of the CCCF with Panama. The United States attends the CCCF as a member country of Codex.

#### Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The following items from the forthcoming Agenda for the 17th Session of the CCCF will be discussed during the public meeting:

- Matters referred to the Committee by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and/or its subsidiary bodies
- Matters of interest arising from FAO and WHO (including the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives)
- Matters of interest arising from other international organizations
- Maximum levels for lead in certain food categories
- Sampling plans for methylmercury in fish
- Definition for ready-to-eat peanuts for the establishment of a maximum level for total aflatoxins in this product
- Sampling plans for total aflatoxins and ochratoxin A in certain spices
- Code of practice/guidelines for the prevention and reduction of ciguatera poisoning
- Discussion Papers on the following materials:
  - Pyrrolizidine alkaloids
  - Tropane alkaloids
  - Acrylamide in foods
  - Cadmium and lead in quinoa
  - Review of the *Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Aflatoxin Contamination in Peanuts* (CXC 55–2004)
- Review of the *Code of Practice for the Reduction of Aflatoxin B1 in Raw Materials and Supplemental Feedingstuffs for Milk-Producing Animals* (CXC 45–1997)

- Development of a Code of practice for the prevention and reduction of cadmium contamination in foods
- Guidance on data analysis for development of maximum levels and for improved data collection
- Review of Codex standards for contaminants
- Follow-up work to the outcomes of JECFA evaluations and FAO/WHO expert consultations
- Priority list of contaminants for evaluation by JECFA
- Foresight on emerging issues in food and feed safety relevant to contaminants
- Other business and future work

#### Public Meeting

At the March 21, 2024, 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 Quynh-Anh Nguyen, at [quynh-anh.nguyen@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:quynh-anh.nguyen@fda.hhs.gov). Written comments should state that they relate to activities of the 17th Session of the CCCF.

#### 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 Codex 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 subscriptions themselves and have the option to password protect their accounts.

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Done at Washington, DC, on February 5, 2024.

Mary Frances Lowe,

U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius.

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### DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

#### Rural Utilities Service

[Docket No. RUS-23-ELECTRIC-0026]

#### 60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Accounting Requirements for RUS Electric and Telecommunications Borrowers; OMB Control No.: 0572-0003

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

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) announces its' intention to request a revision of a currently approved information collection and invites comments on this information collection.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by April 9, 2024 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at: <https://www.regulations.gov>. To comment, in the "Search" box, enter the docket number: "RUS-23-ELECTRIC-0026." You will be taken to the "Search Results" page and a link to the Notice. To submit a comment, click on the "Comments" button under the Notice document name (this will be under the "Documents" tab if not already brought there). When you comment, you must complete all the required information, and include the Agency name and docket number. When done commenting, select the "Submit Comment" button at the bottom of the page. Information on commenting is available in the "Commenter's Checklist" located at the top of the comment page or by viewing the FAQ tab. All comments submitted, from all sources, will be posted, without change

to <https://www.regulations.gov>. Comments containing profanity, vulgarity, threats, or other inappropriate language or content will not be considered. The Agency requests that no business proprietary information, copyrighted information, or personally identifiable information be submitted in response to this Notice.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Crystal Pemberton, Management Analyst, Branch 1, Rural Development Innovation Center—Regulations Management Division, United States Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, South Building, Washington, DC 20250-1522. Telephone: (202) 260-8621, Email: [Crystal.Pemberton@usda.gov](mailto:Crystal.Pemberton@usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) regulation (5 CFR part 1320) implementing provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) requires that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see, 5 CFR 1320.8(d)). This notice identifies the following information collection that RUS is submitting to OMB as a revision to an existing collection with Agency adjustment.

*Title:* Accounting Requirements for Electric and Telecommunications Borrowers.

*OMB Control Number:* 0572-0003.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* August 31, 2024.

*Type of Request:* Revision of a currently approved information collection.

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 2 hours per response. The recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 25 hours per response.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,252.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 2,504 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Recordkeepers:* 31,300 hours.

*Abstract:* The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) is a credit agency of the USDA which makes direct and guaranteed loans to finance electric and telecommunications facilities in rural areas. Accounting requirements that are unique to RUS borrowers are contained in 7 CFR parts 1767 and 1770 which