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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

U.S. Codex Office

Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Committee on Food Additives

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 3, 2026. The objective of the public meeting is to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items and draft U.S. position to be discussed at the 56th Session of the Codex Committee on Food Additives (CCFA) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC). CCFA will be held in Chongqing, China, from April 13–17, 2026. 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 56th Session of the CCFA and to address items on the agenda.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for March 3, 2026, from 1:00–3:00 p.m. ET.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will take place via video teleconference only. Documents related to the 56th Session of the CCFA will be accessible via the internet at the following address: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCFA&session=56>.

Dr. Daniel E. Folmer, U.S. Delegate to the 56th Session of the CCFA, invites interested U.S. parties to submit their comments electronically to the following email address: daniel.folmer@fda.hhs.gov. Comments should state that they relate to the activities of the 56th Session of the CCFA.

Registration: Attendees may register to attend the public meeting at the following link: https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/20RXUe0_TRaBV08pCzggVw. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

For further information about the 56th Session of the CCFA, contact U.S. Delegate, Dr. Daniel Folmer, daniel.folmer@fda.hhs.gov. For additional information regarding the public meeting, contact the U.S. Codex Office by email at: uscodex@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Codex Alimentarius Commission was established in 1963. 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 Food Additives (CCFA) are:

(a) to establish or endorse permitted maximum levels for individual food additives;

(b) to prepare priority lists of food additives for risk assessment by the Joint Expert Committee on Food Additives;

(c) to assign functional classes to individual food additives;

(d) to recommend specifications of identity and purity for food additives for adoption by the Commission;

(e) to consider methods of analysis for the determination of additives in food; and

(f) to consider and elaborate standards or codes for related subjects such as the labelling of food additives when sold as such.

China hosts the CCFA. The United States attends the CCFA as a member country of Codex.

Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

Although the meeting agenda was not available at the time of publication of this notice, the following items are expected to be on the agenda for the 56th Session of the CCFA and will be discussed during the public meeting:

- Matters Referred by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and other subsidiary bodies
- Matters of Interest arising from international organizations and from the 100th Meeting of the Joint Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA)
- Proposed draft specifications for identity and purity of food additives arising from the 100th JECFA meeting
- Endorsement and/or revision of maximum levels for food additives and processing aids in Codex standards
- Alignment of the food additive provisions of commodity standards: Report of the electronic working group (EWG) on Alignment
- *General Standard for Food Additives* (GSFA): Report of the electronic working group (EWG) on the GSFA
- *General Standard for Food Additives* (GSFA): Proposals for new and/or revision of food additive provisions (replies to circular letter (CL) 2025/31–FA)
- Proposed draft revision to the *Class Names and the International Numbering System for Food Additives* (CXG 36–1989) (replies to circular letter (CL) 2025/30–FA)
- Proposals for additions and changes to the Priority List of Substances proposed for evaluation by JECFA (replies to CL 2025/32–FA)
- Discussion paper on divergence between the *General Standard for Food Additives* (GSFA), Codex commodity standards and other texts—Identification of outstanding issues
- Report of the electronic working group (EWG): Development of a standard for baker's yeast
- Report of the electronic working group (EWG): The project document for the development of a guideline for the conduct of food safety assessment of cell culture media components used in the production of cell-based foods
- Future work for CCFA (replies to circular letter (CL) 2025/28–FA)
- Other Business and Future Work

Public Meeting

At the March 3, 2026, public meeting, agenda items and draft U.S. positions 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 Dr. Daniel Folmer, U.S. Delegate to the 56th Session of CCFA, at daniel.folmer@fda.hhs.gov. Written comments should state that they relate to activities of the 56th Session of the CCFA.

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: <https://www.usda.gov/codex>.

Done at Washington, DC, on January 13, 2026.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Economic Analysis

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Direct Investment Surveys: BE-13, Survey of New Foreign Direct Investment in the United States

AGENCY: Bureau of Economic Analysis, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of information collection, request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before March 17, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments to Amanda Budny, Chief, Direct Transactions and Positions Branch, Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce, by email to Amanda.Budny@bea.gov and PRAComments@doc.gov. Please reference OMB Control Number 0608-0035 in the subject line of your comments. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or specific questions related to collection activities should be directed to Amanda Budny, Chief, Direct Transactions and Positions Branch, Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce; via phone at (301) 278-9154; or via email at Amanda.Budny@bea.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The BE-13, Survey of New Foreign Direct Investment in the United States, is a mandatory survey conducted by BEA under the authority of the International Investment and Trade in Services Survey Act (22 U.S.C. 3101-3108).

The purpose of the BE-13 survey is to collect data on the acquisition or establishment of U.S. business enterprises by foreign investors and the expansion of existing U.S. affiliates of foreign companies to establish a new facility where business is conducted. The data collected on the survey are used to measure the amount and economic significance of new foreign direct investment in the United States and assess its impact on the U.S. economy. Foreign direct investment in the United States is defined as the ownership or control, directly or indirectly, by one foreign investor of 10 percent or more of the voting securities of an incorporated U.S. business enterprise, or an equivalent interest of an unincorporated U.S. business enterprise, including a branch. The data collected through the survey are used to measure the amount of new foreign direct investment in the United States, assess the impact on the U.S. economy, and ensure complete coverage of BEA's other foreign direct investment statistics.

The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) is not proposing any changes to the BE-13 survey.

II. Method of Collection

Notifications will be mailed to respondents as BEA becomes aware of a potentially reportable investment or when annual cost updates are needed. A business enterprise that meets the reporting requirements of the survey is required to report whether or not it is contacted by BEA. A business enterprise that is contacted by BEA and does not meet the reporting requirements is required to respond to indicate that it does not meet the requirements. The survey is due 45 days after (1) an acquisition is completed, (2) a new U.S. business enterprise is established, (3) an expansion is begun, (4) a cost update is

requested by BEA, or (5) a U.S. business enterprise that does not meet the filing requirements for the survey receives a notification letter from BEA.

BEA offers electronic filing through its eFile system (www.bea.gov/efile) for use in reporting on the BE-13 survey forms. In addition, BEA posts all its survey forms and reporting instructions on its website (www.bea.gov/fdi). These may be downloaded, completed, printed, and submitted via fax or mail.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0608-0035.

Form Number: BE-13.

Type of Review: Regular submission, reinstatement without change.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 3,417 annually, of which approximately 402 file BE-13A forms, 74 file BE-13B forms, 49 file BE-13D forms, 165 file BE-13E forms, and 2,727 file BE-13 Claim for Exemption forms.

Estimated Time per Response: 0.6 hours is the average but may vary considerably among respondents because of differences in company structure and complexity.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 2,032.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: International Investment and Trade in Services Survey Act (Pub. L. 94-472, 22 U.S.C. 3101-3108, as amended by Pub. L. 98-573 and Pub. L. 101-533).

IV. Request for Comments

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department of Commerce/Bureau of Economic Analysis to: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) Evaluate ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal