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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of the Chief Information Officer, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the public to comment on the “Collection of Generic Clearance for Improving Customer Experience (OMB Circular A–11, Section 280 Implementation)” for approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act. The purpose of this request is to facilitate the Agency’s ability to collect feedback from the public to continue to improve its services, thereby facilitating its compliance with statutory requirements and general principles of good governance. This notice announces our intent to submit this collection to Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval and solicit comments on specific aspects for the proposed information collection.

DATES: Submit comments on or before: May 8, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for this information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Levi S. Harrell, Departmental Clearance Officer; Information Management Division; Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO), 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250; email: SM.IO.InfoCollection@usda.gov. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication

should contact the USDA Target Center at (202) 720–2600 (voice) or 844–433–2774 (toll-free nationwide).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Collection of Generic Clearance for Improving Customer Experience (OMB Circular A–11, Section 280 Implementation).

OMB Number: 0503–0024.

Abstract: Under the PRA, (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520) Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. “Collection of information” is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and includes Agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA requires Federal agencies to provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, the Agency is publishing notice of the proposed collection of information set forth in this document.

Under the Government Service Delivery Improvement Act and the 21st Century Integrated Digital Experience Act, along with OMB guidance, agencies are obligated to continually improve the services they provide the public and to collect qualitative and quantitative data from the public to do so.

The purpose of this request is to facilitate the Agency’s ability to collect feedback from the public to continue to improve its services, thereby facilitating its compliance with statutory requirements and general principles of good governance.

The Agency will only submit collections if they meet the following criteria.

- The collections are voluntary;
- The collections are low-burden for respondents (based on considerations of total burden hours or burden-hours per respondent) and are low-cost for both the respondents and the Federal Government;
- The collections are non-controversial, meaning they do not raise issues that warrant public comment;
- Any collection is targeted to the solicitation of opinions from

respondents who have experience with the program or may have experience with the program in the near future;

- Personally identifiable information (PII) is collected only to the extent necessary and the Agency will comply with applicable legal and policy requirements to ensure its protection;
- Information gathered is intended to be used for general service improvement and program management purposes;
- The Agency will follow the procedures specified in any relevant OMB guidance for the required reporting to OMB of data from surveys;

Outside of the reporting mentioned in the bullet immediately above, if the Agency intends to release journey maps, user personas, reports, or other data-related summaries stemming from this collection, the Agency must include appropriate caveats around those summaries, noting that conclusions should not be generalized beyond the sample, considering the sample size and response rates. The Agency must submit the data summary itself (e.g., the report) and the caveat language mentioned above to OMB before it releases them outside the Agency. OMB will engage in a passback process with the Agency. These collections will allow for ongoing, collaborative and actionable communication between the Agency, its customers and stakeholders, and OMB as it monitors agency compliance on Section 280. These responses will inform efforts to improve or maintain the quality of service offered to the public. If this information is not collected, vital feedback from customers and stakeholders on services will be unavailable.

Current Action: Collection of Information.

Type of Review: Renewal and Extension.

Affected Public: Individuals and Households, Businesses and Organizations, State, Local or Tribal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,040,000.

Burden Hours: 178,750.

Request for Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including

whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, disclose, or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions to (1) develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purpose of collecting, validating and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; (2) train personnel and be able to respond to a collection of information, to search data sources, (3) complete and review the collection of information; and to transmit or otherwise disclose the information. All written comments will be available for public inspection at *Regulations.gov*. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget control number.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Federal Claims Collection Methods for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Recipient Claims

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, 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 reinstatement with revision of a currently expired information collection. This information collection announces the intent of the

Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) to revise the burden hours and continue the requirements associated with initiating and conducting federal collection actions against debtors with delinquent Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipient debts.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before June 8, 2026 to be considered.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be sent to Maribelle Balbes, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1320 Braddock Place, 5th Floor, Alexandria, VA 22314 or (703) 605-4272. Comments may also be submitted via email to snapsab@usda.gov. Comments will also be accepted through the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for submitting comments electronically.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of this information collection should be directed to Dr. Casey Lowe at (703) 659-7361 or snapsab@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) 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.

Title: Federal Claims Collection Methods for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Recipient Claims.

Form Number: N/A.

OMB Number: 0584-0446.

Expiration Date: 09/30/2025.

Type of Request: Reinstatement of an expired information collection.

Abstract: Section 13(b) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (the Act),¹ as amended (7 U.S.C. 2022(b)), and SNAP

¹ <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/COMPS-10331/pdf/COMPS-10331.pdf>.

regulations at 7 CFR 273.18² require State agencies to refer delinquent SNAP debts to the U.S. Department of the Treasury (Treasury) for collection and notify debtors. The Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996³ (Pub. L. 104-134) (DCIA), as amended by the Digital Accountability and Transparency Act of 2014⁴ (Pub. L. 113-101), requires these debts be referred to Treasury for collection when they are 120 days or more delinquent. While SNAP regulations at 7 CFR 273.18(n) still reflect the older standard of 180 days, States must follow the 120-day timeframe required by DCIA as amended by Public Law 113-101. The Treasury Offset Program (TOP), 31 CFR part 285,⁵ intercepts and offsets eligible federal payments, such as federal income tax refunds and federal salaries, to pay these delinquent SNAP debts. The requirement to use TOP to collect delinquent debts places a reporting, recordkeeping, and public disclosure burden on State agencies, debtors, or third-party support solutions. The State agency notifies debtors of their impending referral to TOP, submits the debts into TOP to initiate interception of federal payments, and conducts Automated Data Processing (ADP) or third-party support solutions. The debtor reads the notice, makes formal, informal, and phone inquiries to the State agency, and in some cases, submits an appeal.

For the burden estimates included in this information collection, FNS is using the TOP referral data from calendar years 2018-2020, which was also used in the previous ICR for this form. The 2018-2020 data were prior to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) and were not impacted by the flexibilities offered to States to suspend claims and TOP collections during the PHE. Specifically, during the PHE, State agencies were provided the flexibility to suspend collection of active recoupments of SNAP overpayments, delay collection on newly established overpayments, not consider any payments delayed due to this suspension to be delinquent and suspend TOP collections.

While FNS used the TOP referral data from the prior submission, the updated time estimates for individual activities are based on consultations with State

² <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-7/subtitle-B/chapter-II/subchapter-C/part-273/subpart-F/section-273.18>.

³ <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-1996-10-21/pdf/96-26495.pdf>.

⁴ <https://www.congress.gov/113/plaws/publ101/PLAW-113publ101.pdf>.

⁵ <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-31/subtitle-B/chapter-II/subchapter-A/part-285>.