

used to make the table was previously in the standard, but it's now added in table form for easy referencing.

AMS is moving forward with the revisions as proposed and determined by AMS since these grade standards will provide a common language for trade and better reflect the current marketing of fruits and vegetables.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1621–1627.

Erin Morris,

Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS–2026–0431]

Notice of Request for Extension of Approval of an Information Collection; Federally Recognized State Managed Phytosanitary Program

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Extension of approval of an information collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's intention to request an extension of approval of an information collection associated with Federal recognition of a State's plant pest containment, eradication, or exclusion program as a Federally Recognized State Managed Phytosanitary Program.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before July 13, 2026.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by either of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to www.regulations.gov. Enter APHIS–2026–0431 in the Search field. Select the Documents tab, then select the Comment button in the list of documents.
- *Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:* Send your comment to Docket No. APHIS–2026–0431, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, 5601 Sunnyside Ave., #AP760, Beltsville, MD 20705.

Supporting documents and any comments we receive on this docket may be viewed at regulations.gov or in our reading room, which is located in Room 1620 of the USDA South Building, 14th Street and Independence

Avenue SW, Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 799–7039 before coming.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on the Federally Recognized State Managed Phytosanitary Program, contact Mr. Allen Proxmire, National Policy Manager, Black Stem Rust, Pest Evaluation and Response, Emergency and Domestic Programs, PPQ, APHIS, USDA, 5601 Sunnyside Avenue, Beltsville, MD 20705; allen.proxmire@usda.gov; 480–392–8754. For more information on the information collection reporting process, contact Ms. Sheniqua Harris, APHIS' Paperwork Reduction Act Coordinator, at (301) 851–2528; APHIS.PRA@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Federally Recognized State Managed Phytosanitary Program.

OMB Control Number: 0579–0365.

Type of Request: Extension of approval of an information collection.

Abstract: The Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7701 *et seq.*) authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to prohibit or restrict the importation, entry, or interstate movement of plant pests, plants, plant products, or other articles if the Secretary determines that the prohibition or restriction is necessary to prevent a plant pest or noxious weed from being introduced into or disseminated within the United States. This authority has been delegated to the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS).

As part of this mission, APHIS' Plant Protection and Quarantine program responds to introductions of plant pests to eradicate, suppress, or contain them through various programs to prevent their interstate spread. APHIS' plant pest containment and eradication programs qualify as “official control programs,” as defined by the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC), recognized by the World Trade Organization as the standard-setting body for international plant quarantine issues. Official control is defined as the active enforcement of mandatory phytosanitary regulations and the application of mandatory phytosanitary procedures with the objective of containment or eradication of quarantine pests or for the management of regulated non-quarantine pests. As a contracting party to the IPPC, the United States has agreed to observe IPPC principles as they relate to international trade.

APHIS is aware that individual States enforce phytosanitary regulations and

procedures within their borders to address pests of concern, and that those pests are not always also the subject of an APHIS response program or activity. To strengthen APHIS' safeguarding system to protect agriculture and to facilitate agriculture trade through effective management of phytosanitary measures, APHIS initiated the Federally Recognized State Managed Phytosanitary (FRSMP) Program, which establishes an administrative process for granting Federal recognition to certain State-managed official control programs for plant pest eradication or containment and State-managed pest exclusion programs. (The FRSMP Program was previously referred to as the Official Control Program.) Federal recognition of a State's pest control activities will justify actions by Federal inspectors at ports of entry to help exclude pests that are under a phytosanitary program in a destination State. This process involves the use of information collection activities, including the submission of a petition for protocol for quarantine pests of concern, a petition for regulated non-quarantine pests, State cooperative agreements, and audit review annual accomplishment reports.

We are requesting the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve the information collection activities for an additional 3 years.

The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public (as well as affected agencies) concerning our information collection. These comments will help us:

- (1) Evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- (2) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through use, as appropriate, of automated, electronic, mechanical, and other collection technologies; *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses.

Estimate of burden: The public burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 34.7 hours per response.

Respondents: State Plant Health Regulatory Officials.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 1.

Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: 7.

Estimated annual number of responses: 7.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 243 hours. (Due to averaging, the total annual burden hours may not equal the product of the annual number of responses multiplied by the reporting burden per response.)

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

Done in Washington, DC, this 4th day of May 2026.

Kelly Moore,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

U.S. Codex Office

Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Alimentarius Commission

AGENCY: U.S. Codex Office, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Codex Office is sponsoring a public meeting on June 22, 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 49th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC), which will meet in Geneva, Switzerland, from July 6 to July 10, 2026. The U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius and the Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs recognize the importance of providing interested U.S. parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the 49th Session of the CAC and to address items on the agenda.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for June 22, 2026, from 1:00–4:00 p.m. ET.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will take place via video teleconference only. Documents related to the 49th Session of the CAC will be accessible via the internet at the following address: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CAC&session=49>. Mr. Kenneth Lowery, the U.S. Delegate to the 49th Session of the CAC, invites interested U.S. parties to submit their comments electronically to the following email address: Ken.Lowery@usda.gov

usda.gov and uscodex@usda.gov.

Comments should state that they relate to the activities of the 49th Session of the CAC.

Registration: Attendees may register to attend the public meeting at the following link: <https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/Qpgxn2RER2iN-KYDN5BHeg>. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

For further information about the 49th Session of the CAC, contact the U.S. Delegate, Mr. Kenneth Lowery, Senior International Issues Analyst, U.S. Codex Office, by email at: Ken.Lowery@usda.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.

Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The following items from the Provisional Agenda for the 49th Session of the CAC will be discussed during the public meeting:

- Report by the Chairperson on the 90th Session of the Executive Committee (including matters referred)
- Amendments to the Procedural Manual
- Work of Codex Committees (adoption, new work, revocation, discontinuation, and amendments to Codex texts proposed by the following committees):
 - Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs
 - Codex Committee on Food Hygiene
 - Codex Committee on Fats and Oils
 - Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling
 - Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods
 - Codex Committee on Food Additives
 - Codex Committee on Food Labelling
 - Codex Committee on Fish and Fishery Products
- Standards from other Codex committees for which the endorsement requirements from

relevant committees have been fulfilled

- Other matters relating to Codex subsidiary bodies
- Codex Strategic Plan 2020–2025—Implementation report
- Codex budgetary and financial matters
- Matters arising from international organizations
- Election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of the Codex Alimentarius Commission
- Designation of countries responsible for appointing the Chairpersons of Codex subsidiary bodies
- Other business
- Adoption of the Report

Public Meeting

At the June 22, 2026, 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 Mr. Kenneth Lowery, U.S. Delegate to the 49th Session of the CAC, at Ken.Lowery@usda.gov and uscodex@usda.gov. Written comments should state that they relate to activities of the 49th Session of the CAC.

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>.

(Authority: 19 U.S.C. 2578; Pres. Proc. 6780; 7 CFR part 2.602.)

Done at Washington, DC, on May 11, 2026.

Julie A. Chao,

Deputy U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

[Docket No. RUS-25-TELECOM-0267]

Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Community Connect Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2026

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Notice of funding opportunity.

SUMMARY: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS or the Agency), a Rural Development (RD) agency of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is issuing a Notice of Funding