

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**U.S. Codex Office****Codex Alimentarius Commission:
Meeting of the Codex Committee on
Fish and Fishery Products****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 August 31, 2021. The objective of the public meeting is to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items and draft United States (U.S.) positions to be discussed at the 35th Session of the Codex Committee on Fish and Fishery Products (CCFFP) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, which will meet by correspondence during the period of September 20–October 20, 2021 with report adoption on October 25, 2021. The U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius and the Acting Deputy Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs recognize the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the 35th Session of the CCFFP and to address items on the agenda.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for August 31, 2021, from 1:00–3:00 p.m. ET.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will take place via Video Teleconference only. Documents related to the 35th Session of the CCFFP will be accessible via the internet at the following address: <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCFFP&session=35>.

Melissa Abbott, U.S. Delegate to the 35th Session of the CCFFP, invites U.S. interested parties to submit their comments electronically to the following email address: Melissa.Abbott@fda.hhs.gov.

Registration: Attendees must register to attend the public meeting here: <https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJltcuuhrDkiHcpY8OPpLO2mPqE6lvXs-mQ>. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

For Further Information about the 35th Session of the CCFFP, contact U.S. Delegate, Melissa Abbott, Melissa.Abbott@fda.hhs.gov, +1 (240) 402–1401.

For Further Information about the public meeting contact: U.S. Codex Office, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 4861, South Agriculture Building, Washington, DC 20250. Phone (202)

720–7760, Fax: (202) 720–3157, Email: uscodex@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

Codex was established in 1963 by two United Nations organizations, the Food and Agriculture Organization and the World Health Organization. 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 Fish and Fishery Products (CCFFP) are:

To elaborate worldwide standards for fresh, frozen (including quick frozen) or otherwise processed fish, crustaceans, and mollusks.

The CCFFP is hosted by Norway. The United States attends the CCFFP as a member country of Codex.

Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The following items on the Agenda for the 35th Session of the CCFFP will be discussed during the public meeting:

- Adoption of the Agenda
- Matters arising from the Codex Alimentarius Commission and other subsidiary bodies
- Information on activities of FAO and WHO relevant to the work of CCFFP
- Proposed amendment of the Standard for Canned Sardines and Sardine-Type Products

Public Meeting

At the August 31, 2021 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 Melissa Abbott, U.S. Delegate for the 35th Session of the CCFFP (see **ADDRESSES**). Written comments should state that they relate to activities of the 35th Session of the CCFFP.

Additional Public Notification

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Mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250–9410.

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Done at Washington, DC, on August 12, 2021.

Mary Frances Lowe,

U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Food Safety and Inspection Service**

[Docket No. FSIS–2021–0020]

**Notice of Request To Renew an
Approved Information Collection:
Petitions for Rulemaking**

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations, the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is announcing its intention to renew the approved

information collection regarding petitions for rulemaking. The approval for this information collection will expire on December 31, 2021. FSIS is making no changes to the approved information collection.

DATES: Submit comments on or before October 25, 2021.

ADDRESSES: FSIS invites interested persons to submit comments on this **Federal Register** notice. Comments may be submitted by one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* This website provides commenters the ability to type short comments directly into the comment field on the web page or to attach a file for lengthier comments. Go to <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions at that site for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* Send to Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Mailstop 3758, Washington, DC 20250–3700.

- *Hand- or Courier-Delivered Submittals:* Deliver to 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250–3700.

Instructions: All items submitted by mail or electronic mail must include the Agency name and docket number FSIS–2021–0020. Comments received in response to this docket will be made available for public inspection and posted without change, including any personal information, to <https://www.regulations.gov>.

Docket: For access to background documents or comments received, call (202)205–0495 to schedule a time to visit the FSIS Docket Room at 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250–3700.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gina Kouba, Office of Policy and Program Development, Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Mailstop 3758, South Building, Washington, DC 20250–3700; (202) 720–5627.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Petitions for Rulemaking.

OMB Number: 0583–0136.

Type of Request: Request to renew an approved information collection.

Abstract: FSIS has been delegated the authority to exercise the functions of the Secretary (7 CFR 2.18, 2.53), as specified in the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA) (21 U.S.C. 601, *et seq.*), the Poultry Products Inspection Act (PPIA) (21 U.S.C. 451, *et seq.*) and the Egg Products Inspection Act (EPIA) (21 U.S.C. 1031, *et seq.*). These statutes mandate that FSIS protect the public by verifying that meat, poultry, and egg

products are safe, wholesome, unadulterated, and properly labeled and packaged.

The Administrative Procedure Act requires that Federal agencies give interested persons the right to petition for issuance, amendment, or repeal of a rule (5 U.S.C. 553(e)). FSIS has regulations to govern the submission to the Agency of petitions for rulemaking (9 CFR part 392). These regulations are designed to encourage the filing of well-supported petitions that contain information that the Agency needs to evaluate a requested rulemaking in a timely manner. FSIS uses the information associated with a petition to assess the merits of the requested action and to determine whether to issue, amend, or repeal regulations in response to the petition.

FSIS is requesting a renewal of the approved information collection addressing paperwork requirements regarding petitions submitted to the Agency. FSIS is making no changes to the approved collection. FSIS has made the following estimates based upon an information collection assessment.

Estimate of Burden: FSIS estimates that it takes respondents an average of 40 hours per year to complete and submit a petition.

Respondents: Official establishments, official plants, firms, trade associations, and public interest groups.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 10.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 400.

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. Copies of this information collection assessment can be obtained from Gina Kouba, Office of Policy and Program Development, Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Mailstop 3758, South Building, Washington, DC 20250–3700; (202) 720–5627.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of FSIS's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of FSIS's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the method 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, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic,

mechanical, or other technological collection techniques, or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to both FSIS, at the addresses provided above, and the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Washington, DC 20253.

Additional Public Notification

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Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by: (1) Mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410; (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

Paul Kiecker,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

Fiscal Year 2021 Raw Cane Sugar Tariff-Rate Quota Increase and Extension of the Entry Period

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Office of the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (the Secretary) is providing notice of an increase in the fiscal year (FY) 2021 raw cane sugar tariff-rate quota (TRQ) of 90,100 metric tons raw value (MTRV) and an extension of the TRQ entry period.

DATES: Applicable: August 24, 2021.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Souleymane Diaby, Multilateral Affairs Division, Trade Policy and Geographic Affairs, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Stop 1070, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250-1070; by telephone (202) 720-2916; or by email Souleymane.Diaby@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 9, 2020, the Secretary established the FY 2021 TRQ for raw cane sugar at 1,117,195 MTRV, the minimum to which the United States is committed

under the World Trade Organization (WTO) Uruguay Round Agreements. Pursuant to Additional U.S. Note 5 to Chapter 17 of the U.S. Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) and Section 359k of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended, the Secretary has authority to modify the raw and refined sugar WTO TRQs. The Secretary gives notice today of an increase in the quantity of raw cane sugar eligible to enter at the lower rate of duty during FY 2021 by 90,100 MTRV. The conversion factor is 1 metric ton raw value equals 1.10231125 short tons raw value. With this increase, the overall FY 2021 raw sugar TRQ is now 1,207,295 MTRV. Raw cane sugar under this quota must be accompanied by a certificate for quota eligibility. The Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) will allocate this increase among supplying countries and customs areas.

The Secretary also today announces that all sugar entering the United States under the FY 2021 raw sugar TRQ will be permitted to enter U.S. Customs territory through October 31, 2021, a month later than the usual last entry date. Additional U.S. Note 5(a)(iv) of Chapter 17 of the HTS provides: "(iv) Sugar entering the United States during a quota period established under this note may be charged to the previous or subsequent quota period with the written approval of the Secretary."

These actions are being taken after a determination that additional supplies of raw cane sugar are required in the U.S. market. USDA will closely monitor stocks, consumption, imports and all sugar market and program variables on an ongoing basis and may make further program adjustments during FY 2021 if needed.

Jason Hafemeister,

Acting Deputy Under Secretary, Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

[Docket No. RBS-21-BUSINESS-019]

Stakeholder Listening Session and Request for Information on the Value-Added Producer Grant Program

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Request for information.

SUMMARY: The Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBCS) is hosting a listening session and opening a request

for information for public input about the Value-Added Producer Grant (VAPG) program. The VAPG program helps agricultural producers enter into value-added activities related to the processing and marketing of new products. The goals of this program are to generate new products, create and expand marketing opportunities, and increase producer income. RBCS is currently considering how it can streamline the application process, clarify eligibility requirements concerning food safety, reduce the burden for meeting requirements, and implement such requirements.

DATES: The listening session will be held on:

October 6, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m. ET

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/574045542162812683>

Comments must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST) on <https://www.regulations.gov>.

ADDRESSES: Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and, in the "Search" box, type in the Docket No. RBS-21-BUSINESS-0019. A link to the Notice will appear. You may submit a comment here by selecting the "Comment" button or you can access the "Docket" tab, select the "Notice," and go to the "Browse & Comment on Documents" Tab. Here you may view comments that have been submitted as well as submit a comment. To submit a comment, select the "comment" button, complete the required information, and select the "Submit Comment" button at the bottom. Information on using [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov), including instructions for accessing documents, submitting comments, and viewing the docket after the close of the comment period, is available through the site's "FAQ" link at the bottom. Comments on this information collection must be received by October 25, 2021.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Greg York, Program Management Division, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, United States Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, MS 3226, Room 5801—South, Washington, DC 20250-3250, or call 202-720-1400, or email cpgrants@wdc.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Overview of VAPG

The VAPG program is authorized under section 231 of the Agriculture Risk Protection Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-224), as amended by section 10102 of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (Pub. L. 115-334) (see 7 U.S.C.