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This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains documents other than rules or proposed rules that are applicable to the public. Notices of hearings and investigations, committee meetings, agency decisions and rulings, delegations of authority, filing of petitions and applications and agency statements of organization and functions are examples of documents appearing in this section.

## UNITED STATES AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

### Resolution of the Board of Directors Appointment of USADF President

I. Pursuant to the authority granted to the Board of Directors of the United States African Development Foundation under 22 U.S.C. 290h–5(d), the Board of Directors hereby designates Edward “Ward” W. Brehm as President and Chief Executive Officer and to execute all powers delegated to the President and Chief Executive Officer, effective March 3, 2025.

II. This designation shall terminate only upon written revocation based upon a majority vote of a quorum of the Board of Directors.

III. This authority shall be exercised consistently with:

A. The USADF’s authorizing legislation, 22 U.S.C. 290h, and all other applicable laws and regulations;

B. The USADF’s Bylaws, and policy guidance issued by the Board of Directors; and

C. Other established USADF policies and procedures.

*Signed by:* John O. Agwunobi, Vice Chair of the USADF (on behalf of the Chair of the USADF), March 3, 2025.

Dated: March 3, 2025.

**Wendy Carver,**

*Business Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### U.S. Codex Office

#### Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Committee on Methods and Analysis and Sampling

**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 April 10, 2025. The objective of the public meeting is to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items to be discussed at the 44th Session of the Codex Committee on Methods and Analysis and Sampling (CCMAS) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC), which will meet in Budapest, Hungary, from May 5–9, 2025. 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 44th Session of the CCMAS and to address items on the agenda.

**DATES:** The public meeting is scheduled for April 10, 2025, from 1–3 p.m. ET.

**ADDRESSES:** The public meeting will take place via video teleconference only. Documents related to the 44th Session of the CCMAS will be accessible via the internet at the following address: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/committees/committee/related-meetings/en/?committee=CCMAS>.

Dr. Patrick Gray, U.S. Delegate to the 44th Session of the CCMAS, invites interested U.S. parties to submit their comments electronically to the following email address: [patrick.gray@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:patrick.gray@fda.hhs.gov).

*Registration:* Attendees may register to attend the public meeting at the following link: <https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/aJ47Mg9lQl6jqMN53OPKdA>.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information about the 44th Session of the CCMAS, contact the U.S. Delegate, Dr. Patrick Gray, Chemical Contaminants Branch Chief, Human Foods Program, Office of Laboratory Operations and Applied Science, U.S. Food and Drug Administration, by email at: [Patrick.Gray@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:Patrick.Gray@fda.hhs.gov) or by phone at: (240) 402–5026. For additional information regarding the public meeting, contact the U.S. Codex Office by email at: [uscodex@usda.gov](mailto:uscodex@usda.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 the 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 Methods of Analysis and Sampling (CCMAS) are:

(a) to define the criteria appropriate to Codex Methods of Analysis and Sampling;

(b) to serve as a coordinating body for Codex with other international groups working in methods of analysis and sampling and quality assurance systems for laboratories;

(c) to specify, on the basis of final recommendations submitted to it by the other bodies referred to in (b) above, reference Methods of Analysis and Sampling appropriate to Codex Standards which are generally applicable to a number of foods;

(d) to consider, amend, if necessary, and endorse, as appropriate, methods of analysis and sampling proposed by Codex (Commodity) Committees, except that methods of analysis and sampling for residues of pesticides or veterinary drugs in food, the assessment of micro biological quality and safety in food, and the assessment of specifications for food additives, do not fall within the terms of reference of this Committee;

(e) to elaborate sampling plans and procedures, as may be required;

(f) to consider specific sampling and analysis problems submitted to it by the Commission or any of its Committees; and,

(g) to define procedures, protocols, guidelines or related texts for the assessment of food laboratory proficiency, as well as quality assurance systems for laboratories.

The CCMAS is hosted by Hungary. The United States attends the CCMAS as a member country of Codex.

### Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The following items from the Provisional Agenda for the 44th Session

of the CCMAS will be discussed during the public meeting:

- Matters referred to the Committee by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and/or its subsidiary bodies
- Endorsement of methods of analysis provisions and sampling plans in Codex standards
- Review of methods of analysis in CXS 234
- Cocoa products and chocolate workable package
- Fruit juices workable package
- Testing methods: nitrates and nitrites in certain food matrices
- Testing methods: Precautionary allergen labelling
- Harmonization of names and format for principles
- Information document: General Guidelines on Sampling (CXG 50–2004) e-book with sampling plans applications
- Other business and future work

#### Public Meeting

At the April 10, 2025 public meeting, 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 Dr. Patrick Gray, U.S. Delegate to the 44th Session of the CCMAS, at [Patrick.Gray@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:Patrick.Gray@fda.hhs.gov). Written comments should state that they relate to activities of the 44th Session of the CCMAS.

#### 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 online through the USDA Codex web page located at: <https://www.usda.gov/codex>.

Done at Washington, DC, on March 5, 2025.

**Julie A. Chao,**

*Deputy U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Food and Nutrition Service

#### Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer for Children Program; 2025 Benefit Levels

**AGENCY:** Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice informs the public of the annual adjustments to the levels of monthly benefits in the Summer

Electronic Benefits Transfer for Children (Summer EBT) Program. These adjustments reflect changes in the Thrifty Food Plan (TFP), as required under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act.

**DATES:** These benefit levels are in effect January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Anne Fiala, Director, Summer EBT Program Division, Child Nutrition Programs, Food and Nutrition Service, United States Department of Agriculture, 1320 Braddock Place, Suite 401, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, (703) 305–2590.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer for Children Program is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under Number 10.646 in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3501–3520, no new recordkeeping or reporting requirements have been included that are subject to approval from the Office of Management and Budget.

This notice is not a rule as defined by the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601–612, and thus is exempt from the provisions of that Act.

#### Summary

Section 13A of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, 42 U.S.C. 1762 established the value of Summer EBT benefits in 2024 at \$40 per child for each month of the summer and requires the Secretary to annually adjust the Summer EBT benefit amounts beginning in calendar year 2025, to reflect changes in the cost of food as measured by TFP rounded down to the nearest dollar increment.

USDA adjusted the Summer EBT benefit levels to reflect the differences between the costs of providing meals and supplements in the outlying areas (Hawaii, Alaska, Guam, American Samoa, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands of the United States, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands) and the 48 states and the District of Columbia, as consistent with law and other nutrition assistance programs. The benefit levels for the outlying areas were established in 2024 and are also annually adjusted. This notice provides the 2025 Summer EBT monthly and total summer benefit levels. The law requires the adjusted level to be rounded down to the nearest dollar amount. The total summer benefit level is the rounded down monthly level multiplied by three.

#### Calculation of Benefit Levels

**Contiguous States and Indian Tribal Organizations:** The adjustment is based on the monthly Thrifty Food Plan cost for a reference family of four. The change for the 12-month period ending on November 30th of the preceding calendar year is used to adjust the benefit level from the previous year. The November 2023 to November 2024 percent change is 1.55 percent, which results in a monthly benefit level of \$40 (rounded down from \$40.62). This adjustment results in no change in monthly benefit levels for 2025 as monthly benefits. The benefits for 2025 remain at \$40 monthly and \$120 total.

**Alaska:** The adjustments are based on the Alaska monthly Thrifty Food Plan cost for a reference family of four. The change for the 12-month period ending on November 30th of the preceding calendar year is used to adjust the benefit levels for the three Alaska geographic areas from the previous year. The November 2023 to November 2024 percent change is 1.56 percent. This percent change is applied to the Urban, Rural I, and Rural II benefit levels from the prior year and rounded down to the nearest dollar increment. The adjusted 2025 monthly benefit for Urban Alaska is \$52 (rounded down from \$52.51 and for Rural 1 Alaska is \$66; (rounded down from \$66.96); these are unchanged from 2024 as are the total summer benefits (\$156 and \$198, respectively). The monthly benefit for Rural 2 Alaska increases slightly from \$80 in 2024 to \$81 (rounded down from \$81.49) while total summer benefits increase to \$243 in 2025 from \$240 in 2024).

**Hawaii:** The adjustment is based on the Hawaii monthly Thrifty Food Plan cost for a reference family of four. The change for the 12-month period ending on November 30th of the preceding calendar year is used to adjust the benefit level from the previous year. The November 2023 to November 2024 percent change is 1.46 percent. The 2025 monthly benefit of \$59 (rounded down from \$59.71) and total summer benefits of \$177 are unchanged from 2024.

**U.S. Territories (Guam, American Samoa, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands of the United States, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands):** Monthly TFP costs for Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands are not currently produced and Puerto Rico, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands do not participate in SNAP. Therefore, the adjustments are based on the same increase in monthly Thrifty Food Plan cost for the contiguous states