

# Notices

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Codex Office

#### Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods

**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 12, 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 14th Session of the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods (CCCF) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission. 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 14th Session of the CCCF and to address items on the agenda.

**DATES:** The public meeting is scheduled for April 12, 2021 from 1:00–4:00 p.m. EDT.

**ADDRESSES:** The public meeting will take place virtually. Documents related to the 14th Session of the CCCF will be accessible via the internet at the following address: <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCCF&session=14>.

Dr. Lauren Posnick Robin, U.S. Delegate to the 14th Session of the CCCF, invites U.S. interested parties to submit their comments electronically to Dr. Henry Kim at the following email address: [henry.kim@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:henry.kim@fda.hhs.gov).

**Registration:** Attendees may register to attend the virtual public meeting here: <https://fda.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJIsce6tpz0uGCIuxe2thMQL6->

[nruzmbFdk](mailto:nruzmbFdk) or by emailing [henry.kim@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:henry.kim@fda.hhs.gov) by April 5, 2021.

For Further Information about the 14th Session of the CCCF and the Public Meeting, contact Henry Kim, Ph.D., FDA, at [henry.kim@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:henry.kim@fda.hhs.gov), or the U.S. Codex office at [uscodex@usda.gov](mailto:uscodex@usda.gov), (202) 720–7760.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

Codex was established in 1963 by two United Nations organizations, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO). 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 CCCF are:

(a) To establish or endorse permitted maximum levels or guidelines levels for contaminants and naturally occurring toxicants in food and feed;

(b) to prepare priority lists of contaminants and naturally occurring toxicants for risk assessment by the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives;

(c) to consider methods of analysis and sampling for the determination of contaminants and naturally occurring toxicants in food and feed;

(d) to consider and elaborate standards or codes of practice for related subjects; and

(e) to consider other matters assigned to it by the Commission in relation to contaminants and naturally occurring toxicants in food and feed.

The CCCF is chaired by the Netherlands. The United States attends the CCCF as a member country of Codex.

#### Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The following items on the Agenda for the 14th Session of the CCCF will be discussed during the public meeting:

- Matters referred to the Committee by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and/or its subsidiary bodies
- Matters of interest arising from FAO and WHO including the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives
- Matters of interest arising from other international organizations
- Maximum level for cadmium in chocolates containing or declaring <30% total cocoa solids on a dry matter basis
- Maximum levels for cadmium in chocolates containing or declaring ≥30% to <50% total cocoa solids on a dry matter basis and cocoa powder (100% total cocoa solids on a dry matter basis)
- Code of practice for the prevention and reduction of cadmium contamination in cocoa beans
- Maximum levels for lead in certain food categories
- Revision of the Code of Practice for the prevention and reduction of lead contamination in foods
- Maximum levels for total aflatoxins in certain cereals and cereal-based products including foods for infants and young children
- Sampling plans and performance criteria for total aflatoxins in certain cereals and cereal-based products including foods for infants and young children
- Maximum level for total aflatoxins in ready-to-eat peanuts and associated sampling plan
- Maximum levels for total aflatoxins and ochratoxin A in nutmeg, dried chili and paprika, ginger, pepper and turmeric and associated sampling plans
- Methylmercury in fish:
  - Maximum levels for additional fish species
  - Sampling plans
  - Other risk management recommendations
- Hydrogen cyanide and mycotoxin contamination in cassava and cassava-based products
- Cadmium and lead in quinoa
- Radioactivity in feed and food (including drinking water) in normal circumstances
- Guidance on data analysis for development of maximum levels and for improved data collection
- Approach to identify the need for revision of standards and related texts developed by CCCF
- Forward work-plan for CCCF:
  - Review of staple food-contaminant combinations for future work of CCCF
  - Project plan for the evaluation of implementation of COPs of CCCF

- JECFA evaluations:
  - Priority list of contaminants for evaluation by JECFA
  - Follow-up work to the outcomes of JECFA evaluations
- Other business and future work

### Public Meeting

At the April 12th 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 Dr. Henry Kim at [henry.kim@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:henry.kim@fda.hhs.gov). Written comments should state that they relate to activities of the 14th Session of the CCCF.

### 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 web page located at: <http://www.usda.gov/codex>, a link that also offers an email subscription service providing access to information related to Codex. Customers can add or delete their subscription themselves and have the option to password protect their accounts.

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

**Fax:** (202) 690-7442, Email: [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov).

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(Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD).

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

**Mary Lowe,**

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## CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION

### Notice of Public Meeting of the Maine Advisory Committee; Cancellation

**AGENCY:** Commission on Civil Rights.

**ACTION:** Notice; cancellation of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission on Civil Rights published a notice in the **Federal Register** concerning a meeting of the Maine Advisory Committee. The meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 18, 2021 at 12 p.m. (ET) is cancelled. The notice is in the **Federal Register** of Friday, February 26, 2021, in FR Doc. 2021-03973, on page 11720.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Barbara Delaviez, (202) 618-4158, [bdelaviez@usccr.gov](mailto:bdelaviez@usccr.gov).

Dated: March 12, 2021.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Bureau of Economic Analysis

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### BE-605: Quarterly Survey of Foreign Direct Investment in the United States—Transactions of U.S. Affiliate With Foreign Parent

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Economic Analysis, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of reporting requirements.

**SUMMARY:** By this Notice, the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), Department of Commerce, is informing the public that it is conducting the mandatory survey titled Quarterly Survey of Foreign Direct Investment in the United States—Transactions of U.S. Affiliate with Foreign Parent (BE-605). The data collected on the BE-605 survey are needed to measure the size and economic significance of foreign direct investment in the United States and its impact on the U.S. economy. This

survey is authorized by the International Investment and Trade in Services Survey Act.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jessica Hanson, Chief, Direct Transactions and Positions Branch (BE-49), via phone (301) 278-9595 or via email at [Jessica.Hanson@bea.gov](mailto:Jessica.Hanson@bea.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Through this Notice, BEA publishes the reporting requirements for the BE-605 survey form. As noted below, all entities required to respond to this mandatory survey will be contacted by BEA. Entities must submit the completed survey forms within 30 days after the end of each calendar or fiscal quarter, or within 45 days if the report is for the final quarter of the financial reporting year. This Notice is being issued in conformance with the rule BEA issued on April 24, 2012 (77 FR 24373), establishing guidelines for collecting data on international trade in services and direct investment through notices, rather than through rulemaking. Additional information about BEA's collection of data on international trade in services and direct investment can be found in the 2012 rule, the International Investment and Trade in Services Survey Act (22 U.S.C. 3101 *et seq.*), and 15 CFR part 801. Survey data on international trade in services and direct investment that are not collected pursuant to the 2012 rule are described separately in 15 CFR part 801. The BE-605 survey forms and instructions are available at [www.bea.gov/fdi](http://www.bea.gov/fdi).

### Reporting

Notice of specific reporting requirements, including who is to report, the information to be reported, the manner of reporting, and the time and place of filing reports, will be mailed to those required to complete this survey.

**Who Must Report:** (a) Reports are required from each U.S. business enterprise in which a foreign person has a direct and/or indirect ownership interest of at least 10 percent of the voting stock in an incorporated business enterprise, or an equivalent interest in an unincorporated business enterprise, and that meets the additional conditions detailed in Form BE-605.

(b) Entities required to report will be contacted individually by BEA. Entities not contacted by BEA have no reporting responsibilities.

**What To Report:** The survey collects information on transactions between parent companies and their affiliates and on direct investment positions (stocks).

**How To Report:** Reports can be filed using BEA's electronic reporting system