

OMB Control Number: 0572-0136.

**Summary of Collection:** The Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (RE Act) (7 U.S.C. 901 *et seq.*) as amended in November 2000, to create new grant and loan authority to assist rural communities with extremely high energy costs (Pub. L. 106-472). The amendment authorized the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture through Rural Development to provide competitive grants for energy generation, transmission, or distribution facilities serving communities in which the national average residential expenditure for home energy is at least 275 percent of the national average residential expenditure for home energy. All applicants are required to submit a project proposal containing the elements in the prescribed format.

**Need and Use of the Information:** Information is collected by the Rural Utility Service from applicants to confirm that the eligibility requirements and the proposals are consistent with the purposes set forth in the statute. Various forms and progress reports are used to monitor compliance with grant agreements, track expenditures of Federal funds and measure the success of the program. Without collecting the listed information, USDA will not be assured that the projects and communities served meet the statutory requirements for eligibility or that the proposed projects will deliver the intended benefits.

**Description of Respondents:** Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local or Tribal Government.

**Number of Respondents:** 100.

**Frequency of Responses:**

Recordkeeping: Reporting: On occasion.

**Total Burden Hours:** 1,172.

**Ruth Brown,**

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

[Docket No. FSIS-2018-0008]

### Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs; Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Alimentarius Commission

**AGENCY:** Office of Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs (TFAA), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA),

is sponsoring a public meeting on May 31, 2018. 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 41st Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC) taking place in Rome, Italy, between July 2 and 6, 2018. The Administrator of the Food Safety and Inspection Service and the Deputy Under Secretary for Food Safety recognize the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the 41st Session of the CAC and to address items on the agenda.

**DATES:** The public meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 31, 2018, 1:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The public meeting will take place at the USDA, Jamie L. Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 107-A, Washington, DC 20250.

Documents related to the 41st Session of the CAC will be accessible via the internet at the following address: <http://www.codexalimentarius.org/meetings-reports/en/>.

The U.S. Delegate to the 41st Session of the CAC invites U.S. interested parties to submit their comments electronically to the following email address: [uscodex@fsis.usda.gov](mailto:uscodex@fsis.usda.gov).

#### Call-in-Number

If you wish to participate in the public meeting for the 41st Session of the CAC by conference call, please use the call-in-number and the participant code listed below:

**Call-in-Number:** 1-888-844-9904.

The participant code will be posted on the web page below: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/international-affairs/us-codex-alimentarius/public-meetings>.

#### Registration

Attendees may register to attend the public meeting by emailing [uscodex@fsis.usda.gov](mailto:uscodex@fsis.usda.gov) by May 29, 2018. Early registration is encouraged as it will expedite entry into the building. The meeting will convene in a Federal building. Attendees should bring photo identification and plan for adequate time to pass through security screening systems. Attendees who are not able to attend the meeting in person, but wish to participate, may do so by phone.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

**About the 41st session of the CAC contact:** U.S. Codex Office, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 4861, Washington, DC 20250, Telephone: (202) 205-7760, Fax: (202) 720-3157, Email: [uscodex@fsis.usda.gov](mailto:uscodex@fsis.usda.gov).

**About the public meeting contact:** Jasmine Curtis, U.S. Codex Office, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 4865, Washington, DC 20250, Telephone: (202) 205-7760, Fax: (202) 720-3157, Email: [Jasmine.Curtis@fsis.usda.gov](mailto:Jasmine.Curtis@fsis.usda.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

CAC 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, the CAC seeks to protect the health of consumers and ensure fair practices in the food trade; promotes coordination of all food standards work undertaken by international governmental and non-governmental organizations; determines priorities and initiates and guides the preparation of draft standards through and with the aid of appropriate organizations; finalizes the standards elaborated and publishes them in a *Codex Alimentarius* (food code) either as regional or worldwide standards, together with international standards already finalized by other bodies, wherever this is practicable; and amends published standards, as appropriate, in the light of new developments.

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

The following items on the Agenda for the 41st Session of the CAC will be discussed during the public meeting:

- Report by the chairperson on the 74th and 75th Sessions of the Executive Committee
- Amendments to the Procedural Manual
- Final Adoption of Codex texts
- Adoption of Codex Texts at Step 5
- Revocation of Codex Texts
- Proposals for New Work
- Discontinuation of Work
- Amendments to Codex Standards and Related Texts
- Matters arising from the reports of the Commission, the Executive Committee and Subsidiary Bodies
- Committees working by correspondence and pilot for a Committee on Standards Advancement
- Regular Review of Codex Work Management: Report 2017–2018
- Codex Budgetary and Financial Matters: Report 2016–2017 and Progress 2018–2019
- Codex Budgetary and Financial Matters: Proposal 2020–2021

- FAO/WHO Scientific Support to Codex: activities, budgetary and financial matters
- Matters arising from FAO and WHO
- Report of the side event on FAO and WHO capacity development activities
- Report of the side event on the Codex Trust Fund (CTF2)
- Report of the discussion panels with International Government Organizations (IGOs) and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs).
- Election of the chairperson and vice chairpersons
- Designation of countries responsible for appointing the chairpersons of Codex subsidiary bodies
- Any other business

Each issue listed will be fully described in documents distributed, or to be distributed, by the Secretariat before the meeting. Members of the public may access or request copies of these documents (see **ADDRESSES**).

#### Public Meeting

At the May 31, 2018, 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 the U.S. Delegate for the 41st Session of the CAC (see **ADDRESSES**). Written comments should state that they relate to activities of the 41st Session of the CAC.

#### Additional Public Notification

Public awareness of all segments of rulemaking and policy development is important. Consequently, FSIS will announce this **Federal Register** publication on-line through the FSIS web page located at: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/federal-register>.

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option to password protect their accounts.

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Send your completed complaint form or letter to USDA by mail, fax, or email:  
**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).

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD).

Done at Washington, DC.

**Mary Frances Lowe,**

*U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius.*

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#### CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION

##### Sunshine Act Meetings

**AGENCY:** United States Commission on Civil Rights.

**ACTION:** Notice of Commission Telephonic Business Meeting.

**DATES:** Friday, April 20, 2018, at 11:00 a.m. EST.

**ADDRESSES:** Meeting to take place by telephone.

##### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Brian Walch, (202) 376-8371, [publicaffairs@usccr.gov](mailto:publicaffairs@usccr.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This business meeting is open to the public by telephone only. Participant access instructions: Listen-only, toll free: 1-877-723-9519; Conference ID: 762-

4641. Please dial in 5-10 minutes prior to the start time.

#### Meeting Agenda

I. Approval of Agenda

II. Program Planning

- Discussion and Vote Chair for Vermont Advisory Committee
- Discussion and Vote on Chair for North Carolina Advisory Committee

III. Staff Director's Report

IV. Adjourn Meeting.

Dated: April 10, 2018.

**Brian Walch,**

*Director, Communications and Public Engagement.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

##### International Trade Administration

##### U.S. Strategy To Address Trade-Related Forced Localization Barriers Impacting the U.S. ICT Hardware Manufacturing Industry

**AGENCY:** International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The International Trade Administration is seeking information to support the development of a comprehensive strategy to address trade-related forced localization policies, practices, and measures impacting the U.S. information and communications technology (ICT) hardware manufacturing industry. Comments will be used to support the development of a holistic strategic plan for counteracting and deterring the expansion of barriers to trade and trade-related measures put in place by U.S. trading partners that are specifically designed to localize the production and technology development of ICT hardware, and unfairly harm U.S. ICT hardware manufacturers and exports.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before May 14, 2018. Comments must be in English.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit responses to the questions below by one of the following methods. Comments should be submitted under docket ITA-2008-0001:

(a) *Electronic Submission:* Submit all electronic comments via the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>. The materials in the docket will not be edited to remove identifying or contact information, and