

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**U.S. Codex Office****Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses****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 October 5, 2026. The objective of the public meeting is to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items and draft U.S. positions to be discussed at the 45th Session of the Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses (CCNFSDU45) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC). CCNFSDU45 will be held in Nuremberg, Germany, from November 2–6, 2026. 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 45th Session of the CCNFSDU and to address items on the agenda.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for October 5, 2026, from 1:00–3:00 p.m. ET.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will take place via video teleconference only. Documents related to the 45th Session of the CCNFSDU will be accessible via the internet at the following address: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCNFSDU&session=45>.

Dr. Douglas Balentine, U.S. Delegate to the 45th Session of the CCNFSDU, invites interested U.S. parties to submit their comments electronically to the following email address: douglas.balentine@fda.hhs.gov. Comments should state that they relate to the activities of the 45th Session of the CCNFSDU.

Registration: Attendees may register to attend the public meeting at the following link: <https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/NKykfhtySqOR4D0mFOtjyw>. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

For further information about the 45th Session of the CCNFSDU, contact U.S. Delegate, Dr. Douglas Balentine, at: douglas.balentine@fda.hhs.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.

The Terms of Reference of the Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses (CCNFSDU) are:

- (a) to study specific nutritional problems assigned to it by the Commission and advise the Commission on general nutrition issues;
- (b) to draft general provisions, as appropriate, concerning the nutritional aspects of all foods;
- (c) to develop standards, guidelines or related texts for foods for special dietary uses, in cooperation with other committees where necessary; and,
- (d) to consider, amend if necessary, and endorse provisions on nutritional aspects proposed for inclusion Codex standards, guidelines and related texts.

The CCNFSDU is hosted by Germany. The United States attends the CCNFSDU as a member country of Codex.

Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The following items from the agenda for the 45th Session of the CCNFSDU will be discussed during the public meeting:

- Adoption of the Agenda
- Matters referred to the Committee by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and its subsidiary bodies
- Matters of interest arising from international organizations
- NRVs-R for persons aged 6–36 months (at Step 4)
- Draft standard for foods for older infants and young children (at Step 4)
- Technological justification for several food additives
- Review of the methods of analysis in CXS 234–1999 for standards falling under CCNFSDU's remit
- Proposals for new work/emerging issues
- Other Business

Public Meeting

At the October 5, 2026, public meeting, agenda items and draft U.S. positions 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 U.S. Delegate, Dr. Douglas Balentine, at: douglas.balentine@fda.hhs.gov. Written comments should state that they relate to activities of the 45th Session of the CCNFSDU.

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>.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**National Agricultural Statistics Service****Notice of Intent To Request Revision and Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection**

AGENCY: National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) to request approval to revise and extend a currently approved information collection to gather data related to water usage for North Carolina agricultural operations that likely use between 10,000 and 1,000,000 gallons per day. A revision to the burden hours will be necessary due to a decrease in the sample size.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by November 10, 2026 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number 0535–0262, by any of the following methods:

- **Email:** ombofficer@nass.usda.gov. Include docket number above in the subject line of the message.
- **E-fax:** (855) 838–6382.
- **Mail:** Mail any paper, disk, or CD–ROM submissions to: NASS OMB Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 5336 South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250–2024.

• **Hand Delivery/Courier:** Hand deliver to: NASS OMB Clearance