

ACTION: Notice of request for public comments.

SUMMARY: This notice invites the public to comment on the State of Nebraska's proposed demonstration project under section 17(b) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008. The Food and Nutrition Administration (FNA) will take appropriate action as necessary in response to comments, including authorizing or refusing to authorize the proposed project.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before November 2, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this notice may be submitted to FNA by one of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- Website:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- All written comments submitted in response to this notice will be included in the record and will be made available to the public. Please be advised that the substance of the comments and the identity of the individuals or entities submitting the comments will be subject to public disclosure. FNA will make the written comments publicly available on the internet via <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Shiela Corley, Acting FNA Administrator, at SM.FN.RPMDHQ-WEB@usda.gov with subject line of "NE SNAP Demonstration Project".

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 17(b) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, 7 U.S.C. 2026(b), authorizes FNA to approve demonstration projects to test changes to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) that may increase programmatic efficiency and improve the delivery of SNAP benefits to raise levels of nutrition among eligible households. If approved, this proposed demonstration project would be implemented by the State, and FNA would carefully review the results of the project based on the State's evaluation data. All relevant documents, including the State's demonstration project request, can be found in the supporting document section. Additionally, to support implementation and ensure transparency, FNA created a central web page on May 21, 2025, to post State agencies' project requests and approvals and provide exact implementation timelines. That web page is accessible at

the following address: <https://www.fna.usda.gov/snap/waivers/foodrestriction>.

Discussion of Demonstration Project

State of Nebraska Demonstration Project Request

Following the vacatur of Nebraska's demonstration project and four others in *Aragon v. Rollins*, No. 26–0861 (D.D.C. June 22, 2026), the State of Nebraska submitted a new request to conduct a demonstration project to amend the SNAP definition of food for purchase to exclude "soda, soft drinks, and energy drinks" with a proposed implementation date of December 1, 2026. In addition, the State requested to also exclude "candy" with a proposed implementation date of March 1, 2027. The State formally requested to conduct this project on September 1, 2026. The State's project request can be found in the supporting document section and on the FNA website on the following page: <https://www.fna.usda.gov/snap/waivers/foodrestriction/nebraska>.

Request for Public Comments: FNA is considering whether to approve Nebraska's proposed demonstration project. Although not required by statute, interested parties are invited to submit written comments regarding the State of Nebraska's proposed demonstration project. FNA is particularly interested in comments regarding the state's proposed plan for implementation and operation of the demonstration project. FNA will consider any comments submitted by November 2, 2026 and take appropriate action, including authorizing or refusing to authorize the project. In light of the district court's decision in *Aragon*, FNA will issue a separate **Federal Register** notice authorizing or refusing to authorize the project; although Nebraska has requested a December 1st implementation date, any notice authorizing the project would issue at least ten days before the project's implementation date. Further information related to the implementation of the demonstration project is included on the FNA website (<https://www.fna.usda.gov/snap/waivers/foodrestriction>) and the State's website (<https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Healthy-Choices-Waiver.aspx>).

Shiela Corley,

Acting Administrator, Food and Nutrition Administration, USDA.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

[Docket Number: 260928–0003; RTID 0607–XC087]

Notice of Data Sharing Activity

AGENCY: Census Bureau, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Data Sharing Activity.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Bureau of the Census (Census Bureau) of the Department of Commerce intends to share business data with the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) of the Department of Commerce. BEA will use select data from the Census Bureau's economic surveys to achieve efficiencies and increased accuracy in the preparation of U.S. economic statistics. The Census Bureau will share data collected through surveys that request voluntary response and that impose no legal obligation to supply information. Only authorized BEA employees who have sworn to uphold the confidentiality provisions of Title 13 will have access to Census Bureau data.

DATES: The effective date for data sharing is October 2, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information concerning this notice, contact Lisa Donaldson, Assistant Associate Director for Economic Programs, U.S. Census Bureau, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Washington, DC 20233–6010, Telephone: 301–763–9844; by email at Lisa.E.Donaldson@census.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2002 (CIPSEA) allows the Census Bureau to share business data for statistical purposes with BEA. The Census Bureau and BEA are providing this notice to ensure compliance with the *Implementation Guidance for Title V of the E-Government Act, Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2002 (CIPSEA Implementation Guidance)*, Paragraph VII.B., which requires designated statistical agencies to generally inform respondents about the intention to share business data.

Both the Census Bureau and BEA are primary statistical agencies within the Department of Commerce and "designated statistical agencies" under CIPSEA (44 U.S.C. 3576(e)). BEA and the Census Bureau are authoritative sources on economic data and statistics, including principal economic

indicators. These statistics inform the government, private industry, statistical researchers, and the American public about our nation's economic status and progress. To ensure accurate and timely reporting of economic data and indicators, the Census Bureau and BEA partner to measure the U.S. economy. Both the Census Bureau and BEA conduct survey collections, which are critical to the quality of source data and the timely preparation of many key indicators of U.S. economic performance. However, the Census Bureau and BEA recognize that these surveys impose some reporting burden on businesses that are required to respond. Both the Director of the Census Bureau and the Director of BEA are required to identify opportunities to eliminate duplicative collections, reduce reporting burdens, and reduce statistical program costs, while improving the quality of the resulting statistics and protecting the confidentiality of the data collected from survey respondents. (44 U.S.C. 3576(b)). To do so, the Census Bureau and BEA have shared and continue to consider increased opportunities to share business data pursuant to CIPSEA.

The Census Bureau and BEA can achieve major qualitative enhancements and cost efficiencies for Department of Commerce statistical programs, through BEA's increased access to certain data collected by the Census Bureau through the voluntary surveys listed below.

Shared Data

BEA will benefit from data which already exists in the following Census Bureau surveys:

Business Trends and Outlook Survey (BTOS); Monthly Retail Trade Survey (MRTS/MARTS); Monthly Wholesale Trade Survey (MWTS); Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories, & Orders (M3); Quarterly Services Survey (QSS); Quarterly Survey of Plant Capacity Utilization; Emergency Economic Collections; Survey of Housing Starts, Sales, and Completions; and Construction Progress Reporting Surveys.

All of these Census Bureau data are collected under the provisions of 13 U.S.C. 131 and 193. Response to the surveys listed above is voluntary. The Census Bureau will not provide any Federal Tax Information to BEA.

Statistical Purposes for the Shared Data

BEA will use the shared data exclusively for authorized statistical purposes, as defined in 44 U.S.C. 3561(12). A number of benefits will accrue to the Federal government from this data-sharing initiative. Census

Bureau aggregated data are a key source of information for BEA national, regional, and international statistics. BEA intends to use the company-level data to better understand trends, anomalies, coverage, completeness, and other characteristics of the aggregated data; to enhance the reliability of the nation's most important economic indicators, such as the National Income and Product Accounts; and increase understanding of the United States economy, especially for key national, industry, international, and regional statistics.

In addition, Census Bureau data may be compared at the company-level with data from BEA surveys. This will help improve coverage and accuracy of the data from both bureaus and may lead to collaborative efforts to provide new or expanded data products for the public without adding burden to respondents.

Data Access and Confidentiality

The sharing of confidential Census Bureau business data is authorized under 44 U.S.C. 3576. Pursuant to the *CIPSEA Implementation Guidance*, the Census Bureau and BEA are providing notice that they intend to enter into a written agreement for this data sharing action.

The Census Bureau data are confidential under 13 U.S.C. 9 and 214. The BEA employees who will have authorized access to confidential Census Bureau data are required to be sworn to observe the provisions of 13 U.S.C. 9 and will be advised of the penalties for improper disclosure under 13 U.S.C. 214. The penalties are imprisonment for no more than five years, a fine of no more than \$250,000, or both. These BEA employees must complete annual Title 13 Awareness Training. Authorized BEA employees will use the accessed data for exclusively statistical purposes, as outlined in this Notice.

Dated: September 25, 2026.

George Cook,

Deputy Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, performing the non-exclusive functions and duties of the Director of the Census Bureau.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[B–7–2026]

Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 45; Authorization of Limited Production Activity; Qorvo US, Inc.; (Semiconductor Wafers and Modules); Hillsboro, Oregon

On January 15, 2026, Qorvo US, Inc. submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board for its facility within Subzone 45K in Hillsboro, Oregon.

The notification was processed in accordance with the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR part 400), including notice in the **Federal Register** inviting public comment (91 FR 2724, January 22, 2026). On September 29, 2026, the applicant was notified of the FTZ Board's decision that further review of part of the proposed activity is warranted. The FTZ Board authorized the production activity described in the notification on a limited basis, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations, including section 400.14, and further subject to a two-year time limitation on the use of printed circuit boards as foreign status components.

Dated: September 29, 2026.

Colin Agostisi,

Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[B–8–2026]

Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 230; Authorization of Limited Production Activity; Qorvo US, Inc.; (Semiconductor Wafers, Modules, and Chips); Greensboro, North Carolina

On January 15, 2026, Qorvo US, Inc. submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board for its facility within Subzone 230K, in Greensboro, North Carolina.

The notification was processed in accordance with the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR part 400), including notice in the **Federal Register** inviting public comment (91 FR 2725, January 22, 2026). On September 29, 2026, the applicant was notified of the FTZ Board's decision that further review of part of the proposed activity is warranted. The FTZ Board authorized the production activity described in the notification on a limited basis, subject to