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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to section 1009 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of a meeting of the National Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases Advisory Council.

The meeting will be open to the public as indicated below, with attendance limited to space available. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should notify the Contact Person listed below in advance of the meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases Advisory Council.

Date: May 12, 2027.

Open: May 12, 2027, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Agenda: Council Business.

Open: May 12, 2027, 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Agenda: KUH, DEM, DDN Open session.

Closed: May 12, 2027, 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Agenda: DEM, DDN, KUH Closed session to review and evaluate grant applications.

Closed: May 12, 2027, 3:45 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Agenda: Reports of Subcommittees and Consideration of Applications.

Address: Shady Grove Conference Center, National Institutes of Health, 9609 Medical Center Drive, Rockville, MD 20850.

Meeting Format: In Person and Virtual Meeting.

Contact Person: Karl F. Malik, Ph.D., Director, Division of Extramural Activities, National Institutes of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, 6707 Democracy Blvd., Room 7329, MSC 5452, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 594–4757, *malikk@niddk.nih.gov.*

In the interest of security, NIH has procedures at *https://security.nih.gov/visitors/Pages/visitor-campus-access.aspx* for entrance into on-campus and off-campus facilities. All visitor vehicles, including taxicabs, hotel, and airport shuttles will be inspected before being allowed on campus. Visitors attending a meeting on campus or at an off-campus federal facility will be asked to show one form of identification (for example, a government-issued photo ID, driver's license, or passport) and to state the purpose of their visit.

Information is also available on the Institute's/Center's home page: *https://www.niddk.nih.gov/about-niddk/advisory-coordinating-committees/national-diabetes-digestive-kidney-diseases-advisory-council,* where an agenda and any additional information for the meeting will be posted when available.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

[Docket No. DHS–2026–0694]

Notice of Order Regarding Exclusion and Removal of Acronis Products From Federal Civilian Executive Branch Information Technology Systems and Procurements

AGENCY: Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

ACTION: Notice of order.

SUMMARY: The Department of Homeland Security is publishing notice of the Secretary of Homeland Security's issuance of an order excluding Acronis AG and all affiliated entities, as well as any covered articles directly or indirectly supplied by them (Acronis covered articles) from federal civilian agency procurements; and, removing all Acronis covered articles from civilian agency information technology systems.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: FASCSA Order Implementation Team CISA Cybersecurity Division, *fascsa.orders@cisa.dhs.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the authority granted by the Federal Acquisition Supply Chain Security Act of 2018, 41 U.S.C. 1321–1328, and implementing regulations at 41 CFR 201–1, following review of the Federal Acquisition Security Council Recommendation and affiliated evidence, the Secretary of Homeland Security has ordered: (1) exclusion of information technology products developed by Acronis, Inc., Acronis SCS, and affiliated entities as defined in 48 CFR 2.101, from federal civilian executive branch procurements; and (2) to remove said information technology products from federal civilian executive branch information technology systems.

A copy of the signed order is contained in the accompanying Appendix and can be found at *https://www.regulations.gov* by searching for DHS Docket Number DHS–2026–0694.

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Appendix

Exclusion and Removal Order #2026-02

Federal Acquisition Supply Chain Security Act Exclusion and Removal of Acronis Products and Services from Federal Civilian Executive Branch Information Technology Systems

Original Release Date: July 31, 2026

Applies to: Federal Civilian Executive Branch Agencies except for their national security systems and secure compartmented information systems

FROM: Markwayne Mullin
Secretary, United States Department of Homeland Security

CC: Russell Vought
Director, Office of Management and Budget

The Federal Acquisition Supply Chain Security Act of 2018, 41 U.S.C. §§ 1321-1328, and implementing regulations at 41 C.F.R. part 201-1, authorize the Department of Homeland Security Secretary to issue exclusion and/or removal orders for purposes of safeguarding federal civilian information systems. Recommendations of the Council shall be reviewed by the Secretary of Homeland Security, who may issue exclusion and removal orders based upon such recommendations, to the extent not covered by the Department of Defense or the Intelligence Community. 41 U.S.C. §1323 (c)(5)(A). Section 201–1.304 of the Federal Acquisition Supply Chain Security Act Final Rule states that executive agencies shall comply with exclusion and removal orders issued pursuant to § 201–1.303.

Background:

Information and communications technology and services are essential to the proper functioning of U.S. government information systems. To better coordinate the scale of supply chain risks faced by government agencies, the Federal Acquisition Supply Chain Security Act of 2018 established the Federal Acquisition Security Council, an executive branch interagency council consisting of officials from the Office of Management and Budget, General Services Administration, Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Office of the Director of National Intelligence, Department of Justice, Department of Defense, and Department of Commerce. The Council is responsible for managing supply chain risk at the federal level by recommending the exclusion of products or services from federal procurement opportunities and removal from federal information technology systems that have been determined to pose a significant risk to the federal enterprise.

Per the statute and the implementing regulations, the Secretary of Homeland Security has the authority to issue exclusion or removal orders applicable to Federal civilian executive agency information systems, with the exception of those specifically under the purview of the Department of Defense and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

Summary of Risks from Source:

Acronis, AG (hereinafter Acronis), a foreign, privately-owned company with U.S. subsidiaries, provides data protection, data backup, secure file sharing, and disaster recovery solutions (on premises and via the cloud). Acronis's cyber and backup tools have privileged or root access to customer security systems and present significant risk to the U.S. government information systems.

Scope:

This Exclusion and Removal Order directs Federal Civilian Executive Branch agencies[1] to: (1) exclude Acronis AG and all affiliated entities,[2] as well as any covered articles[3] directly or indirectly supplied by them (Acronis covered articles), from agency procurement actions; and (2) remove any Acronis covered articles from agency information systems.[4]

Required Actions:

All Federal Civilian Executive Branch agencies are required to:

1. **Exclude** Acronis covered articles from all ongoing and future procurements effective immediately after issuance of this Order, to include agency-approved products lists, service provider equipment lists, e-commerce markets, and other similar functions that facilitate the procurement of information technology hardware, software, and services.
2. **Remove** Acronis covered articles from all agency information systems within 180 calendar days of the issuance of the Order, or seek an Exception, as described below.

Exceptions:

Executive agencies may submit to the issuing official a request to be excepted from the order's provisions, in accordance with 41 C.F.R. § 201-1.304(b).[5] The requesting agency may ask to be excepted from some or all of the order's requirements. The agency may ask, for example, that

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[1] The Secretary of Homeland Security's authority to issue exclusion and removal orders is applicable to federal civilian executive branch agencies, to the extent not covered by the authority of the Secretary of Defense and Director of National Intelligence, as defined by 41 U.S.C. § 1323(5)(A)(ii) or (iii).
(ii)The Secretary of Defense, for exclusion and removal orders applicable to the Department of Defense and national security systems other than sensitive compartmented information systems.
(iii)The Director of National Intelligence, for exclusion and removal orders applicable to the intelligence community and sensitive compartmented information systems, to the extent not covered by clause (ii).
[2] For purposes of this Order, an individual or business is an "affiliated entity" or "affiliate" of Acronis AG if, directly or indirectly, either one controls or can control the other; or a third party controls or can control both. *See* 48 C.F.R. § 2.101 (definition of "affiliates").
[3] As used in this order, "covered article" has the meaning given in 41 U.S.C. § 4713(k)(2).
[4] Consistent with the Federal Information Security Modernization Act , this order applies to all Federal Information Systems, including information systems used or operated by an agency or by a contractor of an agency or other organization on behalf of an agency. See 41 U.S.C. § 3554(1)(1)(A)(ii).
[5] The Federal Acquisition Regulation uses the term "waiver" instead of "exceptions", but for the purpose of this order, these terms are considered to be the same, See FAR 52.204-30, Federal Acquisition Supply Chain Security Act Orders—Prohibition.

the order not apply to the agency, to specific actions of the agency, or to actions of the agency for a period of time before compliance with the order is practicable.

Executive agency requests for exceptions must be **submitted in writing within 60 days** of the issuance of this order and include all necessary information for the issuing official to review and evaluate it, including:

1. Identification of the applicable exclusion order or removal order;
2. A description of the exception sought, including, if limited to only a portion of the order, a description of the order provisions from which an exception is sought;
3. The name or a description sufficient to identify the covered article or the product or service provided by a source that is subject to the order from which an exception is sought;
4. Compelling justification for why an exception should be granted, such as the impact of the order on the agency's ability to fulfill its mission-critical functions, or considerations related to the national interest, including national security reviews, national security investigations, or national security agreements; and
5. Any alternative mitigations to be undertaken to reduce the risks addressed by the exclusion or removal order.

DHS will review requests for exceptions and provide a written approval or disapproval. Please submit any exception requests to FASCSA.Orders@cisa.dhs.gov.

Interim Cybersecurity Measures:

During the period between the issuance of this order and full removal of covered articles from agency systems, federal agencies are encouraged to take steps to address risk to their systems, such as monitoring the flow of traffic in and out of the agency, implementing enhanced logging and controls on data exfiltration for the relevant systems, and detecting and flagging anomalous activity.

Actions by DHS and its Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA):

1. CISA may provide technical assistance to agencies that are without internal capabilities sufficient to comply with this Order.
2. DHS will review requests for exceptions and provide a written approval or disapproval.
3. The Secretary of Homeland Security will review this order as required by the Federal Acquisition Supply Chain Security Act within one year and annually thereafter.

Additional Information:

Contact FASCSA.Orders@cisa.dhs.gov for additional information, assistance, and reporting.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

[OMB Control Number 1615–NEW]

Agency Information Collection Activities; New Collection

AGENCY: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: 30-Day notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comments.

DATES: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until November 30, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, must be submitted via the Federal eRulemaking Portal website at *http://www.regulations.gov* under e-Docket ID number USCIS–2026–0463. All submissions received must include the OMB Control Number 1615–NEW in the body of the letter, the agency name and Docket ID USCIS–2026–0463.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: USCIS, Office of Policy and Strategy, Regulatory Coordination Division, telephone number (240) 721–3000 (This is not a toll-free number; comments are not accepted via telephone message.). Please note contact information provided here is solely for questions regarding this notice. It is not for individual case status inquiries. Applicants seeking information about the status of their individual cases can check Case Status Online, available at the USCIS website at *http://www.uscis.gov,* or call the USCIS Contact Center at 800–375–5283 (TTY 800–767–1833).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments

USCIS published an Interim Final Rule in the **Federal Register** at 91 FR 51924, providing notice of the collection of information and allowing for a 60-day public comment period. USCIS received 5 comments in connection with the 60-day notice.

You may access the information collection instrument with instructions, or additional information by visiting the Federal eRulemaking Portal site at: *http://www.regulations.gov* and enter USCIS–2026–0463 in the search box. Comments must be submitted in English, or an English translation must be provided. The comments submitted to USCIS via this method are visible to the Office of Management and Budget and comply with the requirements of 5 CFR 1320.12(c). All submissions will be posted, without change, to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at *http://www.regulations.gov,* and will include any personal information you provide. Therefore, submitting this information makes it public. You may wish to consider limiting the amount of personal information that you provide in any voluntary submission you make to DHS. DHS may withhold information provided in comments from public viewing that it determines may impact the privacy of an individual or is offensive. For additional information, please read the Privacy Act notice that is available via the link in the footer of *http://www.regulations.gov.*

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.,* permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of This Information Collection

(1) *Type of Information Collection Request:* New Collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Request for Waiver of Electronic Filing Requirement.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the DHS sponsoring the collection:* I–936; USCIS.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: Individuals or households. USCIS will use the information collected on Form I–936 to discretionarily determine whether applicant or beneficiary may file a paper benefit request based on a claim that electronically filing the request would impose an undue hardship on the requestor. USCIS will consider all relevant evidence the requestor provides, such as geographical location, socioeconomic conditions, and the availability of public technology resources. If the requestor does not have personal access to the internet, the requestor must explain why he or she cannot find other ways to access the internet (for example, through public libraries, community centers, friends, or family). Being unfamiliar with the USCIS online filing system or not having an online account will generally not be enough to establish the requestor qualifies for a waiver.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* The estimated total number of annual respondents for the information collection I–936 is 248,905 and the estimated hour burden per response is 0.50 hours.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* The estimated total annual hour burden associated with this collection is 124,453 hours.

(7) *An estimate of the total public burden (in cost) associated with the collection:* The estimated total annual cost burden associated with this collection of information is $6,094,493.

Dated: October 27, 2026.

John R. Pfirrmann-Powell,

Acting Deputy Chief, Regulatory Coordination Division, Office of Policy and Strategy, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.

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