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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

U.S. Codex Office

Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Committee on Processed Fruits and Vegetables

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 May 5, 2020. The objective of the public meeting is to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items and corresponding United States (U.S.) positions discussed at the 29th Session of the Codex Committee on Processed Fruits and Vegetables (CCPFV29), which is working by correspondence in preparation for U.S. participation in the Codex Alimentarius Commission. The U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius and the Under Secretary, Office of Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs, recognize the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the 29th Session of the CCPFV and to address items on the agenda.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for May 5, 2020 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. EST.

ADDRESSES: If you wish to participate in the public meeting for the 40th Session of the CCPFV, the meeting will be conducted by conference call only to be consistent with public health guidance related to outbreaks of novel coronavirus (COVID19). Documents related to the 29th Session of the CCPFV will be accessible via the internet at the following address: <http://www.codexalimentarius.org/meetings-reports/en>. Dorian LaFond, U.S. Delegate to the 29th Session of the CCPFV, invites U.S. interested parties to submit their comments electronically to

the following email address:
Doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov.

Call In Number: Please use the call-in number: 1-888-844-9904 and participant code: 512 6092. Please register in advance by emailing Doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov.

Registration: Attendees may register to participate in the public meeting as described above.

For further information about the session of CCPFV, contact Dorian LaFond, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruits and Vegetables Division, Mail Stop 0235, Room 2086, South Agriculture Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250-0235, Telephone: (202) 690-4944, Fax: (202) 720-0016, Email: Dorian.Lafond@usda.gov and Doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: U.S. Codex Office, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 4867, South Building, Washington, DC 20250. Phone: (202) 205-7760, Fax: (202) 720-3157, Email: uscodex@usda.gov.

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 CCPFV is responsible for elaborating worldwide standards and related texts for all types of processed fruits and vegetables including, but not limited to, canned, dried, and frozen products, as well as fruit and vegetable juices and nectars.

The Committee is hosted by the United States.

Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The following items from the Agenda for the 29th Session of the CCPFV will be discussed during the public meeting:

- Matters Referred to the Committee by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and Codex Committees

- Conversion of the Regional Standard for Gochujang to a Worldwide Standard
- Conversion of the Regional Standard for Chili Sauce to a Worldwide Standard
- Proposed revision to the Standard for Mango Chutney
- Proposed draft General Standard for Dried Fruits
- Proposed draft General Standard for Canned Fruit Salads
- Matters referred from the Codex Committee on Food Additives (49th and 50th Sessions)
- Matters referred from (Codex Committee on Methods and Analysis and Sampling 38th Session)
- Other Business
- Future work and work method of CCPFV

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

Public Meeting

At the May 5th, 2020, public meeting, 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 Dorian LaFond and the U.S. Codex office.

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: <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 subscriptions themselves and have the option to password protect their accounts.

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Done at Washington, DC, on April 6, 2020.

Mary Lowe,

U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Broadband Pilot (ReConnect) Program

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notification.

SUMMARY: On December 12, 2019, the Rural Utilities Service (RUS), a Rural Development agency of the United States Department of Agriculture, hereinafter referred to as the Agency, published a Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) and solicitation of applications for the Broadband Pilot (ReConnect) Program in the **Federal Register**. On March 31, 2020, the Agency published a Notice in the **Federal Register** to extend the application window to April 15, 2020. This notice supplements the prior notice of March 31, 2020, and informs the public that the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) provides an additional \$100 million for ReConnect grants to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.

DATES: This policy is effective April 10, 2020.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Laurel Leverrier, Acting Assistant Administrator Telecommunications Program, Rural Utilities Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), email: laurel.leverrier@wdc.usda.gov, telephone (202) 720-9554. For general inquiries regarding the ReConnect Program Staff at <https://www.usda.gov/reconnect/contact-us>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) published a Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) and solicitation of applications in the **Federal Register** on Thursday, December 12, 2019 (84 FR 67913), announcing its general policy and application procedures for funding under the broadband pilot program (ReConnect Program) established pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018 (which became law on February 15, 2019). The ReConnect Program provides loans, grants, and loan/grant combinations to facilitate broadband deployment in rural areas. On Monday, March 30, 2020, the Agency published a notice in the **Federal Register** amending the FOA for the second round of the ReConnect Program to inform the public of an extension of the application window until April 15, 2020 (85 FR 17530).

Purpose of This Notice

On March 27, 2020, President Trump signed into law the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). Section 11004 of the CARES Act provides an additional \$100,000,000 for grants under the ReConnect Program to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus. The additional funding remains available until September 30, 2021. The Agency will establish a set-aside for the \$100 million for priority processing for applicants that submitted a 100% grant application during the first round of funding. For the application to be eligible for priority processing, the round one application must have been unsuccessful due to there being limited access to broadband in the proposed service area. Applicants are required to reapply during the second round of funding, which closes on April 15, 2020. The application must be for the same service area proposed by the applicant in the first round of funding to receive the prioritization, and the application must meet all other eligibility requirements. Applications already submitted during the second round of funding that meet these requirements will receive the priority consideration. The CARES Act also

requires that at least 90 percent of the households to be served by a project receiving a grant shall be in a rural area without sufficient access to broadband. The CARES Act defines a rural area without sufficient access to broadband as 10 Mbps downstream and 1 Mbps upstream. This definition will be reevaluated and redefined, as necessary, on an annual basis by the Secretary of Agriculture. In accordance with the CARES Act, an entity to which a grant is made under the ReConnect Program shall not use a grant to overbuild or duplicate broadband expansion efforts made by any entity that has received a broadband loan from the Agency.

Chad Rupe,

Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; State and Local Government Finance and Public Employment and Payroll Forms

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act.

Agency: U.S. Census Bureau.

Title: State and Local Government Finance and Public Employment and Payroll Forms.

OMB Control Number: 0607-0585.

Form Number(s): E-1, E-2, E-3, E-4, E-5, E-6, E-7, E-8, E-9, E-10, F-5, F-11, F-12, F-13, F-28, F-29, F-32.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Number of Respondents: 73,508.

Average Hours per Response: 1.69 hours.

Burden Hours: 123,999.

Needs and Uses: The Census of Governments—Finance and its related Annual Surveys of State and Local Government Finances are comprised of the Annual Survey of State Government Finances, Annual Survey of Local Government Finances, Annual Survey of State Tax Collections and Annual Survey of Public Pensions. These surveys collect data on state government finances; estimates of local government revenue, expenditure, debt, and assets; and pension systems nationally and within state areas. The Census of Governments—Employment and