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ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED STATES

Notice of Public Meeting of the Assembly of the Administrative Conference of the United States

AGENCY: Administrative Conference of the United States.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Assembly of the Administrative Conference of the United States will meet during a one-day virtual plenary session to consider proposed recommendations and to conduct other business. Written comments may be submitted in advance, and the meeting will be accessible to the public.

DATES: The meeting will take place on Thursday, December 16, 2021, from 9:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m. The meeting may adjourn early if all business is finished.

ADDRESSES: To facilitate participation during the ongoing COVID–19 pandemic, the meeting will be conducted virtually. Information on how to access the meeting will be available on the agency's website prior to the meeting at *https://www.acus.gov/meetings-and-events/event/76th-plenary-session.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shawne McGibbon, General Counsel (Designated Federal Officer), Administrative Conference of the United States, Suite 706 South, 1120 20th Street NW, Washington, DC 20036; Telephone 202–480–2080; email *smcgibbon@acus.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Administrative Conference of the United States makes recommendations to federal agencies, the President, Congress, and the Judicial Conference of the United States regarding the improvement of administrative procedures (5 U.S.C. 594). The membership of the Conference, when meeting in plenary session, constitutes the Assembly of the Conference (5 U.S.C. 595). For further information about the Conference and its activities, please visit *www.acus.gov.*

Agenda: The Assembly will receive updates on past, current, and pending Conference initiatives. In addition, pending final action by the Conference's the Council, five proposed recommendations will be considered. Summaries of the recommendations appear below:

Public Access to Agency Adjudicative Proceedings. This proposed recommendation identifies best practices regarding when and how federal agencies provide public access to adjudicative proceedings.Within the legal framework established by federal law, it identifies factors agencies should consider when determining whether to open or close particular proceedings. It also offers best practices to promote public access to proceedings that agencies open to the public and recommends that agencies make the policies governing public access readily available.

Public Availability of Inoperative Agency Guidance Documents. This proposed recommendation identifies for agencies best practices for maintaining public access to agency guidance documents that are no longer in effect—that is, inoperative guidance documents. It addresses factors agencies should consider in deciding whether to include certain types of inoperative guidance documents on their websites; steps agencies can take to make it easier for members of the public to find the inoperative guidance documents in which they are interested; and what labels and explanations agencies should use to ensure that the public can readily understand the context and significance of particular inoperative guidance documents.

Quality Assurance Systems in Agency Adjudication. This proposed recommendation identifies best practices for agencies when devising and implementing systems to assess and improve the quality of decisions in adjudicative programs. It emphasizes cutting-edge techniques (including artificial intelligence) to structure the capture and analysis of data; the selection, role, and institutional placement of personnel; the use of performance metrics; efforts to ensure fairness, impartiality, efficiency, and other important institutional objectives; and the relationship between quality-assurance review and conventional appellate review.

Regulation of Representatives in Agency Proceedings. This proposed recommendation recommends that agencies consider adopting rules governing attorney and non-attorney representatives in adjudicative proceedings in order to promote the accessibility, fairness, integrity, and efficiency of those proceedings. It provides guidance on the topics that rules might cover and recommends that agencies consider whether greater harmonization of different bodies of rules is desirable and ensure that their rules are readily accessible to representatives and the public.

Technical Reform of the Congressional Review Act. This proposed recommendation offers technical reforms of the Congressional Review Act (CRA) that clarify certain procedural aspects of the CRA while reducing administrative burdens on executive-branch agencies and congressional offices. Specifically, the proposed recommendation suggests phasing out the requirement that agencies submit paper copies of certain rulemaking materials to Congress in favor of an electronic process; making it easier to ascertain key dates and time periods relevant to review of agency rules under the CRA; and formalizing a procedure by which Members of Congress can initiate congressional review of rules that agencies conclude are not covered by the CRA.

Additional information about the proposals and the agenda, as well as any changes or updates to the same, can be found at the 76th Plenary Session page on the Conference's website prior to the start of the meeting: *https://www.acus.gov/meetings-and-events/event/76th-plenary-session.*

Public Participation: The Conference welcomes the virtual attendance of the public at the meeting, subject to bandwidth limitations. Members of the public who wish to view the meeting are asked to RSVP online at the 76th Plenary Session web page shown above, no later than two days before the meeting, in order to ensure adequate bandwidth. For anyone who is unable to view the live event, an archived video recording of the meeting will be available on the Conference's website

shortly after the conclusion of the event: *https://youtube.com/channel/UC1Gu44Jq1U7XsGdC9Tfl_zA.*

Written Comments: Persons who wish to comment on any of the proposed recommendations or official statement may do so by submitting a written statement either online by clicking ''Submit a comment'' on the 76th Plenary Session web page shown above or by mail addressed to: December 2021 Plenary Session Comments, Administrative Conference of the United States, Suite 706 South, 1120 20th Street NW, Washington, DC 20036. Written submissions must be received no later than 10:00 a.m. (EDT), Friday, December 10, 2021, to ensure consideration by the Assembly.

Authority: 5. U.S.C. 595.

Dated: November 23, 2021.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS–2020–0019]

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of a modified system of records.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Privacy Act of 1974 and Office of Management and Budget Circular No. A–108, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) gives notice that a component agency, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), proposes to modify an existing system of records notice titled LabWare Laboratory Information Management System (LabWare LIMS), USDA/APHIS–19. Among other changes, the system will be renamed National Veterinary Services Laboratories' Laboratory Information Management System (NVSL–LIMS), USDA/APHIS–19. NVSL–LIMS is a laboratory information system that tracks and saves test results on animal diagnostic samples received at the National Veterinary Services Laboratories.

DATES: In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(4) and (11), this notice is applicable upon publication, subject to a 30-day notice and comment period in which to comment on the routine uses described below. Please submit any comments by December 29, 2021.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by either of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to *http://www.regulations.gov.* Enter APHIS–2020–0019 in the Search field. Select the Documents tab, then select the comment button in the list of documents.
- *Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:* Send your comment to Docket No. APHIS–2020–0019, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A–03.8, 4700 River Road, Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737–1238.

Supporting documents and any comments we receive on this docket may be viewed at *www.regulations.gov* or in our reading room, which is located in room 1620 of the USDA South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 799–7039 before coming.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general questions, please contact Dr. Suelee Robbe-Austerman, Director, National Veterinary Services Laboratories, 1920 Dayton Ave., Ames, IA 50010; (515) 337–7301; email: *Suelee.Robbe-Austerman@usda.gov.* For Privacy Act questions concerning this system of records notice, please contact Ms. Tonya Woods, Director, Freedom of Information Act and Privacy Act Staff, 4700 River Road, Unit 50, Riverdale, MD 20737; (301) 851–4076. For USDA Privacy Act questions, please contact the USDA Chief Privacy Officer, Information Security Center, Office of Chief Information Officer, USDA, Jamie L. Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20250; email: *USDAPrivacy@usda.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is modifying an existing system of records notice, LabWare Laboratory Information Management System (LabWare LIMS), USDA/APHIS–19, which was last published in its entirety in the **Federal Register** on October 1, 2013 (78 FR 60245–60248, Docket No. APHIS–2012–0039).[1] APHIS is modifying the system of records notice to rename the system as ''National Veterinary Services Laboratories' Laboratory Information Management System (NVSL–LIMS).'' (Note that references to the system may appear as LIMS, Veterinary Services (VS) LIMS, or NVSL–LIMS.) APHIS is also expanding the system to include records of activities conducted by regulated entities and the agency pursuant to those activities authorized by the Animal Health Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 8301 *et seq.*) and the regulations issued thereunder.

APHIS is making the following changes to the system of records notice:

- Updating the system location;
- Updating the purposes of the system;
- Expanding the categories of individuals to include any approved non-USDA veterinarian coordinating with USDA to protect animal health. This includes, but is not limited to State, Tribal, and local government veterinarians. We are also specifying the USDA employees who enter data as those who are NVSL employees;
- Expanding the categories of records to include reference to USDA employees in addition to NVSL employees; identification of sample collector; specific information identifying the animal being tested; relevant dates (dates of collection, testing, submission, etc.); tracking of agents, toxins or reagents); and other information as required depending on the tests being conducted and sample source(s). For instance, tuberculosis sample information will include the names of the food inspector, veterinarian, and market buyer; the market buyer's address, city, State, Zip code, and country; the lot number and number in the lot; number of lesions; and slaughter date;
- Updating the policies and practices for storage, retrievability, and retention and disposal of records in the system;
- Updating the system safeguards;
- Updating the notification, record access, and contesting record procedures;
- Revising, deleting, redesignating, and establishing routine uses as follows:
  - Revising current routine use 1 for clarity;
  - Revising current routine use 2. The changes are editorial and intended to more accurately describe the referral of records to appropriate law enforcement agencies, entities, and persons;
  - Revising current routine use 3. The changes are editorial and conforming changes;
  - Revising current routine use 4. The changes are editorial and intended to more accurately describe the disclosure of records to a court or adjudicative body;
  - Revising current routine use 5 for disclosure to appropriate agencies,

[1] To view the notice, go to *www.regulations.gov* and enter APHIS–2012–0039 in the Search field.