

# Notices

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13. Comments are requested regarding; whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to 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.

Comments regarding this information collection received by April 26, 2024 will be considered. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

### Food and Nutrition Service

*Title:* WIC Participant and Program Characteristics 2024 & 2026 Study.

*OMB Control Number:* 0584–0609.

*Summary of Collection:* This is a reinstatement, with changes, of a previously approved information collection that was discontinued on 12/31/2022. This data collection effort for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children Participant and Program Characteristics Study (WIC PC) is authorized by 7 CFR 246.25(b)(3) (2011). The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) is administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS). WIC provides supplemental foods, health care referrals, breastfeeding promotion and support, and nutrition education to nutritionally at-risk, income-eligible pregnant, breastfeeding and non-breastfeeding postpartum women, infants, and children up to age five years. WIC is administered through 89 State agencies consisting of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, 5 territories, and 33 Indian Tribal Organizations (ITOs).

Since 1988, FNS has produced the biennial WIC Participant and Program Characteristics Study (PC) report that describes demographic, income, breastfeeding, and health-related information of a census of WIC participants as well as information on the benefits they receive through WIC. Data used to produce the PC reports are collected from participants by State agencies at the time of participant certification in WIC and then submitted to FNS biennially. FNS uses the regularly updated PC reports to evaluate the impact of the program, support State agencies, estimate budgets, submit civil rights reporting, identify research needs, and review current and proposed WIC policies and procedures.

*Need and Use of the Information:* The main purpose of this biennial data collection is to provide FNS with information on a census of WIC participants in April of the reporting years (2024 and 2026) to produce the biennial WIC PC 2024 and WIC PC 2026 reports. This study also will include two new data collection efforts that will enhance the utility of the traditional WIC PC data and allow for novel assessment of participant-level program

retention, participant health outcomes over time, program utilization, and program cost. One effort will be the collection of up to four years total (two years for each round of WIC PC) of longitudinal, retrospective WIC PC data (longitudinal WIC PC data). The second element will consist of collecting longitudinal, retrospective data on participant redemption of the WIC food package benefits (longitudinal EBT data) from State agencies.

*Description of Respondents:* State, Local and Tribal Governments.

*Number of Respondents:* 356.

*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting: Biennially.

*Total Burden Hours:* 6,066.

**Rachelle Ragland-Greene,**

*Acting Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS–2024–0014]

### Notice of Availability of a Pest Risk Analysis for the Importation of Fresh Hass Avocado From Guatemala Into the United States

**AGENCY:** Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** We are advising the public that we have prepared a pest risk analysis that evaluates the risks associated with the importation of fresh Hass avocado (*Persea americana* var. Hass) fruit from Guatemala into the United States. Based on the analysis, we have determined that the application of one or more designated phytosanitary measures will be sufficient to mitigate the risks of introducing or disseminating plant pests or noxious weeds via the importation of fresh Hass avocado fruit from Guatemala into the United States. We are making the pest risk analysis available to the public for review and comment.

**DATES:** We will consider all comments that we receive on or before May 28, 2024.

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

• **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** Go to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). Enter APHIS–2024–0014 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–2024–0014, 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](http://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:** Ms. Esther Serrano, Regulatory Policy Specialist, Regulatory Coordination and Compliance, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road, Unit 133, Riverdale, MD 20737; (954) 699–4504.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

Under the regulations in “Subpart L–Fruits and Vegetables” (7 CFR 319.56–1 through 319.56–12, referred to below as the regulations), the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) prohibits or restricts the importation of fruits and vegetables into the United States from certain parts of the world to prevent plant pests from being introduced into or disseminated within the United States.

Section 319.56–4 contains a performance-based process for approving the importation of fruits and vegetables that, based on the findings of a pest risk analysis, can be safely imported subject to one or more of the five designated phytosanitary measures listed in paragraph (b) of that section.

APHIS received a request from the national plant protection organization of Guatemala to allow the importation of Hass avocado (*Persea americana* var. Hass) from Guatemala into the United States. As part of our evaluation of Guatemala’s request, we have prepared a pest risk assessment to identify the pests of quarantine significance that could follow the pathway of the importation of fresh Hass avocado (*Persea americana* var. Hass) into the United States from Guatemala. Based on the pest risk assessment, a risk management document (RMD) was prepared to identify phytosanitary

measures that could be applied to the fresh Hass avocado (*Persea americana* var. Hass) to mitigate the pest risk.

Therefore, in accordance with § 319.56–4(c), we are announcing the availability of our pest risk assessment and RMD for public review and comment. Those documents, as well as a description of the economic considerations associated with the importation of fresh Hass avocado (*Persea americana* var. Hass) fruit from Guatemala, may be viewed on the [Regulations.gov](http://Regulations.gov) website or in our reading room (see **ADDRESSES** above for a link to [Regulations.gov](http://Regulations.gov) and information on the location and hours of the reading room). You may request paper copies of the pest risk assessment and RMD by calling or writing to the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Please refer to the subject of the analysis you wish to review when requesting copies.

After reviewing any comments we receive, we will announce our decision regarding the import status of fresh Hass avocado (*Persea americana* var. Hass) from Guatemala in a subsequent notice. If the overall conclusions of our analysis and the Administrator’s determination of risk remain unchanged following our consideration of the comments, then we will authorize the importation of fresh Hass avocado (*Persea americana* var. Hass) from Guatemala into the United States subject to the requirements specified in the RMD.

**Authority:** 7 U.S.C. 1633, 7701–7772, and 7781–7786; 21 U.S.C. 136 and 136a; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.3.

Done in Washington, DC, this 22nd day of March 2024.

**Michael Watson,**

*Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.*

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#### COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

##### Notice of Public Meeting of the U.S. Virgin Islands Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights

**AGENCY:** Commission on Civil Rights.

**ACTION:** Notice of community forum.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act, that the U.S. Virgin Islands Advisory Committee (Committee) to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will hold a community forum in a hybrid format. The purpose of the community forum is

to discuss the Committee’s recently published report on The Status of Civil Rights in the U.S. Virgin Islands and hear from members of the public regarding their perspectives, experiences, or civil rights concerns. To learn more about this community forum, please visit our information page: <https://bit.ly/3vb0YCL>.

**DATES:** Wednesday, April 10, 2024, from 12:00 p.m.–1:00 p.m. Atlantic Time.

**ADDRESSES:** The community forum will be conducted in a hybrid format. If you wish to participate in person, you may attend either of the university’s campus locations; otherwise, please join virtually via the registration link below.

##### Locations:

- Albert A. Sheen Campus, St. Croix (University of Virgin Islands), P692+7W2, Golden Grove, UVI Theater 401, St. Croix, USVI 00851
- Orville E. Kean Campus, St. Thomas (University of Virgin Islands), 2 John Brewers Bay, UVI 13D Research and Strategy Innovation Cente, St. Thomas, USVI 00802

**Register to Attend Virtually:** <https://bit.ly/3IjfrPi>.

**Join by Phone (Audio Only):** 1–833–435–1820 USA Toll Free; Webinar ID: 161 943 9491#.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David Barreras, Designated Federal Officer, at [dbarreras@usccr.gov](mailto:dbarreras@usccr.gov) or 1–202–656–8937.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This Committee meeting is available to the public through the registration link above. Any interested member of the public may attend this meeting in person or virtually. An open comment period will be provided to allow members of the public to make oral statements as time allows. Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, public minutes of the meeting will include a list of persons who are present at the meeting. If joining via phone, callers can expect to incur regular charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines, according to their wireless plan. The Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Callers will incur no charge for calls they initiate over land-line connections to the toll-free telephone number. Closed captioning is available by selecting “CC” in the meeting platform. To request additional accommodations, please email [svillanueva@usccr.gov](mailto:svillanueva@usccr.gov) at least 10 business days prior to the meeting.

Members of the public are entitled to submit written comments; the comments must be received in the regional office within 30 days following