

SYSTEM NAME AND NUMBER:

Matter Management System–FTC (FTC-I-5).

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION:

Unclassified.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20580.

For other locations where records may be maintained or accessed, see Appendix III (Locations of FTC Buildings and Regional Offices), available on the FTC’s website at <https://www.ftc.gov/about-ftc/foia/foia-reading-rooms/privacy-act-systems> and at 87 FR 57698 (Sept. 21, 2022).

SYSTEM MANAGER(S):

Office of the Secretary, Records Intake and Processing Division, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20580, email: SORNs@ftc.gov.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

Federal Trade Commission Act, 15 U.S.C. 41 *et seq.*

PURPOSE(S) OF THE SYSTEM:

This system, currently known within the FTC as Matter Management System 2 (MMS2), is used to record and track the status or occurrence of planned or actual actions and events that may arise in investigations, rulemakings, or other Commission matters, and to generate status or history reports on these actions, events, and matters for use by Commission management and staff, in combination, as needed, with matter-related data from other systems. Specific purposes of this system (FTC-I-5) include: to maintain records of employee work and Commission law enforcement activities; to make workload and budget determinations and personnel-related evaluations; to assist in investigative and adjudicative proceedings, enforcement actions, civil

penalty proceedings, consideration of compliance reports, issuance of cease and desist orders, advisory opinions, and other Commission matters and proceedings; to refer information compiled in system records to experts and consultants when considered appropriate by Commission staff; and to use those records to properly manage Commission resources.

This system includes a subsystem of records to record and keep track of the status of matters pending for a vote or other review or action before the full Commission (i.e., the five Federal Trade Commissioners). The specific purposes of those records include: to process and control assignments made to individual Commissioners; to coordinate the consideration of and votes on appropriate issues; to assist Commissioners and staff in investigative, adjudicative and rulemaking proceedings, enforcement actions, civil penalty proceedings, consideration of compliance reports, issuance of complaints, negotiation of consent orders, issuance of cease and desist orders, advisory opinions, and other matters before the Commission; and to retain records of the matters before the Commission, the Commission's deliberations and decisions concerning those matters, and related documents.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

Past and present Commission employees, and other participants or parties in Commission investigations, rulemaking, advisory, and law enforcement matters or proceedings. (Businesses, sole proprietorships, or corporations are not covered by this system.)

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

For records about past or present Commission employees: employee name; employee identification number; organization name and code; employee assignments to individual matters. For others: records related to investigatory, rulemaking, advisory opinion and other matters or proceedings, including matter name and associated matter number; matter status; alleged or potential law violation; and goods or services associated with the proceeding. The records also

includes names and mailing addresses of civil investigative demand and subpoena recipients and names of deponents, as well as brief descriptions or summaries of planned or actual actions or events during an FTC investigation, rulemaking, court case, or other FTC matter or proceeding. The system also includes records of assignments, votes, circulations, or other activities or actions of the FTC's Commissioners on agency proceedings and matters.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Individual on whom the record is maintained and Commission staff associated with the matter.

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

Records in this system:

(1) May be made available or referred to federal, state, local or international government authorities for investigation, possible criminal prosecution, civil action, regulatory order or other law enforcement purpose; and

(2) May be disclosed on the FTC's public record under the FTC's Rules of Practice. See FTC-I-6, Public Records–FTC.

For other ways that the Privacy Act permits the FTC to use or disclose system records outside the agency, see Appendix I (Authorized Disclosures and Routine Uses Applicable to All FTC Privacy Act Systems of Records), available on the FTC's website at <https://www.ftc.gov/about-ftc/foia/foia-reading-rooms/privacy-act-systems> and at 83 FR 55541, 55542-55543 (Nov. 6, 2018).

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORAGE OF RECORDS:

System records are primarily maintained and accessed electronically. The system can generate electronic or printed status or history reports.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR RETRIEVAL OF RECORDS:

Indexed by Commissioner, staff, or other individual name, employee identification number, respondent's or correspondent's name, company name, industry investigation title, and FTC matter number.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR RETENTION AND DISPOSAL OF RECORDS:

Records are retained and disposed of in accordance with schedules and procedures issued or approved by the National Archives and Records Administration.

ADMINISTRATIVE, TECHNICAL, AND PHYSICAL SAFEGUARDS:

For records other than those made public, access is restricted to agency personnel or contractors whose responsibilities require access. Access to nonpublic electronic records is controlled by "user ID" and password combination and/or other appropriate electronic access or network controls (e.g., firewalls). FTC buildings are guarded and monitored by security personnel, cameras, ID checks, and other physical security measures.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

See § 4.13 of the FTC's Rules of Practice, 16 CFR 4.13. For additional guidance, see also Appendix II (How To Make A Privacy Act Request), available on the FTC's website at <https://www.ftc.gov/about-ftc/foia/foia-reading-rooms/privacy-act-systems> and at 73 FR 33592, 33634 (June 12, 2008).

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

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NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES:

See § 4.13 of the FTC's Rules of Practice, 16 CFR 4.13. For additional guidance, see also Appendix II (How To Make A Privacy Act Request), available on the FTC's website at <https://www.ftc.gov/about-ftc/foia/foia-reading-rooms/privacy-act-systems> and at 73 FR 33592, 33634 (June 12, 2008).

EXEMPTIONS PROMULGATED FOR THE SYSTEM:

Copies of records contained in this system that have been placed on the FTC public record are available upon request or from the FTC's Web site, where applicable. See FTC-I-6, Public Records–FTC. However, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(2), records in this system, which reflect records that are contained in other systems of records that are designated as exempt, are exempt from the requirements of subsections (c)(3), (d), (e)(1), (e)(4)(G), (H), (I), and (f) of 5 U.S.C. 552a. See § 4.13(m) of the FTC Rules of Practice, 16 CFR 4.13(m).

HISTORY:

89 FR 79598-79610 (September 30, 2024)

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