

SYSTEM NAME AND NUMBER:

Matter Record Search System (MaRS)–FTC (FTC-VII-6).

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 Management 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:

To provide staff with the ability to search for and access copies of agency documents needed for legal and economic research activities of the Commission (e.g., internal memoranda, economic reports, other agency work product); to provide FTC staff processing Freedom of Information Act or other disclosure requests with the ability to search for and access copies of potentially responsive documents outlining the actions and considerations of the Commission, individual Commissioners, and the staff; to provide the ability, once the automated system is fully implemented, to electronically manage the writing, editing, storage, retrieval and disposal

of such documents (e.g., memoranda, correspondence), and to provide for additional document management functions, if any.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

Individuals who have written documents contained in Commission files, and other individuals whose names or other personally identifying data are used to search and retrieve documents from the system.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

Name of author and documents written by that individual; names or other data about other individuals by which documents in the system are searched and retrieved; finding aids or document indexes. Records in this system may duplicate records included in other FTC systems of records. See, e.g., FTC-I-1 (Nonpublic Investigational and Other Nonpublic Legal Program Records–FTC), FTC-I-6 (Public Records–FTC).

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

FTC employees and others who submit documents to the Commission.

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

Records in this system may be disclosed to contractors in connection with document processing, storage, disposal and similar records management and retrieval activities.

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:

Older records are stored on electronic and non-electronic formats. The system also comprises one or more structured databases using commercial software applications to search, retrieve, and manage records stored electronically.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR RETRIEVAL OF RECORDS:

Indexed by author of the document, or other data fields or codes.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR RETENTION AND DISPOSAL OF RECORDS:

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

ADMINISTRATIVE, TECHNICAL, AND PHYSICAL SAFEGUARDS:

Access is restricted to agency personnel and contractors whose responsibilities require access. Paper or other non-digital records are stored in secure offsite storage or lockable file cabinets or offices. Access to electronic records is controlled by “user ID” and password combination, and/or role-based access controls, 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:

See § 4.13 of the FTC’s Rules of Practice, 16 CFR 4.13. For additional guidance, see also

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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> at 73 FR 33592, 33634 (June 12, 2008).

EXEMPTIONS PROMULGATED FOR THE SYSTEM:

Records contained in this system that have been placed on the FTC public record are available upon request or, where applicable, made available online. 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)

87 FR 964-974 (January 7, 2022)

73 FR 33591-33634 (June 12, 2008).