



Codex News – January 10, 2023

Upcoming Public Meetings

Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses (CCNFSDU)

The U.S. Codex Office is sponsoring a public meeting on Wednesday, February 8, 2023, from 1-4 p.m. EST. The objective of the public meeting is to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items and draft U.S. positions to be discussed at the 43rd Session of the CCNFSDU, which will meet in Dusseldorf, Germany, from March 6-10, 2023. The report adoption will be held virtually on March 15, 2023.

- The public meeting will take place via video teleconference only. Documents related to the 43rd Session of the CCNFSDU will be accessible via the internet at the following address: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCNFSDU&session=43>.
- Dr. Douglas Balentine, U.S. Delegate to the 43rd Session of the CCNFSDU, invites interested U.S. parties to submit their comments electronically to the following email address: douglas.balentine@fda.hhs.gov.
- Attendees may register to attend the public meeting here: <https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJltde-srD4oHLqvBHwXapaGAw8FzQxO3j8>.

Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods (CCRVDF)

The U.S. Codex Office is sponsoring a public meeting on January 19, 2023, from 1-3 p.m. EST. The objective of the public meeting is to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items and draft U.S. positions to be discussed at the 26th Session of the CCRVDF, which will meet in Portland, Oregon, from February 13-17, 2023. The report adoption will take place in person on the last day of the 26th Session.

- The public meeting will take place via video teleconference only. Documents related to the 26th Session of the CCRVDF will be accessible via the internet at the following address: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/it/?meeting=CCRVDF&session=26>.
- Dr. Jonathan Greene, U.S. Delegate to the 26th Session of the CCRVDF, invites interested U.S. parties to submit their comments electronically to the following email address: Jonathan.Greene1@fda.hhs.gov.
- Attendees may register to attend the public meeting here: <https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJlsc-6hqTMjE5lCvoM7yPKT1nGblsIVVf0>.

Upcoming Committee Meeting

FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for North America and South West Pacific (CCNASWP)

The 16th Session of CCNASWP is scheduled to take place physically in Nadi, Fiji from January 30 to February 3, 2023. Remote participation (via Zoom) will also be possible for listening and verbal interventions. The

provisional agenda and other working documents related to the 16th Session of the CCNASWP are available at the following link: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCNASWP&session=16>. For additional information, please contact Marie Maratos Bhat (marie.maratosbhat@usda.gov) of the U.S. Codex Office.

Electronic Working Groups (EWG)

Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems (CCFICS)

Remote Audit and Verification: CCFICS invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by Australia and co-chaired by Canada, Singapore and China, working in English, French and Spanish on development of principles and guidelines on the use of remote audit and verification in regulatory frameworks. Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contributions to the EWG should contact Heather Selig (heather.selig@usda.gov) as soon as possible. Other countries and observers should send their full contact details including participant's name, official title or position, organization or country, and email address via their Codex Contact Point (CCP) to Codex.Contact@agriculture.gov.au with a copy to: Codex_CFIA@inspection.gc.ca, SFA_Codex@sfa.gov.sg and iHACCP@qq.com as soon as possible. As this EWG will operate on the Codex Online Forum, please note that when there is more than one expert, each country or observer organization shall designate one as their official representative to participate in the EWG.

Codex Committee on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables (CCFFV)

Fresh Curry Leaves: CCFFV would like to remind Members and Observers to join the EWG, chaired by India, working in English, to develop a proposed draft standard for fresh curry leaves. Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contributions to the EWG should contact Heather Selig (Heather.Selig@usda.gov) as soon as possible. Other countries and observers should send their full contact details including participant's name, official title or position, organization or country, and email address via their CCP to sudhanshu@apeda.gov.in, vinitas@apeda.gov.in, and codex-india@nic.in as soon as possible. As this EWG will operate on the Codex Online Forum, please note that when there is more than one expert, each country or observer organization shall designate one as their official representative to participate in the EWG.

Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs (CCSCH)

Vanilla: CCSCH invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by the United States and co-chaired by India, Madagascar, and Mexico, working in English, on the proposed Draft Standard for Vanilla. Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contributions to the EWG should contact Heather Selig (heather.selig@usda.gov) by January 15, 2023. Other countries and observers should send their full contact details including participant's name, official title or position, organization or country, and email address via their CCP to dorian.lafond@usda.gov, uscodex@usda.gov and heather.selig@usda.gov also by January 15, 2023. As this EWG will operate on the Codex Online Forum, please note that when there is more than one expert, each country or observer organization shall designate one as their official representative to participate in the EWG.

Cardamom: CCSCH invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by India and co-chaired by Iran and Guatemala, working in English, on the proposed Draft Standard for Dried Fruits and Berries-Small Cardamom. Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contributions to the EWG should contact Heather Selig (heather.selig@usda.gov) by January 11, 2023. Other countries and

observers should send their full contact details including participant's name, official title or position, organization or country, and email address via their CCP to ccsch.bisht@gmail.com, codex-india@nic.in, sadat77@gmail.com by January 15, 2023. As this EWG will operate on the Codex Online Forum, please note that when there is more than one expert, each country or observer organization shall designate one as their official representative to participate in the EWG.

Turmeric: CCSCH invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by Iran and co-chaired by India, working in English, on the proposed Draft Standard Dried Roots, Rhizomes and Bulbs - Turmeric. Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contributions to the EWG should contact Heather Selig (heather.selig@usda.gov) by January 18, 2023. Other countries and observers should send their full contact details including participant's name, official title or position, organization or country, and email address via their CCP to sadat77@gmail.com and ranjith.a@nic.in by January 20, 2023. As this EWG will operate on the Codex Online Forum, please note that when there is more than one expert, each country or observer organization shall designate one as their official representative to participate in the EWG.

Requests for Comments

Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC)

CAC45 Report Adoption: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2022/82/OCS-CAC) requesting comments from participating delegations of the 45th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC45) on the CAC45 draft report paragraphs 177-229 and draft Appendices II-VII and X. The CL is currently available in English, French, Spanish, Chinese, Arabic and Russian at the following link: <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters>. If you are interested in having your comments considered in the U.S. response, please send them to uscodex@usda.gov (uscodex@usda.gov) of the U.S. Codex Office by January 11, 2023. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the Online Commenting System (OCS) (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by January 20, 2023.

Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods (CCCF)

JECFA Priority List: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2022/84-CF) requesting comments on the Priority list of contaminants for evaluation or re-evaluation by the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA). The CL is currently available in English, French and Spanish at the following link: <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters>. If you are interested in having your comments considered in the U.S. response, please send them to Doreen Chen-Moulec (doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov) of the U.S. Codex Office by February 15, 2023. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by February 28, 2023.

Codex Committee on Food Additives (CCFA)

Food Additive Provisions for the GSFA: The Codex Secretariat has issued a reminder for Circular Letter (CL 2021/55-FA) requesting proposals for new and/or revision of food additive provisions of the GSFA. The CL is currently available in English, French and Spanish at the following link: <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters>. If you are interested in having your comments considered in the U.S. response, please send them to Doreen Chen-Moulec (doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov) of the U.S.

Codex Office as soon as possible. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by January 15, 2023.

JECFA Priority List: The Codex Secretariat has issued a reminder for the Circular Letter (CL 2021/81-FA) requesting information and comments on the priority list of substances proposed for evaluation by JECFA. The CL is currently available in English, French and Spanish at the following link: <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters>. If you are interested in having your comments considered in the U.S. response, please send them to Doreen Chen-Moulec (doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov) of the U.S. Codex Office as soon as possible. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by January 15, 2023.

INS System: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2023/4-FA) requesting comments on the proposed changes and/or addition to the *International Numbering System for Food Additives* (CXG 36-1989). The CL is currently available in English at the following link: <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters>. If you are interested in having your comments considered in the U.S. response, please send them to Doreen Chen-Moulec (doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov) of the U.S. Codex Office by January 21, 2023. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by January 31, 2023.

Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses (CCNFSDU)

NRVs-R: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2022/74/OCS-NFSDU) requesting comments on comments on the General Principles for Establishing NRVs-R for Persons Aged 6 – 36 Months. The CL is currently available in English at the following link: <http://www.fao.org/fao-whocodexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters>. If you are interested in having your comments considered in the U.S. response, please send them to Marie Maratos Bhat (marie.maratosbhat@usda.gov) by February 1, 2023. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by February 10, 2023.

Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues

CCPR/JMPR Enhancement: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2022/75/PR) requesting comments on comments on the need to enhance CCPR/JMPR and the associated opportunities and challenges. The CL is currently available in English, French and Spanish at the following link: <http://www.fao.org/fao-whocodexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters>. If you are interested in having your comments considered in the U.S. response, please send them to Marie Maratos Bhat (marie.maratosbhat@usda.gov) by January 25, 2023. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by January 31, 2023.

Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods (CCRVDF)

Extrapolation of MRLS: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2022/76/RVDF) requesting comments on extrapolation of maximum residue limits for veterinary drugs to one or more species. The CL is currently available in English, French and Spanish at the following link: <http://www.fao.org/fao-whocodexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters>. If you are interested in having your comments considered in the U.S. response, please send them to Ken Lowery

(ken.lowery@usda.gov) by January 13, 2023. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by January 30, 2023.

Carryover of Veterinary Drugs: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2022/77/RVDF) requesting comments on criteria and procedures for the establishment of action levels for unintended and unavoidable carryover of veterinary drugs from feed to food of animal origin. The CL is currently available in English, French and Spanish at the following link: <http://www.fao.org/fao-whocodexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters>. If you are interested in having your comments considered in the U.S. response, please send them to Ken Lowery (ken.lowery@usda.gov) by January 13, 2023. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by January 30, 2023.

Joint CCPR/CCRVDF EWG: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2022/78/RVDF) requesting comments on the recommendations arising from the Joint CCPR/CCRVDF EWG. The CL is currently available in English, French and Spanish at the following link: <http://www.fao.org/fao-whocodexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters>. If you are interested in having your comments considered in the U.S. response, please send them to Ken Lowery (ken.lowery@usda.gov) by January 13, 2023. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by January 30, 2023.

Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs (CCSCH)

New Work: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2023/01-SCH) requesting proposals on new work for CCSCH. The CL is currently available in English, French and Spanish at the following link: <http://www.fao.org/fao-whocodexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters>. If you are interested in having your comments considered in the U.S. response, please send them to Ken Lowery (heather.selig@usda.gov) by August 1, 2023. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by August 31, 2023.

FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for North America and South West Pacific (CCNASWP)

Fermented Noni Fruit Juice: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2022/83/OCS-NASWP) requesting comments on the Draft Regional Standard for Fermented Noni Fruit Juice. If you are interested in having your comments considered in the U.S. response, please send them to Marie Maratos Bhat (marie.maratosbhat@usda.gov) by January 11, 2023. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by January 15, 2023.

Other

Addendum to List of Substances for JECFA97: The JECFA secretariat has made an addendum to the list of substances scheduled for evaluation or re-evaluation at the 97th meeting of JECFA (October 30-November 10, 2023 in Rome, Italy) and may be found at the following link: <http://www.fao.org/3/cc3420en/cc3420en.pdf>.