



Codex News – January 11, 2022

Upcoming Committee Meetings

Codex Committee on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables (CCFFV)

The 22nd Session of the CCFFV will meet virtually on April 25-29, 2022 from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM EST (16:00 – 19:00 CET) with report adoption on May 4, 2022 from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM EST (16:00 – 19:00 CET). A pre-session meeting is also planned for April 21, 2022 from 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM EST (16:00 to 17:30 CET). The provisional agenda and other working documents related to 22nd Session of the CCFFV will be available at: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCFFV&session=22>. For additional information, please contact Doreen Chen-Moulec (doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov) of the U.S. Codex Office.

Electronic Working Groups (EWG)

Codex Committee on Fats and Oils (CCFO)

High Oleic Acid Soya Bean Oil: CCFO invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by the United States, working in English, to amend/revise the *Standard for Named Vegetable Oils* (CXS 210-1999) to include high oleic acid soya bean oil. Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contributions to the EWG should contact Doreen Chen-Moulec (doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov) by January 26, 2022. 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 Points (CCP) to Girdhari.Sharma@fda.hhs.gov with a copy to uscodex@usda.gov by January 31, 2022. 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.

Revision of the Standard for Fish Oils: CCFO invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by Norway, working in English, to prepare the proposed draft revision of the Standard for Fish Oils (CXS-329-2017) to consider inclusion of Calanus Oil. Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contributions to the EWG should contact Doreen Chen-Moulec (doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov) by February 16, 2022. 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 ewgcalanus@mattilsynet.no by February 21, 2022. 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 Fish and Fishery Products (CCFFP)

Sardinella lemuru (Bali Sardinella): CCFFP invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by the Philippines and co-chaired by the European Union (EU), working in English, Spanish, and French, to evaluate if the *Standard for Canned Sardines and Sardine-Type products* (CXS 94-1981) could be amended to include the fish species *Sardinella lemuru* (Bali Sardinella) in the list of *Sardinella* species under Section 2.1. 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 fishstandard@bfar.da.gov.ph by January 15, 2022. 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 Pesticide Residues (CCPR)

Engagement of JMPR in Parallel Reviews of New Compounds: CCPR invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by Canada and co-chaired by Costa Rica and Kenya, working in English, to develop a discussion paper outlining the criteria for selecting a global project manager responsible for overseeing the parallel review of new compounds. Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contributions to the EWG should contact Aaron Niman (Niman.aaron@epa.gov) and Marie Maratos Bhat (Marie.Maratosbhat@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 brent.wilson@AGR.GC.CA with a copy to Codex_Canada@hc-sc.gc.ca 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.

Purity and Stability of Certified Reference Materials (CRMs): CCPR invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by India and co-chaired by Argentina and Iran, working in English and Spanish, to further develop the discussion paper to consider the need, feasibility, and relevance to develop harmonized guidelines/analytical protocol on the monitoring of purity and stability of CRMs and stock solutions of multi-class pesticides during prolonged storage, including intermediate and working standards and; harmonized criteria for the use of CRMs and stock solutions beyond the expiry date as per certified analysis. Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contributions to the EWG should contact Aaron Niman (Niman.aaron@epa.gov) and Marie Maratos Bhat (Marie.Maratosbhat@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 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.

Review of CXG 90-2017 and CXG 56-2005: CCPR invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by Iran and co-chaired by India, working in English, to determine if the *Guidelines on performance criteria of pesticide residues in food and feed* (CXG 90-2017) adequately cover mass spectrometry and if so, to propose revocation of the *Guidelines on the use of mass spectrometry for the identification, confirmation, and quantitative determination of pesticide residues* (CXG 56-2005). Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contributions to the EWG should contact Aaron Niman (Niman.aaron@epa.gov) and Marie Maratos Bhat (Marie.Maratosbhat@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 roybakhsh@yahoo.com with a copy to codex_office@inso.gov.ir 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.

National Registration of Pesticides: CCPR invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by Germany and co-chaired by Australia, working in English, to provide an improved National Registration Database with about 20 compounds every year from Tables 2A and 2B for which data are requested and to analyze the compiled data from all respondents in view of the needs for the establishment of the Codex schedules and priority lists of pesticides for evaluation by the Joint FAO/WHO Meeting on Pesticide Residues (JMPR). Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contributions to the EWG should contact Aaron Niman (Niman.aaron@epa.gov) and Marie Maratos Bhat (Marie.Maratosbhat@usda.gov) by January 17, 2022. 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 karsten.hohgardt@bvl.bund.de with a copy to sante-codex@ec.europa.eu by January 20, 2022. 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 Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods (CCRVDF)

Edible Offal Tissues: CCRVDF invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by Kenya and co-chaired by New Zealand, working in English, to work in parallel with the EWG on the revision of the Classification of Food and Feed, established by the CCPR, on issues pertaining to harmonization of edible offal (Recommendations 3 and 7 of CX/RVDF 21/25/9). Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contributions to the EWG should contact Ken Lowery (Ken.Lowery@usda.gov) by January 20, 2022. 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 info@kebs.org with a copy to codexnz@mpi.govt.nz by January 25, 2022. 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.

Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) of Veterinary Drugs: CCRVDF invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by the EU and co-chaired by Costa Rica, working in English and Spanish, to extrapolate MRLs for different combinations of compounds/commodities and for ivermectin in goat and sheep's milk and to develop a suitable approach for the extrapolation of MRLs for residues of veterinary drugs for offal tissues. Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contributions to the EWG should contact Ken Lowery (Ken.Lowery@usda.gov) by January 20, 2022. 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 sante-codex@ec.europa.eu by January 25, 2022. 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.

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

Fermented Noni Fruit Juice: CCNASWP invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by Tonga and co-chaired by Samoa, working in English, to continue development of a draft regional standard for fermented noni fruit juice. Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contributions to the EWG should contact Marie Maratos Bhat (Marie.Maratosbhat@usda.gov) by January 28, 2022. 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 luseane.taufa@gmail.com with a copy to roger.toleafoa@mcil.gov.ws and max.leelo@mcil.gov.ws by February 1, 2022. 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.

Recent U.S. Delegation Reports

Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC)

The report of the U.S. Delegate on the 44th Session of the CAC has been published. The report can be found at the following link:
<https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/delegates-report-2021-cac.pdf>.

Codex Committee on Food Labelling (CCFL)

The report of the U.S. Delegate on the 46th Session of the CCFL has been published. The report can be found at the following link:
<https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/delegates-report-2021-ccfl.pdf>.

Requests for Comments

Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods (CCCF)

Follow-Up to the Outcomes of JECFA Evaluations: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2021/89-CF) requesting comments on the follow-up to the outcomes of the JECFA evaluations and FAO/WHO expert meetings. 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) by March 14, 2022. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the Online Commenting System (OCS) (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by March 25, 2022.

Review of Codex Standards for Contaminants in Food and Feed: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2021/90-CF) requesting comments (on the prioritization/review of Codex standards and related texts for contaminants in food and feed). 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) by March 14, 2022. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by March 25, 2022.

Codex Committee on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables (CCFFV)

Onions and Shallots: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2021/84/OCS-FFV) requesting comments at Step 3 on the proposed draft standard for onions and shallots. 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) by February 21, 2022. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by March 5, 2022.

Dates: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2021/86/OCS-FFV) requesting comments at Step 3 on the proposed draft standard for fresh dates. 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) by February 21, 2022. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by March 5, 2022.

Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR)

National Registration of Pesticides: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2021/97-PR) requesting comments and information on national registrations of pesticides related to the EWG on the national registration database of pesticides for periodic review by JMPR. The CL is currently available in English, French, and Spanish at: <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 14, 2022. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by February 28, 2022.

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

MRL for Veterinary Drugs: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2021/98-RVDF) requesting comments on the proposed MRLs for veterinary drugs extrapolated to one or more species. The CL is currently available in English at: <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 March 11, 2022. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by March 25, 2022.