



Codex News – January 26, 2021

## Rescheduled Codex Committee Sessions

### ***Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods (CCCF)***

The 14<sup>th</sup> Session of CCCF is now rescheduled for May 3-7, 2021, in the Netherlands (Location to be announced (TBA)). Documents related to the 14<sup>th</sup> Session of CCCF will be available at the following link: <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCCF&session=14>. For additional information, please contact Doreen Chen-Mouleuc ([doreen.chenmouleuc@usda.gov](mailto:doreen.chenmouleuc@usda.gov)) of the U.S. Codex Office.

### ***Codex Committee on Fats and Oils (CCFO)***

The 27<sup>th</sup> Session of CCFO is now rescheduled for October 10-18, 2021, in Malaysia (Location TBA). Documents related to the 27<sup>th</sup> Session of CCFO will be available at the following link: <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/committees/committee/related-meetings/en/?committee=CCFO>. For additional information, please contact Doreen Chen-Mouleuc ([doreen.chenmouleuc@usda.gov](mailto:doreen.chenmouleuc@usda.gov)) of the U.S. Codex Office.

### ***Codex Committee on Food Additives (CCFA)***

The 52<sup>nd</sup> Session of CCFA has now been rescheduled for September 6-10, 2021 (Location TBA). Documents related to the 52<sup>nd</sup> Session of CCFA will be available at the following link: <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCFA&session=52>. For additional information, please contact Ken Lowery ([ken.lowery@usda.gov](mailto:ken.lowery@usda.gov)) of the U.S. Codex Office.

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

The 25<sup>th</sup> Session of CCFICS, which is now rescheduled for May 31-June 8, 2021, will convene virtually. Documents related to the 25<sup>th</sup> Session of CCFICS will be available at the following link: <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCFICS&session=25>. For additional information, please contact Kristen Hendricks ([kristen.hendricks@usda.gov](mailto:kristen.hendricks@usda.gov)) the U.S. Codex Office.

### ***Codex Committee on Food Labelling (CCFL)***

The 46<sup>th</sup> Session of CCFL is now rescheduled for September 26-October 1, 2021, in Quebec City, Canada. Documents related to the 46<sup>th</sup> Session of CCFL will be available at the following link: <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/committees/committee/related-meetings/en/?committee=CCFL>. For additional information, please contact Kristen Hendricks ([kristen.hendricks@usda.gov](mailto:kristen.hendricks@usda.gov)) of the U.S. Codex Office.

### ***Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling (CCMAS)***

The 41<sup>st</sup> Session of CCMAS is now rescheduled for May 17-21, 2021, in Budapest, Hungary. Documents related to the 41<sup>st</sup> Session of CCMAS will be available at the following link:

<http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCMAS&session=41>. For additional information, please contact Heather Selig ([heather.selig@usda.gov](mailto:heather.selig@usda.gov)) of the U.S. Codex Office.

### ***Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR)***

The 52<sup>nd</sup> Session of CCPR is now rescheduled for July 26-31, 2021, in China (Location TBA). Documents related to the 52<sup>nd</sup> Session of CCPR will be available at the following link:

<http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCPR&session=52>. For additional information, please contact Marie Maratos Bhat ([Marie.MaratosBhat@usda.gov](mailto:Marie.MaratosBhat@usda.gov)) of the U.S. Codex Office.

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

The 25<sup>th</sup> Session of CCRVDF is now rescheduled for July 12-16, 2021, in Cleveland, Ohio, United States. Documents related to the 25<sup>th</sup> Session of CCRVDF will be available at the following link:

<http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCRVDF&session=25>. For additional information, please contact Ken Lowery ([ken.lowery@usda.gov](mailto:ken.lowery@usda.gov)) of the U.S. Codex Office.

### ***Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs (CCSCH)***

The 5<sup>th</sup> Session of CCSCH, which is now rescheduled for April 20-29, 2021, will convene virtually. Documents related to the 5<sup>th</sup> Session of CCSCH will be available at the following link:

<http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCSCH&session=5>. For additional information, please contact Heather Selig ([heather.selig@usda.gov](mailto:heather.selig@usda.gov)) of the U.S. Codex Office.

### ***Ad hoc Codex Intergovernmental Task Force on Antimicrobial Resistance (TFAMR)***

The 8<sup>th</sup> Session of TFAMR is now rescheduled for October 4-9, 2021, however whether it will convene in-person or virtually will be determined at a later date. Documents related to the 8<sup>th</sup> Session of TFAMR will be available at the following link: <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=TFAMR&session=8>.

For additional information, please contact Marie Maratos Bhat ([Marie.MaratosBhat@usda.gov](mailto:Marie.MaratosBhat@usda.gov)) of the U.S. Codex Office.

## **Requests for Comments**

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

**Standard for Follow-Formula (Section B):** The Codex Secretariat issued a Circular Letter (2021/3/OCS-NFSDU) requesting comments at Step 6 on the draft revision of the Standard for Follow-Formula (Section B, scope, definition and labelling). 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 Kristen Hendricks ([Kristen.hendricks@usda.gov](mailto:Kristen.hendricks@usda.gov)) by February 26, 2021 for section 2.1.1 and June 16, 2021 for the rest of the text. Comments by other countries and observers should be submitted via their Codex Contact Point (CCP) using the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS) by March 31, 2021 for section 2.1.1 and June 30, 2021 for the rest of the text.

### ***Codex Committee on Pesticides Residues (CCPR)***

**Schedules and Priority Lists of Pesticides:** The Codex Secretariat issued a Circular Letter (2021/07-PR) requesting comments on the establishment of the schedules and priority lists of pesticides for evaluation / re-evaluation by the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Meetings on Pesticide Residues (JMPR). 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 Marie Maratos Bhat ([Marie.MaratosBhat@usda.gov](mailto:Marie.MaratosBhat@usda.gov)) and Aaron Niman ([niman.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:niman.aaron@epa.gov)) by February 12, 2021. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted via their CCP to the Chair of the electronic Working Group (EWG) ([karina.budd@awe.gov.au](mailto:karina.budd@awe.gov.au)) with a copy to the CCPR Secretariat ([ccpr@agri.gov.cn](mailto:ccpr@agri.gov.cn)) and the Codex Secretariat ([codex@fao.org](mailto:codex@fao.org)) by February 28, 2021.

**MRL Recommendations from 2019 JECFA Meetings:** The Codex Secretariat issued an updated Circular Letter (2020/06(REV2)-PR) requesting new and/or further comments on the recommendations for maximum residue levels arising from the Extraordinary and Regular Sessions of the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Meetings on Pesticide Residues (JMPR) that took place in May and September 2019, respectively. Comments may also include relevant information and data in order to facilitate the consideration of the schedules and priority lists at the upcoming CCPR. The CL is currently available in English at the following link: <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters>. Please note that the excel file containing the schedules / priority lists can be downloaded from the link provided in the CL and is available in English only. 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](mailto:Marie.MaratosBhat@usda.gov)) and Aaron Niman ([niman.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:niman.aaron@epa.gov)) by February 12, 2021. Codex members and observer organizations who have not yet provided comments or would like to provide additional comments should submit them via their CCP to the CCPR Secretariat ([ccpr@agri.gov.cn](mailto:ccpr@agri.gov.cn)) with a copy to the Codex Secretariat ([codex@fao.org](mailto:codex@fao.org)) by February 28, 2021.

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

**Codex Database on Countries' Needs for MRLs for Veterinary Drugs:** The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (2021/2/OCS-RVDF) requesting comments on the use and maintenance of the database on countries' needs for maximum residue limits for veterinary drugs in foods. 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 Ken Lowery ([ken.lowery@usda.gov](mailto:ken.lowery@usda.gov)) by March 17, 2021. Comments by other observers and

countries should be submitted via their Codex Contact Point (CCP) using the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS) (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by March 31, 2021.

**Parallel Review:** The Codex Secretariat issued a Circular Letter (2021/5/OCS-RVDF) requesting comments on principles and procedure for the parallel review of a new veterinary drug by JECFA and national regulatory agencies. 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 Ken Lowery ([ken.lowery@usda.gov](mailto:ken.lowery@usda.gov)) by March 17, 2021. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted via their Codex Contact Point (CCP) using the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS) (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by March 31, 2021.

### Electronic Working Groups (EWGs)

#### ***FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Asia (CCASIA)***

**Cooked Rice Wrapped in Plant Leaves:** The Committee invites members and observers to join an EWG, chaired by China, working in English, to continue work on the draft regional standard for cooked rice wrapped in plant leaves. Individuals in the U.S. interested in working on U.S. contributions to the EWG should contact Ken Lowery ([ken.lowery@usda.gov](mailto:ken.lowery@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 [chinacacwg@163.com](mailto:chinacacwg@163.com) and [lu.zhen@cgcc.org.cn](mailto:lu.zhen@cgcc.org.cn) as soon as possible. Please note that when there is more than one expert, each country or observer organization shall designate one as the official representative to participate in the EWG.

**Quick Frozen Dumpling:** The Committee invites members and observers to join an EWG, chaired by China, working in English, to continue work on the draft regional standard for quick frozen dumpling. Individuals in the U.S. interested in working on U.S. contributions to the EWG should contact Ken Lowery ([ken.lowery@usda.gov](mailto:ken.lowery@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 [chinacacwg@163.com](mailto:chinacacwg@163.com) and [lu.zhen@cgcc.org.cn](mailto:lu.zhen@cgcc.org.cn) as soon as possible. Please note that when there is more than one expert, each country or observer organization shall designate one as the official representative to participate in the EWG.

### Other

**International Innovation Award for Sustainable Agriculture:** The FAO is accepting applications for this year's International Innovation Award for Sustainable Agriculture. The theme this year is "Innovation to transform food systems." Individuals, private companies, and institutions around the world are being called to submit agricultural innovations that demonstrate concrete results and contribute to the environmental, economic, and social dimensions of sustainable

development. The award acknowledges digital innovation as well as new or existing products or practices that are used in a specific context, to increase effectiveness, competitiveness and resilience. Additional information and the application form may be found at the following link: <http://www.fao.org/innovation/awards/en/>.

**Webinar on International Instruments on Antimicrobial Use:** The World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), WHO, and FAO have jointly published a report titled *International instruments on the use of antimicrobials across the human, animal, and plant sectors*. On February 10, 2021, there will be webinar to present the Tripartite Report; additional information about the webinar along with the full report may be found at the following link: <https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789240013964>.