



Codex News – February 22, 2022

### Upcoming Public Meetings

#### ***Codex Committee on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables (CCFFV)***

The U.S. Codex Program is sponsoring a public meeting on March 24, 2022, from 1:00 – 2:30PM EST to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items and draft U.S. positions to be discussed at the 22<sup>nd</sup> Session of the CCFFV, on April 24 – May 5, 2022. The public meeting will take place virtually. Documents related to the 22<sup>nd</sup> Session of the CCFFV are accessible via the internet at the following address: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCFFV&session=22>.

- Mr. Dorian Lafond, U.S. Delegate to the 22<sup>nd</sup> Session of the CCFFV, invites U.S. interested parties to submit their comments electronically to the following email address: [dorian.lafond@usda.gov](mailto:dorian.lafond@usda.gov).
- Please register to attend the public meeting here: [www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJltf-GrqjstvHxm0ZzGEBP4rZe8dAdqHjFE](http://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJltf-GrqjstvHxm0ZzGEBP4rZe8dAdqHjFE).

### Upcoming Committee Meetings

#### ***Codex Committee on Food Hygiene (CCFH)***

The 52<sup>nd</sup> Session of the CCFH will meet virtually on February 28 - March 4, 2022, from 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM EST (14:00 – 17:00 CET) with report adoption on March 9, 2022, from 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM EST (14:00 – 17:00 CET). A pre-session Working Group meeting is also planned for February 27, 2022, from 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM EST (14:00 to 17:00 CET). The provisional agenda and other working documents related to the 52<sup>nd</sup> Session of the CCFH are available at: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCFH&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 Spices and Culinary Herbs (CCSCH)***

The 6<sup>th</sup> Session of the CCSCH will meet virtually on September 26-30, 2022, with report adoption on October 3, 2022. The provisional agenda and other working documents related to the 6<sup>th</sup> Session of the CCSCH will be available at <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCSCH&session=6>. For additional information, please contact Heather Selig ([Heather.Selig@usda.gov](mailto:Heather.Selig@usda.gov)) of the U.S. Codex Office.

## Electronic Working Groups (EWG)

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

**Sacha Inchi Oil:** CCFO invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by Peru, working in English and Spanish, to prepare the proposed draft revision of the *Standard for Named Vegetable Oils* (CXS 210-1999) to consider inclusion of sachu inchi 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](mailto:Doreen.Chenmoulec@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 [gcastillo@inacal.gob.pe](mailto:gcastillo@inacal.gob.pe) and [codex@minsa.gob.pe](mailto:codex@minsa.gob.pe) by February 28, 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 Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses (CCNFSDU)***

**Prioritization Mechanism/New Work Proposals:** CCNFSDU invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by Germany and co-chaired by Canada, working in English, to revise the draft guidelines for the preliminary assessment and identification of work priorities for CCNFSDU and to prepare a revised proposed prioritization mechanism for use on a trial basis. Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contributions to the EWG should contact Kristen Hendricks ([Kristen.Hendricks@usda.gov](mailto:Kristen.Hendricks@usda.gov)) by March 15, 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 [ccnfsdu@bmel.bund.de](mailto:ccnfsdu@bmel.bund.de) by March 18, 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.

### ***Joint EWG--CCRVDF and Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR)***

**Coordination of CCRVDF and CCPR Work:** Following approval at the 44<sup>th</sup> Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC44), CCRVDF and CCPR invite Members and Observers to join a joint EWG, chaired by the United States, working in English, to review work done cooperatively between the two committees, to identify prioritized areas of possible further collaboration between CCRVDF and CCPR, and how this could be carried out. Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contributions to the EWG should contact Ken Lowery ([Ken.Lowery@usda.gov](mailto:Ken.Lowery@usda.gov)) and Marie Maratos Bhat ([Marie.Maratosbhat@usda.gov](mailto:Marie.Maratosbhat@usda.gov)) by March 22, 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 [ccrvdf-ussec@usda.gov](mailto:ccrvdf-ussec@usda.gov) by March 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)***

**Regional Standard for Fermented Noni Juice:** CCNASWP has extended the deadline for 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 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](mailto: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 [luseane.taufa@gmail.com](mailto:luseane.taufa@gmail.com) with a copy to [roger.toleafoa@mcil.gov.ws](mailto:roger.toleafoa@mcil.gov.ws) and [max.leelo@mcil.gov.ws](mailto:max.leelo@mcil.gov.ws) by February 28, 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 Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses (CCNFSDU)***

The report of the U.S. Delegate on the 42<sup>nd</sup> Session of the CNFSDU has been published. The report can be found at the following link:

<https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ccnfsdu-delegates-report.pdf>.

## **Requests for Comments**

### ***Executive Committee of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CCEXEC)***

**Revision of the Standard for Kimchi:** The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2021/91/OCS-EXEC) requesting comments on the proposal for revision of the *Standard for Kimchi* (CXS 223-2001). 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](mailto:doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov)) by July 1, 2022. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their Codex Contact Point (CCP) using the Online Commenting System (OCS) (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by July 15, 2022.

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

**New Work and Emerging Issues:** The Codex Secretariat extended the deadline for Circular Letter (CL 2020/30-NFSDU) requesting proposals for new work and emerging issues. The CL is currently available in English, Spanish, and French 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 September 19, 2022. Comments by

Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted to [ccnfsdu@bmel.bund.de](mailto:ccnfsdu@bmel.bund.de) with a copy to [codex@fao.org](mailto:codex@fao.org) by September 30, 2022.

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

**New Work:** The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2022/03-SCH) requesting proposals on new work for the CCSCH. The CL is currently available in English, Spanish, and French 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 Heather Selig ([Heather.Selig@usda.gov](mailto:Heather.Selig@usda.gov)) by June 15, 2022. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted to [codex-india@nic.in](mailto:codex-india@nic.in) with a copy to [Codex@fao.org](mailto:Codex@fao.org) by June 30, 2022.

### ***FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Africa (CCAFRICA)***

**Food Safety Legislation:** The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2022/02/OCS-CCAFRICA) requesting comments at Step 3 on the proposed draft Guidelines for Developing Harmonized Food Safety Legislation for the CCAFRICA region. 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 Ken Lowery ([Ken.Lowery@usda.gov](mailto:Ken.Lowery@usda.gov)) by May 17, 2022. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by May 31, 2022.

### **Other**

**Call for Experts:** The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) is seeking experts on risk assessment of food additives, contaminants, and veterinary drug residues for its *Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives* (JECFA) Roster. Applications should be submitted to the following email address: [jecfa@fao.org](mailto:jecfa@fao.org) by April 28, 2022. The call for experts is available on the FAO website at: <https://www.fao.org/3/cb8393en/cb8393en.pdf>.