



Codex News – March 8, 2022

Informal Consultations

Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC)

The Codex Secretariat has distributed a letter from the CAC Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons (CVCs) regarding the approach for informal consultations on the proposed draft Maximum Residue Levels (MRLs) for zilpaterol hydrochloride. The 44th Session of the CAC (CAC44) tasked the CVCs “to undertake informal consultations with all relevant parties to encourage and enable sustained effort to build consensus in advance of CAC45,” scheduled for November 2022. The CVCs plan an initial round of consultations through April 2022, with the aim to facilitate the development of positions by Members that might move towards consensus. They will then submit a report in advance of the 83rd Session of the Executive Committee (CCEXEC83) (November 2022) to inform the CCEXEC’s further monitoring and critical review. For further information, please contact the U.S. Codex Office (uscodex@usda.gov).

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 EDT to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items and draft U.S. positions to be discussed at the 22nd Session of the CCFFV on April 24 – May 5, 2022. The public meeting will take place virtually. Documents related to the 22nd 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 22nd Session of the CCFFV, invites U.S. interested parties to submit their comments electronically to the following email address: dorian.lafond@usda.gov.
- Please register to attend the public meeting here: www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJltf-GrqjvHxm0ZzGEBP4rZe8dAdqHjFE.

Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR)

The U.S. Codex Program is sponsoring a public meeting on June 2, 2022, from 2:00 – 4:00PM EDT to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items and draft U.S. positions to be discussed at the 53rd Session of the CCPR on July 4 – July 13, 2022. The public meeting will take place virtually. Documents related to the 53rd Session of the CCPR will be accessible via the internet at the following address: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCPR&session=53>

- Captain David Miller, U.S. Delegate to the 53rd Session of the CCPR, invites U.S. interested parties to submit their comments electronically to the following email address: miller.davidj@epa.gov.
- Please register to attend the public meeting here: www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJltc-6tpzgjHHHmxmTPI2ykA0BfwK2icPQ

Upcoming Committee Meetings

Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR)

The 53rd Session of the CCPR will meet virtually on July 4-8, 2022, with report adoption on July 13, 2022. The provisional agenda and other working documents related to the 53rd Session of the CCPR will be available at <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCPR&session=53>. For additional information, please contact Marie Maratos Bhat (Marie.Maratosbhat@usda.gov) of the U.S. Codex Office.

Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs (CCSCH)

The 6th 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 6th 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) of the U.S. Codex Office.

Electronic Working Groups (EWG)

Codex Committee on Fats and Oils (CCFO)

Olive Oils: CCFO invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by Spain and co-chaired by Argentina, working in English, to revise the *Standard for Olive Oils and Pomace Olive Oils* (CXS 33-1981). 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 March 29, 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 Point (CCP) to wmoreda@ig.csic.es, larre@magyp.gob.ar, and codex@magyp.gob.ar by April 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.

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) 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 with a copy to roger.toleafoa@mcil.gov.ws and max.leelo@mcil.gov.ws 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.

Requests for Comments

Executive Committee of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CCEXEC)

New Food Sources and Production Systems: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2022/06/OCS-CCEXEC) requesting information on new food sources and production systems and the need for Codex guidance and attention to inform the CCEXEC sub-committee working on this topic. The CL is currently available in English, Spanish, French, Arabic, Russian, and Chinese 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 the U.S. Codex Office (uscodex@usda.gov) by April 18, 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 April 30, 2022.

Codex Committee on Food Labelling (CCFL)

Reduction of Trans Fatty Acids (TFAs): The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2022/07-FL) requesting information on labelling options to support the reduction of trans fatty acids (TFAs). 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) by April 18, 2022. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by April 30, 2022.

Labelling Exemptions in Emergencies: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2022/09-FL) requesting information on labelling exemptions in emergencies. 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) by April 18, 2022. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by April 30, 2022.

Codex Committee on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables (CCFFV)

Definition of Terms: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2022/11/OCS-FFV) requesting comments on definition of terms for application in the layout for Codex standards for fresh fruits and vegetables. 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 April 1, 2022. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by April 15, 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, 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 Heather Selig (Heather.Selig@usda.gov) by June 15, 2022. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted to codex-india@nic.in with a copy to 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) 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.