



SPECIAL EDITION

Codex News- March 19, 2020

Public Meetings related to the Postponed Upcoming Committee Sessions

Please note that due to public health guidance related to the outbreak of novel coronavirus (COVID-19), all scheduled Public Meetings for the now postponed/cancelled Codex Committee Sessions will be held by teleconference only. Specific details for each committee may be found below.

Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods (CCCF)

The U.S. Codex Program is sponsoring a public meeting by teleconference only on March 23, 2020 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. EST to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items and draft U.S. positions for the 14th Session of the CCCF, originally scheduled for April 20-24, 2020, in Utrecht, Netherlands. The 14th Session has since been cancelled, however documents related to it will be accessible via the internet at the following address: <http://www.codexalimentarius.org/meetings-reports/en>. Information regarding how work will continue and when the next meeting will take place will be published on the Codex website as soon as it becomes available. Please contact Doreen Chen-Moulec (doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov) of the U.S. Codex Office with any questions or concerns.

With regard to the public meeting, Dr. Lauren Posnick Robin, U.S. Delegate to the 14th Session of the CCCF, invites U.S. interested parties to submit their comments electronically to the following email address: henry.kim@fda.hhs.gov. Attendees who wish to participate by teleconference are requested to register in advance by emailing Henry Kim (henry.kim@fda.hhs.gov). To call in, you may use the call-in-number: 1-877-465-7975 and participant code 909 104 288. You may also join by Webex, using the link that could be provided following registration with meeting number/access code: 909 104 288; and meeting password: mFuGm4Uv.

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

The U.S. Codex Program is sponsoring a public meeting by teleconference only on March 25, 2020 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. EST to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items and draft U.S. positions for the 25th Session of the CCFICS, originally scheduled for April 27-May 1, 2020, in Hobart, Tasmania, Australia. The 25th Session has since been cancelled, however documents related to it will be accessible via the internet at the following address: www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCFICS&session=25. Information regarding how work will continue and when the next meeting will take place will be published on the Codex website as soon as it becomes available. Please contact Kristen Hendricks (Kristen.hendricks@usda.gov) of the U.S. Codex Office with any questions or concerns.

With regard to the public meeting, Mary Stanley, U.S. Delegate to the 25th Session of the CCFICS, invites U.S. interested parties to submit their comments electronically to the following email address: mary.stanley@usda.gov. Attendees who wish to participate by teleconference are requested to register in advance by Kristen Hendricks (kristen.hendricks@usda.gov) as soon as possible to receive the call-in number and participant code.

Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling (CCMAS)

The U.S. Codex Program is sponsoring a public meeting by teleconference only on April 16, 2020, from 1:00-2:30 p.m. EST to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items and draft U.S. positions for 40th Session of the CCMAS, originally scheduled for May 11-15, 2020, in Budapest, Hungary. The 40th Session has since been cancelled, however documents related to it will be accessible via the internet at the following address: <http://www.codexalimentarius.org/meetings-reports/en>. Information regarding how work will continue and when the next meeting will take place will be published on the Codex website as soon as it becomes available. Please contact Doreen Chen-Moulec (doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov) of the U.S. Codex Office with any questions or concerns.

With regard to the public meeting, Gregory O. Noonan, Ph.D., U.S. Delegate to the 40th Session of the CCMAS, invites U.S. interested parties to submit their comments electronically to the following email address: gregory.noonan@fda.hhs.gov. Attendees who wish to participate by teleconference are requested to register in advance by emailing Doreen Chen-Moulec (doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov) by April 14, 2020. Please use the call-in number: 1-888-844-9904, participant code: 5126092.

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

The U.S. Codex Office is sponsoring a public meeting by teleconference only on April 30, 2020, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. EST to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items and draft U.S. positions for the 25th Session of CCRVDF, originally scheduled for May 25-29, 2020, in San Diego, California. The 25th Session has since been postponed and is tentatively re-scheduled for January 2021, exact dates to be confirmed. Documents related to it will be accessible via the internet at the following address: www.codexalimentarius.org/meetings-reports/en. Please contact Ken Lowery (ken.lowery@usda.gov) of the U.S. Codex Office with any questions or concerns.

With regard, to the public meeting, Ms. Brandi Robinson, U.S. Delegate to the 25th Session of the CCRVDF, invites U.S. interested parties to submit their comments electronically to the following email address: brandi.robinson@fda.hhs.gov. Attendees who wish to participate by teleconference are requested to register in advance by emailing Ken Lowery (ken.lowery@usda.gov) by April 24, 2020. Please use the call-in number: 1-888-844-9904, participant code: 5126092.