



## **Codex News – May 15, 2024**

### **Upcoming Committee Meetings**

#### ***FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Europe (CCEURO)***

The 33<sup>rd</sup> Session of the FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Europe (CCEURO33) will meet in Berlin, Germany from May 27-31, 2024. The report adoption will take place in person on the last day of the session. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English, French, Spanish, and Russian. The provisional agenda and other working documents related to CCEURO33 are available at the following link: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCEURO&session=33>. For additional information, please contact Doreen Chen-Moulec ([doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov](mailto:doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov)) of the U.S. Codex Office.

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

The 55<sup>th</sup> Session of the Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR55) will meet in Chengdu, China from June 3-8, 2024. The report adoption will take place in person on the last day of the session. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in Chinese, English, French, and Spanish. The provisional agenda and other working documents related to CCPR55 are available at the following link: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCPR&session=55>. For additional information, please contact Marie Maratos Bhat ([marie.maratosbhat@usda.gov](mailto:marie.maratosbhat@usda.gov)) of the U.S. Codex Office.

### **Upcoming Committee Workshop**

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

**Emerging Issues:** The 27<sup>th</sup> Session of the CCFICS is organizing an inter-sessional virtual workshop to discuss emerging issues identified in response to CL 2023/66-FICS (Request for comments on Appendix A and proposals for new work on emerging issues). The virtual workshop will meet on May 21, 2024, from 12:00-14:30 CEST via Zoom; simultaneous interpretation in English and Spanish will be provided. Registration for the workshop can be accessed via the following link: <https://codexalimentarius.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0qd-mrpzguG9T6OHliqAUK235QcmkNY-2C#/registration>.

### **Requests for Comments**

#### ***Codex Committee on General Principles (CCGP)***

**Section 2 of the Codex Procedural Manual:** The Codex Secretariat has recently issued a Circular Letter (CL 2024/25-GP) requesting comments on the proposed changes to Section 2 Elaboration of Codex Standards and related texts, Procedures for the elaboration of Codex Standards and related texts, Part 7 Guide to the Procedure for modification (corrections, amendments, and new editions) of Codex standards and related texts. The CL is currently available in English, French, and Spanish at the following link: <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en/>. 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)) of the U.S. Codex Office by August 2, 2024. 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>) prior to the deadline of August 16, 2024.

**Language Inconsistencies and Superseded Content in the Codex Procedural Manual:** The Codex Secretariat has recently issued a Circular Letter (CL 2024/27-GP) requesting proposals from Members and Observers on inconsistencies in language, and superseded content of the Codex *Procedural Manual*, apart from Section 3. The CL is currently available in English, French, and Spanish at the following link: <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en/>. 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)) of the U.S. Codex Office by August 2, 2024. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) prior to the deadline of August 16, 2024.

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

**New Work and Emerging Issues:** The Codex Secretariat has recently issued a Circular Letter (CL 2024/52-NFSDU) requesting proposals for new work and emerging issues. The CL is currently available in English at the following link: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en/>. If you are interested in having your comments considered in the U.S. response, please send them to Alexandra Ferraro ([Alexandra.ferraro@usda.gov](mailto:Alexandra.ferraro@usda.gov)) of the U.S. Codex Office as soon as possible. Responses to the CL by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be sent via email to the CCNFSDU Host Secretariat ([CCNFSDU@bvl.bund.de](mailto:CCNFSDU@bvl.bund.de)) with a copy to the Codex Secretariat ([codex@fao.org](mailto:codex@fao.org)) prior to the deadline of July 31, 2024.

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

**Eggplant MRLs:** The Codex Secretariat has recently issued a Circular Letter (CL 2024/49-PR) requesting comments on the recommendations for MRLs for eggplant (VO 2046). The CL is currently available in English, French and Spanish at the following link: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en/>. 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)) of the U.S. Codex Office as soon as possible. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) prior to the deadline of May 25, 2024.

### **Electronic Working Groups (EWG)**

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

**GSFA:** CCFA invites members and observers to join an EWG chaired by the United States, working in English, to work on the following:

- i. Replies from CCFO28 on the technological justification for the use of paprika extract (INS 160c (ii) in FC 02.2.2 of the GSFA;
- ii. Revocation of the adopted provision for annatto extracts, bixin based (INS 160b(i)) in FC 01.2.1;
- iii. The adopted provision for aspartame (INS 951) in FC 07.1 for comment on the actual use level and application of the alternative
- iv. The draft, and proposed draft provisions, respectively, for colours in FCs 01.0 through to 08.0 and

their subcategories as well as adopted provisions for colours with Note 161 in FCs 01.0 through to 08.0 and their subcategories with the exception of colours addressed in bullet points i and ii above; and v. Provisions entered at Step 2 of the GSFA contained in CRD02 Annex 5

Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contribution to the EWG should contact Kristen Hendricks ([Kristen.hendricks@usda.gov](mailto:Kristen.hendricks@usda.gov)) by June 18, 2024. 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](mailto:Sante-Codex@ec.europa.eu) by June 21, 2024. 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.

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

**Safe Use and Reuse of Water:** CCFH invites members and observers to join an EWG chaired by the European Union and co-chaired by Morocco, Honduras, Mauritania, India, and the International Dairy Federation (IDF), working in English, to work on the outstanding annexes in the *Guidelines for the Safe Use and Reuse of Water in Food Production and Processing* (CXG 100-2023) with the following Terms of Reference:

- Revise Annex II on Fish and Fishery products, focusing on Section 8 and Section 2, incorporating the figures from Conference Room Document33 and revising the text in line with comments received during CCFH54 (March 2024), noting that comments on other sections may also be considered
- Further develop Annex IV related to water fit-for-purpose assessment, safety management, and technologies for recovery and treatment of water for reuse, taking into account written comments and discussions at CCFH54 and the agreement to move paragraphs 34 to 65 of Annex III to Annex IV
- Consider and propose, if needed, revisions to the General Section and other Annexes of CXC 100-2023 by introducing a cross-reference to Annex IV
- Consider and propose, if needed, possible examples on the use of technologies most relevant for Annexes to CXG 100-2023.

Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contribution to the EWG should contact Marie Maratos Bhat ([marie.maratosbhat@usda.gov](mailto:marie.maratosbhat@usda.gov)) by May 27, 2024. 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](mailto:Sante-Codex@ec.europa.eu) by May 31, 2024. 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.

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

**Sweet Marjoram:** CCSCH invites members and observers to join an EWG chaired by Egypt, working in English, to develop an initial draft for a Standard on Sweet Marjoram. Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contribution to the EWG should contact Kristen Hendricks ([Kristen.hendricks@usda.gov](mailto:Kristen.hendricks@usda.gov)) by June 11, 2024. 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 [Egy.codexpoint@gmail.com](mailto:Egy.codexpoint@gmail.com) and [hananfouad86@hotmail.com](mailto:hananfouad86@hotmail.com) by June 14, 2024. 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.

**Cinnamon:** CCSCH invites members and observers to join an EWG chaired by Brazil and co-chaired by Indonesia, Iran, and Mexico, working in English, to develop an initial draft for a Standard on Cinnamon under

the group standard “Dried bark.” Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contribution to the EWG should contact Kristen Hendricks ([Kristen.hendricks@usda.gov](mailto:Kristen.hendricks@usda.gov)) by June 11, 2024. 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 [codexbrasil@inmetro.gov.br](mailto:codexbrasil@inmetro.gov.br) and [luciana.pimenta@agro.gov.br](mailto:luciana.pimenta@agro.gov.br) by June 15, 2024. 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.

**Large Cardamom:** CCSCCH invites members and observers to join an EWG chaired by Bhutan and co-chaired by Nepal and India, working in English, to develop an initial draft for a Standard on Large Cardamom. Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contribution to the EWG should contact Kristen Hendricks ([Kristen.hendricks@usda.gov](mailto:Kristen.hendricks@usda.gov)) by June 25, 2024. 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 [bhutancodex@gmail.com](mailto:bhutancodex@gmail.com) with a copy to [kinleyr@bfda.gov.bt](mailto:kinleyr@bfda.gov.bt) and [dselden@bfda.gov.bt](mailto:dselden@bfda.gov.bt) by June 28, 2024. 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.