



Codex News – May 2, 2023

Upcoming Public Meeting

Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling (CCMAS)

The U.S. Codex Office is sponsoring a public meeting on May 16, 2023 from 10 a.m.–12 p.m. EDT. The objective of the public meeting is to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items and draft U.S. positions to be discussed at the 42nd Session of the CCMAS, which will meet in Budapest, Hungary from June 6–13, 2023.

- The public meeting will take place via Video Teleconference only. Documents related to the 42nd Session of the CCMAS will be accessible via the internet at the following address: <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCMAS&session=42>.
- Dr. Patrick Gray, U.S. Delegate to the 42nd Session of the CCMAS, invites interested U.S. parties to submit their comments electronically to the following email address: Patrick.Gray@fda.hhs.gov.
- Attendees may register to attend the public meeting at the following link: <https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJlscGupzggEI-PAXtt-4y7k0SI1hwZ2rY>. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR)

The U.S. Codex Office is sponsoring a public meeting on May 25, 2023 from 2-4 p.m. EDT. The objective of the public meeting is to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items and draft U.S. positions to be discussed at the 54th Session of the CCPR, which will convene in Beijing, China from June 26–July 1, 2023.

- The public meeting will take place via Video Teleconference only. Documents related to the 54th 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=54>.
- Mr. Aaron Niman, U.S. Delegate to the 54th Session of the CCPR, invites interested U.S. parties to submit their comments electronically to the following email address: niman.aaron@epa.gov.
- Attendees must register to attend the public meeting at the following link: <https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJltdOurpz8vEw74qzY2IOC-3PUkfxxyf2w>. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Upcoming Committee Meetings

Codex Committee on Food Labelling (CCFL)

The 47th Session of the CCFL will meet in Gatineau (Ottawa), Québec, from May 15-19, 2023. The report adoption will take place in person on the last day of the Session. The Session will also be broadcasted in listening mode in English, French and Spanish. The Working Group on Allergen Labelling will meet the week prior virtually on May 9-10, 2023, from 15:00–18:00 EDT with interpretation in English, French and Spanish. Access to the Virtual Working Group meeting will be provided following registration to the Session. The provisional agenda and other working documents related to the 47th Session of the CCFL will be available at the following link: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCFL&session=47>. For additional information, please contact Marie Maratos Bhat (marie.maratosbhat@usda.gov) of the U.S. Codex Office.

Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR)

The 54th Session of the CCPR will meet in Beijing, China from June 26–July 1, 2023. The report adoption will take place in person on the last day of the Session. The Session will also be broadcasted in listening mode in English, Chinese, French and Spanish. The provisional agenda and other working documents related to the 54th Session of the CCPR will be available at the following link: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCPR&session=54>. For additional information, please contact Marie Maratos Bhat (marie.maratosbhat@usda.gov) of the U.S. Codex Office.

Requests for Comments

Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC)

NFPS: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2023/31-OCS-CAC) requesting comments on possible issues related to standard setting for new food sources and production systems (NFPS) that could not be addressed by the current Codex structure and procedures and options to address them. The CL is currently available in English, French, Spanish, Arabic, Chinese, and Russian 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 August 15, 2023. 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 August 31, 2023.

Statements of Principle: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2023/32-OCS-CAC) requesting comments on the draft guidance on the application of the *Statements of Principle concerning the role of Science in the Codex decision making process and the extent to which other factors are taken into account* (SoP) for consideration by CAC46. The CL is currently available in English, French, Spanish, Arabic, Chinese, and Russian 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 August 15, 2023. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by August 31, 2023.

Zilpaterol: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2023/33-OCS-CAC) requesting comments at step 6 on the draft MRLs for zilpaterol hydrochloride in cattle liver, kidney and muscle for consideration by CAC46. The CL is currently available in English, French, Spanish, Arabic, Chinese, and Russian 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 September 1, 2023. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by September 15, 2023.

Codex Executive Committee (CCEXEC)

Fruit Juices and Nectars: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2023/27-OCS-EXEC) requesting comments on a proposal for an amendment of the *General Standard for Fruit Juices and Nectars* (CXS 247-2005). The CL is currently available in English, French, Spanish, Arabic, Chinese, and Russian 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 May 15, 2023. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by May 28, 2023.

Codex Committee on Food Additives (CCFA)

GSFA: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2023/41/OCS-FA) requesting comments related to the food additive provisions of the *General Standard for Food Additives* (GSFA) (CSX 192-1995), among a number of other specific areas of the *GSFA*. 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 of the U.S Codex Office (doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov) by August 15, 2023. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by August 31, 2023.

Food Additive Sections of Commodity Standards: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2023/42/OCS-FA) requesting comments on proposed revised food additive sections of various Codex commodity standards. 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 of the U.S Codex Office (doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov) by August 15, 2023. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by August 31, 2023.

Identity and Purity of Food Additives: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2023/43/OCS-FA) requesting comments on the proposed draft Specifications for the Identity and Purity of Food Additives. 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 of the U.S Codex Office (doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov) by August 15, 2023. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by August

31, 2023.

Revision to the INS: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2023/44/OCS-FA) requesting comments on the proposed draft revision to the *Class Names and the International Numbering System for Food Additives* (CXG 36-1989). 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 of the U.S. Codex Office (doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov) by August 15, 2023. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by August 31, 2023.

Section 3 of the INS: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2023/45-FA) requesting proposals for changes and/or additions to Section 3 of the *Class Names and International Numbering System for Food Additives* (CXG 36-1989). 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 of the U.S. Codex Office (doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov) by September 1, 2023. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP to the CCFA Secretariat (ccfa@cfsa.net.cn) with a copy to codex@fao.org by September 15, 2023.

GSFA: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2023/46-FA) requesting proposals for new and/or revisions to the food additive provisions of the *General Standard for Food Additives* (GSFA) (CSX 192-1995). 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 of the U.S. Codex Office (doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov) by December 15, 2023. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP to the CCFA Secretariat (ccfa@cfsa.net.cn) with a copy to codex@fao.org by January 15, 2024.

JECFA Priority List: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2023/47-FA) requesting for information and comments on the priority list of substances proposed for evaluation by JECFA. 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 of the U.S. Codex Office (doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov) by December 15, 2023. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP to the CCFA Secretariat (ccfa@cfsa.net.cn) with a copy to codex@fao.org by January 15, 2024.

Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling (CCMAS)

Cereals, Pulses and Legumes Workable Package: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2023/13/OCS-MAS) requesting comments on the cereals, pulses and legumes workable package in the review of methods in the *General Standard on Methods of Analysis and Sampling* (CXS 234 – 1999). 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) of the U.S. Codex Office by May 11, 2023. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by May 24, 2023.

Measurement Uncertainty: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2023/14/OCS-MAS) requesting comments on the Information Document: Guidelines on Measurement Uncertainty. The CL is currently available in English 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) of the U.S. Codex Office by May 13, 2023. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by May 26, 2023.

Sampling: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2023/15/OCS-MAS) requesting comments on the revised *General Guidelines on Sampling* (CXG 50-2004). The CL is currently available in English 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) of the U.S. Codex Office by May 17, 2023. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by May 31, 2023.

Processed Fruits and Vegetables Workable Package: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2023/48/OCS-MAS) requesting comments on the Processed Fruits and Vegetables Workable Package: Review of the *Recommended Methods of Analysis and Sampling* (CXS 234). 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 Heather Selig (heather.selig@usda.gov) of the U.S. Codex Office by May 13, 2023. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by May 26, 2023.

Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR)

MRLs from 2022 JMPR: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2023/22-PR) requesting comments on recommendations for Maximum Residue Levels (MRLs) arising from the Joint FAO/WHO Meeting on Pesticide Residues (JMPR) held in 2022. 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 Marie Maratos Bhat (marie.maratosbhat@usda.gov) of the U.S. Codex Office by May 1, 2023. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by May 25, 2023. Concern forms should be sent separately to the Codex Secretariat (codex@fao.org) with a copy to the CCPR Secretariat (ccpr@agri.gov.cn) in Word also by May 25, 2023.

National Registrations: The Codex Secretariat has issued a revised Circular Letter (CL 2023/25-PR(Rev 1)) requesting comments/data/information on national registrations of pesticides (national registration database of pesticides for periodic review by JMPR) (Groups 1 and 2). The comments submitted will be considered by the 55th Session of the Codex Committee Pesticide Residues (CCPR55, 2024). An interim report on the status of work will be provided to CCPR54 (June 2023) for information. 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 Marie Maratos Bhat (marie.maratosbhat@usda.gov) of the U.S. Codex Office by August 15, 2023. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be

submitted via their CCP to Karsten Hohgardt, Chair of the CCPR EWG on National Registrations of Pesticides (karsten.hohgardt@bvl.bund.de) with a copy to the CCPR Secretariat (ccpr@agri.gov.cn) and the Codex Secretariat (codex@fao.org) by August 31, 2023.

Schedules and Priority Lists: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2023/26-PR) requesting comments on the establishment of the Schedules and Priority Lists of Pesticides for evaluation/re-evaluation by JMPR. 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 Marie Maratos Bhat (marie.maratosbhat@usda.gov) of the U.S. Codex Office by May 1, 2023. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP to Karina Budd, Chair of the CCPR EWG on Priorities (karina.budd@aff.gov.au) with a copy to the CCPR Secretariat (ccpr@agri.gov.cn) and the Codex Secretariat (codex@fao.org) by May 10, 2023.

Classification: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2023/34-PR) requesting comments on the revision of the *Classification of Food and Feed* (CXA 4-1989) on the following:

- Agenda Item 7a: Class B – Primary food commodities of animal origin (all types) and Class E - Processed foods of animal origin (all types)
- Agenda Item 7b: The development of Tables on examples of selection of representative commodities for Class B and Class E—Table 9 - Primary food commodities of animal origin and Table 10 - Processed foods of animal origin

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 Marie Maratos Bhat (marie.maratosbhat@usda.gov) of the U.S. Codex Office by May 15, 2023. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by May 31, 2023.

Portion of Commodity : The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2023/35-PR) requesting comments on the revision of the *Classification of Food and Feed* (CXA 4-1989) on the following:

- Agenda Item 7c: Portion of the commodity to which the MRLs apply, and which is analyzed for Group 006 Assorted Tropical and Sub-tropical fruits - Inedible Peel and Group 023 Oilseeds
- Agenda Item 7d: Comparison of the *Guidelines on Portion of Commodities to which MRLs apply and which is analyzed* (CXG 41-1993) with the *Classification of Food and Feed* (CXA 4-1989)

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 Marie Maratos Bhat (marie.maratosbhat@usda.gov) of the U.S. Codex Office by May 15, 2023. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by May 31, 2023.

Joint CCPR/CCRVDF EWG: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2023/36-PR) requesting comments on the recommendations arising from the Joint CCPR/CCRVDF Electronic Working Group (EWG) on matters of common interest for CCPR and the Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods (CCRVDF). 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) of the U.S.

Codex Office by May 22, 2023. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by June 5, 2023.

Unsupported Compounds: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2023/37-PR) requesting comments on the recommendations for the management of unsupported compounds without public health concern scheduled for periodic review. 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 Marie Maratos Bhat (marie.maratosbhat@usda.gov) of the U.S. Codex Office by May 15, 2023. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by May 31, 2023.

Stability of Reference Materials: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2023/38-PR) requesting comments on the recommendations for the development of guidance on monitoring the stability of reference material purity of pesticides during prolonged storage. 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) of the U.S. Codex Office by May 24, 2023. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by June 10, 2023.

CCPR and JMPR Enhancement: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2023/39-PR) requesting comments on the recommendations related to the enhancement of operational procedures for CCPR and JMPR: Opportunities, challenges, and recommendations on next steps. 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) of the U.S. Codex Office by May 24, 2023. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by June 10, 2023.

Electronic Working Groups

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

NRVs-R: CCNFSDU invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by Ireland and co-chaired by Costa Rica and the United States, working in English and Spanish, on establishing Nutrient Reference Values-Requirements (NRVs-R) for persons aged 6 to 36 months. The specific terms of reference are to:

- revise the draft Stepwise Process taking into account the revisions to the draft General Principles and to develop an approach to propose NRVs-R for the combined age range of 6-36 months.
- apply the revised draft Stepwise Process to propose NRVs-R for persons aged 6-12 months, 12-36 months and 6-36 months for the following nutrients:
 - vitamins A, D, C, K and E, thiamine, riboflavin, niacin, vitamins B6 and B12, folate, pantothenic acid and biotin
 - calcium, magnesium, iron, zinc, iodine, copper, selenium, manganese, phosphorus and potassium.

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) by May 25, 2023. 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 mflynn@fsai.ie and olyons@fsai.ie with a copy to PhilipM.Kennedy@agriculture.gov.ie by May 31, 2023. 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.

Probiotics: CCNFSDU invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by Argentina and co-chaired by Malaysia and China, working in English and Spanish, on the proposed Harmonized Probiotic Guidelines for Use in Foods and Food Supplements. 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) by May 25, 2023. 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 codex@magyp.gob.ar with a copy to codex@anmat.gob.ar and andrea.moser@anmat.gob.ar by May 30, 2023. 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.