



Codex News – May 30, 2023

Upcoming Committee Meetings

Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling (CCMAS)

The 42nd Session of CCMAS will meet in Budapest, Hungary, from June 13-16, 2023. The report adoption will take place virtually on June 20, 2023. The PWG on Endorsement of Methods of Analysis will take place in Budapest, Hungary on June 12, 2023. The provisional agenda and other working documents related to the 42nd Session of the CCMAS are available at the following link: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCMAS&session=42>. For additional information, please contact Heather Selig (heather.selig@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.

Executive Committee of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CCEXEC)

The 84th Session of the CCEXEC will meet in Geneva, Switzerland from July 10-12, 2023. Report adoption will occur in person on July 14, 2023. The provisional agenda and other working documents related to the 84th Session of the CCEXEC will be available at the following link: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/de/?meeting=CCEXEC&session=84>. For additional information, please contact the U.S. Codex Office (uscodex@usda.gov).

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 extended the deadline requesting comments for Circular Letter (CL 2023/27-OCS-EXEC) 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) as soon as possible. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by the new deadline of June 9, 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, 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 Doreen Chen-Moulelec of the U.S Codex Office (doreen.chenmoulelec@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, 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 Doreen Chen-Moulelec of the U.S Codex Office (doreen.chenmoulelec@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, 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 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 (INS) for Food Additives* (CXG 36-1989). 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 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, 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 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) (CXG 192-1995). 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 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, 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 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 Pesticide Residues (CCPR)

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.

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, 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 as soon as possible. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by June 5, 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, 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 as soon as possible. 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, 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 as soon as possible. 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 Food Additives (CCFA)

Alignment: CCFA invites Members and Observers to join an Electronic Working Group (EWG), chaired by Canada and co-chaired by Japan and the United States, working in English, on the alignment of the food additive provisions of commodity standards and relevant provisions of the *General Standard for Food Additives* (GSFA) (CSX 192-1995). 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 June 3, 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_Canada@hc-sc.gc.ca by June 5, 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.

Other

World Food Safety Day: June 7, 2023 marks the fifth anniversary of World Food Safety Day. The Codex Secretariat is hosting four hybrid events (at FAO Headquarters, Zoom, and web stream) in honor of the occasion. Please register here [now](#); one registration allows you to access all four events, regardless of how many you attend. Interpretation will be available in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish. The program for the day is available [here](#) and further detailed below:

- 5:00-6:00 EDT (11:00– 12:00 CET): [Assessing food safety and plant health in 11 countries in Africa: a panel discussion](#)
- 6:15-7:30 EDT (12:15 – 13:30 CET): [World Food Safety Day high-level event](#)
- 9:00-10:00 EDT (15:00 – 16:00 CET) [First peek inside a new food safety toolbox](#) (This is a tool box to support implementation of the Codex *General Principles on Food Hygiene*)
- 10:30-11:30 EDT (16:30 – 17:30 CET) [Ask us anything about food safety](#)

For more information, please visit the World Food Safety Day 2023 [webpage](#) at the following link: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/world-food-safety-day/wfsd-homepage/en/>.