



Codex News – June 14, 2022

Upcoming Public Meeting

Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs (CCSCH)

The U.S. Codex Program is sponsoring a public meeting on August 22, 2022, from 1:00 – 2:30PM ET to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items and draft U.S. positions to be discussed at the 6th Session of the Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs (CCSCH), on September 26 – October 3, 2022. The public meeting will take place virtually. Documents related to the 6th Session of the CCSCH will be accessible via the internet at the following address: www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/en.

- Mr. Dorian LaFond, U.S. Delegate to the 6th Session of the CCSCH, 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/vJlsc--rqDwrHUQoI8la985vjKzMsfUOnFA.

Upcoming Committee Meetings

Executive Committee of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CCEXEC)

The 82nd Session of the CCEXEC will meet virtually from June 20-24, 2022, from 6:00-9:00 EDT (12:00-15:00 CET). The adoption of the report is planned for June 30, 2022, from 6:00-9:00 EDT (12:00-15:00 CET). The provisional agenda and other documents related to CCEXEC82 can be found at: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCEXEC&session=82>. For additional information, please contact the U.S. Codex Office at: uscodex@usda.gov.

Requests for Comments

Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR)

Classification of Food and Feed: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2022/35/REV1-PR) requesting comments on the revision of the *Classification of Food and Feed*: Class B – Primary Food Commodities of Animal Origin (All Types) and Class E - Processed Foods of Animal Origin (All Types). 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) as soon as possible. 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>) as soon as possible.

Engagement of JMPR in Parallel Reviews of New Compounds: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2022/38-PR) requesting comments on the criteria for selecting the global project manager for the parallel review process. 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) 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 20, 2022.

FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Africa (CCAFRICA)

Food Safety Legislation: The Codex Secretariat has extended the deadline for the Circular Letter (CL 2022/02/OCS-CCAFRICA) requesting comments on the proposed draft Guidelines for Developing Harmonized Food Safety Legislation for the CCAFRICA region. The CL is currently available in English and French at the following link: <http://www.fao.org/fao-whocodexalimentarius/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) 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 30, 2022.

Regional Standard for Dried Meat: The Codex Secretariat has extended the deadline for the Circular Letter (CL 2022/04/OCS-CCAFRICA) requesting comments on the Draft Regional Standard for dried meat. The CL is currently available in English and French at the following link: <http://www.fao.org/fao-whocodexalimentarius/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) 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 30, 2022.

New Alternate U.S. Delegate

Codex Committee on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables (CCFFV)

Alternate U.S. Delegate: Mr. Trevor Gilbert, Produce Safety Expert at the Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, U.S. Food and Drug Administration, was recently confirmed as the new Alternate U.S. Delegate to CCFFV. He follows in the footsteps of Dr. David Ingram, who previously served as alternate U.S. Delegate to CCFFV.

Other

JECFA94 Summary: The summary of the 94th meeting of the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA) is now available at the following link:
<https://www.fao.org/3/cc0433en/cc0433en.pdf>.