



Codex News – June 28, 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> Session of the CCSCH will be accessible via the internet at the following address: [www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/en](http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/en).

- Mr. Dorian LaFond, U.S. Delegate to the 6<sup>th</sup> Session of the CCSCH, invites U.S. interested parties to submit their comments electronically to the following email address: [dorian.lafond@usda.gov](mailto:dorian.lafond@usda.gov).
- Please register to attend the public meeting here: [www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJlsc--rqDwrHUQol8la985vjKzMsfUOnFA](http://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJlsc--rqDwrHUQol8la985vjKzMsfUOnFA).

### Upcoming Committee Meeting

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

This is a reminder that the 53<sup>rd</sup> Session of the CCPR will meet virtually on July 4-8, 2022, from 7:00AM – 10:00AM EDT (13:00 – 16:00 CET), with report adoption on July 13, 2022, from 7:00AM – 10:00AM EDT (13:00 – 16:00 CET). The provisional agenda and other working documents related to the 53<sup>rd</sup> Session of the CCPR are available at: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCPR&session=53>. For additional information, please contact Marie Maratos Bhat ([Marie.MaratosBhat@usda.gov](mailto:Marie.MaratosBhat@usda.gov)) of the U.S. Codex Office.

### Electronic Working Group (EWG)

#### ***Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods (CCCF)***

**Aflatoxins in Cereals:** CCCF invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by Brazil and co-chaired by India, working in English, to develop the sampling plan for total aflatoxins in certain cereals and cereal-based foods. 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](mailto:doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov)) by July 12, 2022. 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 Codex Contact Point (CCP) to [codexbrasil@inmetro.gov.br](mailto:codexbrasil@inmetro.gov.br) with a copy to [larissa.porto@anvisa.gov.br](mailto:larissa.porto@anvisa.gov.br), [ligia.schreiner@anvisa.gov.br](mailto:ligia.schreiner@anvisa.gov.br), and

[Carolina.Vieira@anvisa.gov.br](mailto:Carolina.Vieira@anvisa.gov.br) by July 15, 2022. 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.

**Ciguatera Poisoning:** CCCF invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by the United States and co-chaired by the European Union, working in English, to prepare a discussion paper on the development of a code of practice or guidelines to prevent or reduce ciguatera poisoning. 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](mailto:doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov)) by July 12, 2022. 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 [uscodex@usda.gov](mailto:uscodex@usda.gov) with a copy to [sara.mcgrath@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:sara.mcgrath@fda.hhs.gov) by July 15, 2022. 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.

**Guidance on Data Analysis:** CCCF invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by the European Union and co-chaired by Japan, the Netherlands, and the United States, working in English, to elaborate a proposal for general guidance on data analysis for Maximum Level (ML) development and improved data collection. 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](mailto:doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov)) by July 12, 2022. 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) with a copy to [frans.verstraete@ec.europa.eu](mailto:frans.verstraete@ec.europa.eu) by July 15, 2022. 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.

**Lead in Certain Food:** CCCF invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by Brazil, working in English, to consider the MLs for lead in certain food categories. 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](mailto:doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov)) by July 12, 2022. 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) with a copy to [larissa.porto@anvisa.gov.br](mailto:larissa.porto@anvisa.gov.br), [ligia.schreiner@anvisa.gov.br](mailto:ligia.schreiner@anvisa.gov.br), and [Carolina.Vieira@anvisa.gov.br](mailto:Carolina.Vieira@anvisa.gov.br) by July 15, 2022. 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.

**Pyrrrolizidine Alkaloids:** CCCF invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by the European Union, working in English, to prepare a discussion paper on pyrrolizidine alkaloids. 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](mailto:doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov)) by July 12, 2022. 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) with a copy to [frans.verstraete@ec.europa.eu](mailto:frans.verstraete@ec.europa.eu) by July 15, 2022. 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.

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

**Class Names and the INS:** CCFA invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by Belgium and co-chaired by Iran, working in English, to revise the *Class Names and the International Numbering System for Food Additives* (INS)(CXG36-1989). 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](mailto:doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov)) by August 31, 2022. 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 [Christine.Vinkx@health.fgov.be](mailto:Christine.Vinkx@health.fgov.be) by September 5, 2022. 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.

### **Requests for Comments**

#### ***Codex Committee on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables (CCFFV)***

**Onions and Shallots:** The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2022/40/OCS-FFV) requesting comments on the proposed draft standard for onions and shallots. 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](mailto:Heather.Selig@usda.gov)) by July 18, 2022. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the Online Commenting System (OCS) (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by July 31, 2022.

**Berry Fruits:** The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2022/41/OCS-FFV) requesting comments on the proposed draft standard for berry fruits. 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](mailto:Heather.Selig@usda.gov)) by July 18, 2022. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by July 31, 2022.

**Fresh Dates:** The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2022/42/OCS-FFV) requesting comments on the proposed draft standard for fresh dates. The CL is currently available in English, French, and Spanish at the following link: <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters>.

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**Bananas:** The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2022/43/OCS-FFV) requesting comments on the proposed amendment to the *Standard for Bananas* (CXS 205-1997). 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](mailto:Heather.Selig@usda.gov)) by July 18, 2022. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by July 31, 2022.

### ***Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling (CCMAS)***

**Cereals, Pulses, and Legumes:** The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2022/44-MAS) requesting comments on the review of the cereal, pulses, and legumes workable package in the *Recommended Methods of Analysis and Sampling* (CXS 234-1999). 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](mailto:Heather.Selig@usda.gov)) by July 18, 2022. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted to Thea Rawn ([thea.rawn@hc-sc.gc.ca](mailto:thea.rawn@hc-sc.gc.ca)) by August 1, 2022.

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

**Nutmeg:** The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2022/26/OCS-SCH) requesting comments on the draft standard for dried seeds – nutmeg. 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](mailto:Heather.Selig@usda.gov)) with a copy to [uscodex@usda.gov](mailto:uscodex@usda.gov) by August 5, 2022. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by August 19, 2022.

**Dried Chilli Peppers and Paprika:** The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2022/27/OCS-SCH) requesting comments on the proposed draft standard for dried chilli peppers and paprika. 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](mailto:Heather.Selig@usda.gov)) with a copy to [uscodex@usda.gov](mailto:uscodex@usda.gov) by August 5, 2022. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by August 19, 2022.

**Cardamom:** The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2022/28/OCS–SCH) requesting comments on the proposed draft standard for small cardamom. 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](mailto:Heather.Selig@usda.gov)) with a copy to [uscodex@usda.gov](mailto:uscodex@usda.gov) by August 5, 2022. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by August 19, 2022.

**Dried Fruits and Berries:** The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2022/29/OCS–SCH) requesting comments on the draft standard for spices derived from dried fruits and berries (Allspice, Juniper berry, Star anise, and Vanilla). 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](mailto:Heather.Selig@usda.gov)) with a copy to [uscodex@usda.gov](mailto:uscodex@usda.gov) by August 5, 2022. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by August 19, 2022.

### Recent U.S. Delegate Report

#### ***Codex Committee on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables (CCFFV)***

The report of the U.S. Delegate on the 22<sup>nd</sup> Session of the CCFFV has been published. The report can be found at the following link: <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ccffv-delegates-report.pdf>.

### Other

**FAO Food Safety Article and Report:** A recent article published by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Food Safety Magazine explores some key new foods and food production systems from a food safety perspective. The article can be accessed at the following link: <https://www.food-safety.com/articles/7805-new-food-sources-and-food-production-systems-exploring-the-food-safety-angle>.

Similarly, a recent FAO report explored the importance of foresight in food safety, while delving into some major global drivers and trends that have implications for food safety and therefore consumer health. The report can be accessed at the following link: <https://www.fao.org/documents/card/en/c/cb8667en>.

**FAO Webinars on AMR:** FAO is hosting a series of data-rich monthly webinars on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month, to bring participants up to date on specific scientific and technical topics related to antimicrobial resistance (AMR) and how to contain it. This may include a variety of topics/disciplines related to AMR in food and agriculture including microbiology, epidemiology, environmental or behavioral science, plant and animal production and health.

For more information about past and forthcoming webinars, please visit the following link:  
<https://www.fao.org/antimicrobial-resistance/news-and-events/events/en/>.

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

**Aspartame:** Evaluations of aspartame, an artificial sweetener, are being undertaken by JECFA and the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) of the WHO. A specific JECFA call will be launched in due course. Further information may be found at the following link: [https://www.who.int/groups/joint-fao-who-expert-committee-on-food-additives-\(jecfa\)](https://www.who.int/groups/joint-fao-who-expert-committee-on-food-additives-(jecfa)).