



Codex News – August 8, 2023

### Upcoming Committee Meetings

#### ***FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for the Near East (CCNE)***

The 11<sup>th</sup> Session of the CCNE will meet in-person and remotely at FAO Headquarters in Rome, Italy, from September 18-22, 2023. The report adoption will take place virtually on September 22, 2023. The provisional agenda and other working documents related to the 11<sup>th</sup> Session of CCNE are available at the following link: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCNE&session=11>. For additional information, please contact Doreen Chen-Moulec ([doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov](mailto:doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov)) and Ken Lowery ([ken.lowery@usda.gov](mailto:ken.lowery@usda.gov)) of the U.S. Codex Office.

### Upcoming Public Meetings

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

The U.S. Codex Office is sponsoring a public meeting on Thursday, September 14, 2023, 2:00-4:00 p.m. EDT to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items and draft U.S. positions to be discussed at the 33<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Codex Committee on General Principles (CCGP) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC), which will meet in Bordeaux, France from October 2-6, 2023.

The public meeting will take place via Video Teleconference only. Documents related to the 33<sup>rd</sup> Session of the CCGP will be accessible via the internet at the following address: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCGP&session=33>.

- Mary Frances Lowe, U.S. Delegate to the 33<sup>rd</sup> Session of CCGP, invites interested U.S. parties to submit their comments electronically to the following email address: [maryfrances.lowe@usda.gov](mailto:maryfrances.lowe@usda.gov).
- Attendees may register to attend the public meeting at the following link: <https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJltceCtqToiHQmKptH0CtUn35LTAXhR7Hc>. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

### Requests for Comments

#### ***Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC)***

**NRVs-R:** The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2023/67/OCS-CAC) requesting comments on the General Principles for establishing Nutrient Reference Values-Requirements (NRVs-R) for persons aged 6 to 36 months. The CL is currently available in English, French, and Spanish at the following link: <https://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](mailto:marie.maratosbhat@usda.gov)) of the U.S. Codex Office by October 2, 2023. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their Codex Contact Point (CCP) using the OCS

(<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by October 15, 2023.

**Follow-up Formula:** The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2023/68/OCS-CAC) requesting comments on the revised *Standard for Follow-up Formula* (CXS 156-1987). The CL is currently available in English, French, and Spanish at the following link: <https://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](mailto:marie.maratosbhat@usda.gov)) of the U.S. Codex Office by October 2, 2023. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by October 15, 2023.

**GSLPF:** The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2023/69/OCS-CAC) requesting comments on the provisions relevant to allergen labelling in the revision to the *General Standard for the Labelling of Pre-Packaged Foods* (GSLPF) (CXS 1-1985). The CL is currently available in English, French, and Spanish at the following link: <https://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](mailto:marie.maratosbhat@usda.gov)) of the U.S. Codex Office by October 2, 2023. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by October 15, 2023.

**E-Commerce:** The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2023/70/OCS-CAC) requesting comments on the Guidelines on the provision of food information for pre-packaged foods to be offered via e-commerce. The CL is currently available in English, French, and Spanish at the following link: <https://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](mailto:marie.maratosbhat@usda.gov)) of the U.S. Codex Office by October 2, 2023. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by October 15, 2023.

**Technology:** The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2023/71/OCS-CAC) requesting comments on the Guidelines on the use of technology to provide food information. The CL is currently available in English, French, and Spanish at the following link: <https://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](mailto:marie.maratosbhat@usda.gov)) of the U.S. Codex Office by October 2, 2023. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by October 15, 2023.

**Methods of Analysis:** The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2023/72/OCS-CAC) requesting comments on methods of analysis, numeric performance criteria, and sampling plans. The CL is currently available in English at the following link: <https://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)) of the U.S. Codex Office by October 2, 2023. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by October 15, 2023.

**Sampling:** The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2023/73/OCS-CAC) requesting comments on the revised *General Guidelines on Sampling* (CXG 5-2004). The CL is currently available in English at the following link: <https://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)) of the U.S. Codex Office by October 2, 2023. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by October 15, 2023.

**CCNFSDU Amendments:** The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2023/74/OCS-CAC) requesting comments on the amendments to the *Standard for Canned Baby Foods* (CXS 73-1981) and the *Advisory list of nutrient compounds for use in foods for special dietary uses intended for infants and young children* (CXG 10-1979). The CL is currently available in English, French, and Spanish at the following link:

<https://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](mailto:marie.maratosbhat@usda.gov)) of the U.S. Codex Office by October 2, 2023. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by October 15, 2023.

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

**Pyrrrolizidine Alkaloids:** The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2023/40- CF) requesting comments on the recommendations for follow-up risk management actions on pyrrolizidine alkaloids. 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 please send them to Doreen Chen-Moulec of the U.S. Codex Office ([doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov](mailto:doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov)) by September 16, 2023. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by September 30, 2023.

### ***FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for the Near East (CCNE)***

**Maamoul:** The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2023/64/OCS-NE) requesting comments on the proposed draft regional standard for maamoul. The CL is currently available in English at the following link <https://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](mailto:doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov)) and Ken Lowery ([ken.lowery@usda.gov](mailto:ken.lowery@usda.gov)) by August 20, 2023. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by September 3, 2023.

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

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

**Acrylamide:** CCCF invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by India and co-chaired by Saudi Arabia, working in English, to develop a discussion paper on acrylamide in 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)) of the U.S. Codex Office by August 20, 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 Codex Contact Point (CCP) to [codex-india@nic.in](mailto:codex-india@nic.in) by August 25, 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.

**Aflatoxin:** CCCF invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by Brazil, working in English, to develop a discussion paper on to explore whether there are new measures supporting the revision of the *Code of practice for the prevention and reduction of aflatoxin contamination in peanuts* (CXC 55 – 2004).

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)) of the U.S. Codex Office by August 20, 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 Codex Contact Point (CCP) to [codexbrasil@inmetro.gov.br](mailto:codexbrasil@inmetro.gov.br) with a copy to [ligia.schreiner@anvisa.gov.br](mailto:ligia.schreiner@anvisa.gov.br) and [larissa.porto@anvisa.gov.br](mailto:larissa.porto@anvisa.gov.br) by August 25, 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.

**Ciguatoxins:** CCCF invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by the U.S. and co-chaired by France, Panama, and Spain, working in English, to work on guidance (code of practice or guidelines) to prevent and/or reduce ciguatera poisoning in 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)) of the U.S. Codex Office by August 20, 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 Codex Contact Point (CCP) to [uscodex@usda.gov](mailto:uscodex@usda.gov) with a copy to [Lauren.Robin@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:Lauren.Robin@fda.hhs.gov) and [Sara.Mcgrath@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:Sara.Mcgrath@fda.hhs.gov) by August 25, 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.

**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 continue the work on a proposal for a general guidance on data analysis for MLs 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)) of the U.S. Codex Office by August 20, 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 Codex Contact Point (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 August 25, 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.

**Lead:** CCCF invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by Brazil, working in English, to work on MLs for lead in culinary herbs (fresh/dried) and spices (dried). 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)) of the U.S. Codex Office by August 20, 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 Codex Contact Point (CCP) to [codexbrasil@inmetro.gov.br](mailto:codexbrasil@inmetro.gov.br) with a copy to [ligia.schreiner@anvisa.gov.br](mailto:ligia.schreiner@anvisa.gov.br) and [larissa.porto@anvisa.gov.br](mailto:larissa.porto@anvisa.gov.br) by August 25, 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.

**Mycotoxins:** CCCF invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by India, working in English, to develop sampling plans for the determination of compliance with maximum levels for total aflatoxins and ochratoxin A in selected spices. 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)) of the U.S. Codex Office by August 20, 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 Codex Contact Point (CCP) to [codex-india@nic.in](mailto:codex-india@nic.in) with a copy to [sp-spices@fssai.gov.in](mailto:sp-spices@fssai.gov.in) and [ccsch.bisht@gmail.com](mailto:ccsch.bisht@gmail.com) by August 25, 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.

**Peanuts:** CCCF invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by India, working in English, to prepare a definition for Ready-to-Eat (RTE) peanuts for the establishment of an ML for aflatoxins (AFT) in RTE peanuts and a categorization of the occurrence data working in close collaboration with the GEMS Administrator. 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)) of the U.S. Codex Office by August 20, 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 Codex Contact Point (CCP) to [codex-india@nic.in](mailto:codex-india@nic.in) with a copy to [reeba@apeda.gov.in](mailto:reeba@apeda.gov.in) by August 25, 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.

**Pyrrrolizidine Alkaloids:** CCCF invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by the European Union, working in English, to revise the discussion paper on pyrrolizidine alkaloids (PAs) ([CX/CF 23/16/11](#)) based on the comments received in response to circular letter [CL 2023/40-CF](#) issued by the Codex Secretariat requesting comments on the recommendations in the paper. 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)) of the U.S. Codex Office by August 20, 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 Codex Contact Point (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 August 25, 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.

**Tropane Alkaloids:** CCCF invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by China and co-chaired by Saudi Arabia, working in English, to prepare a discussion paper on tropane alkaloids to look into the need and feasibility of possible follow-up actions. 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)) of the U.S. Codex Office by August 20, 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 Codex Contact Point (CCP) to [codexchinamo@126.com](mailto:codexchinamo@126.com) with a copy to [wuyongning@cfsa.net.cn](mailto:wuyongning@cfsa.net.cn) and [shaoyi@cfsa.net.cn](mailto:shaoyi@cfsa.net.cn) by August 25, 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.

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

**Food Fraud:** CCFICS invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by the United States and co-chaired by China, the European Union, Iran, and the United Kingdom, working in English, to prepare revised draft guidelines on the prevention and control of food fraud. Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contributions to the EWG should contact Heather Selig ([heather.selig@usda.gov](mailto:heather.selig@usda.gov)) of the U.S. Codex Office by August 18, 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 [uscodex@usda.gov](mailto:uscodex@usda.gov) by September 1, 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.

### ***Codex Committee on Food Labelling (CCFL)***

**Emergency Flexibilities:** CCFL invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by the United States, working in English, to focus on the following areas:

- Whether guidelines on the application of food labelling provisions in emergencies would be beneficial.
- What the scope of such proposed work should be, such as high-level guidance and criteria to aid decision-making or a more technical guidance.
- Whether definitions are necessary for terms such as “emergency” and “flexibilities,” among others, considering other international organizations’ definitions and use of these terms.
- What criteria may be needed to determine when the “emergency” threshold is reached.

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](mailto:marie.maratosbhat@usda.gov)) of the U.S. Codex Office by August 27, 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 [bryce.carson@usda.gov](mailto:bryce.carson@usda.gov) with a copy to [marie.maratosbhat@usda.gov](mailto:marie.maratosbhat@usda.gov) by September 1, 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 representatives to participate in the EWG.

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

**Methods:** CCMAS invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by Uruguay and co-chaired by Brazil, working in English, to develop a discussion paper to identify and assess in CXS 234 all commodities and provisions where there are both Type I and Type II methods listed; and, if necessary, make recommendations for changes. Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contributions to the EWG should contact Heather Selig ([heather.selig@usda.gov](mailto:heather.selig@usda.gov)) of the U.S. Codex Office by August 26, 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-ewg@latu.org.uy](mailto:Codex-ewg@latu.org.uy) by August 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.

**Cereals, Pulses, and Legumes:** CCMAS invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by Canada, working in English, to continue the review of the methods in the cereals, pulses, legumes, and derived products workable package. Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contributions to the EWG should contact Heather Selig ([heather.selig@usda.gov](mailto:heather.selig@usda.gov)) of the U.S. Codex Office by September 10, 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](mailto:codex_canada@hc-sc.gc.ca) by September 15, 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.

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

**Work Prioritization:** CCNFSDU invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by Germany, working in English and French, to prepare a revised draft guideline for the preliminary assessment and identification of work priorities. 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](mailto:marie.maratosbhat@usda.gov)) by July 28, 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](mailto:codex_canada@hc-sc.gc.ca) and [ccnfsdu@bvl.bund.de](mailto:ccnfsdu@bvl.bund.de) by August 18, 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.

**Sweetness Methods:** CCFNSDU invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by the European Union and co-chaired by Switzerland, working in English, to review, identify and, if appropriate, recommend methods for referral to CCMAS for endorsement, in particular ISO 5495, for assessing the sweetness of carbohydrate sources in comparison to lactose in "Product for Young Children" which is the new proposed title for the revised *Standard for Follow-up Formula* (CXS 156-1987) for those products based on non-milk protein.

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](mailto:marie.maratosbhat@usda.gov)) by August 27, 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 [sante-codex@ec.europa.eu](mailto:sante-codex@ec.europa.eu) by September 1, 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.

**Food Additives:** CCFNSDU invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by the European Union, working in English, for the purpose of:

- collecting information from the applicants on the use and use levels and confirmation to provide data on the safety assessment for infants below 12 weeks of age on the following additives: guar gum (INS 412), distarch phosphate (INS 1412), phosphated distarch phosphate (INS 1413), acetylated distarch phosphate (INS 1414), hydroxypropyl starch (INS 1440);
- collecting information from the applicants with the framework for considering technological justification for use in CXS 72-1981 on food additives for which the use, use levels and commitment to provide the data is confirmed; and
- reviewing the information provided and provide recommendations to CCFNSDU44 on the technological justification of each additive.

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](mailto:marie.maratosbhat@usda.gov)) by September 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 [jiri.sochor@ec.europa.eu](mailto:jiri.sochor@ec.europa.eu) and [sante-codex@ec.europa.eu](mailto:sante-codex@ec.europa.eu) by September 8, 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.

#### ***Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods (CCRVDF)***

**Action Levels:** CCRVDF invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by Australia and co-chaired by Canada, working in English:

- further develop the criteria and procedures for the establishment of action levels based on the revised document presented in Conference Room Document 24 ([CRD24](#)) submitted to the 26th

- Session of CCRVDF and discussions held at that Session and
- revisit the pilot of nicarbazin and any other compounds.

Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contributions to the EWG should contact Ken Lowery ([ken.lowery@usda.gov](mailto:ken.lowery@usda.gov)) of the U.S. Codex Office by August 26, 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.Contact@awe.gov.au](mailto:Codex.Contact@awe.gov.au) with a copy to [Codex.Canada@hc-sc.gc.ca](mailto:Codex.Canada@hc-sc.gc.ca) by August 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.

**Extrapolation of MRLs:** CCRVDF invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by the European Union and co-chaired by Costa Rica, working in English and Spanish, to:

- continue to evaluate possibilities for extrapolation of MRLs for veterinary drugs as recommended by the Committee including the extrapolation of MRLs for lufenuron, emamectin benzoate and diflubenzuron in finfish;
- summarize available information on the distribution of compounds in different edible offal tissues with a view to evaluating the possibility of extrapolating MRLs to edible offal tissues other than liver and kidney; and
- examine opportunities to enhance the current criteria's potential for extrapolation across species where justified, such as between ruminants and camels as well as between milk of different species.
- In order to assist the EWG in its endeavors, CCRVDF26 recommended Codex Members to submit available consumption data for edible offal to [FAO GIFT](#) and [WHO CIFOCos](#) databases.

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## Other

**JECFA Publication:** The JECFA residue monographs from the 94<sup>th</sup> meeting that evaluated the following compounds: Imidacloprid, Ivermectin, Nicarbazin and Selectin have been published and may be accessed at the following link: <https://doi.org/10.4060/cc5153en>.

**FAO AMR:** The FAO Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Working Group co-organized with the FAO Sustainable Livestock Technical Network is hosting a series of monthly webinars to bring participants up to date on specific scientific and technical topics related to AMR and how to contain it. Participants are expected to have at least a basic knowledge of AMR. If participants wish to present the findings of their research or study, they may contact: [Antimicrobial-resistance@fao.org](mailto:Antimicrobial-resistance@fao.org).

The upcoming monthly webinar is the Transmission of AMR between humans, animals, and the environment which is hosted by Denis Byarugaba of Makerere University, Uganda and moderated by Daniela Battaglia, FAO, on August 10, 2023, from 12:30-13:30 CET. The link to register is: <https://fao.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0lf-qspjksGdQIT-zcpjOOonWZA-IYmgU65#/registration>.



**FAO Call for Applications:** The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) calls for applications to present their products at the global stakeholder roundtable meeting on cell-based food production and precision fermentation, organized by FAO in collaboration with the China National Center for Food Safety Risk Assessment (CFSA). The meeting will take place on Monday, November 6, 2023, in Shanghai, China. The goal of the meeting is to bring together producers, researchers, and developers to share their insights and experiences on the production and safety of cell-based food and precision fermentation products. Participants will also benefit from learning from each other on regulatory requirements as well as to foster multi-sectoral collaboration to assure safety. The deadline for presenters is August 31, 2023, and more information can be found at the following link: <https://www.fao.org/3/cc7157en/cc7157en.pdf>.

**FAO Symposium:** The International Symposium on Dietary Protein for Human Health, which will meet in Utrecht from September 14-16, 2023, will bring together international leaders in protein nutrition and related areas, and will provide an update on recent scientific developments of critical importance to human welfare and food security. Registration and abstract submission are now open at the following link: <https://web.cvent.com/event/1783d29e-b98f-4342-b4a1-30dbaf3fc357/summary>.

**WHO Food Safety:** The World Health Organization (WHO) has released the publication “Nine Things to Know about Food Safety Aspects of Cell-based Food,” published in English, at the following link: [https://www.whofoodsafety.org/news/19576?network\\_id=who-food-safety-community-of-practice](https://www.whofoodsafety.org/news/19576?network_id=who-food-safety-community-of-practice).