

Codex News – August 22, 2023

Upcoming Committee Meetings

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

The 11th 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 11th Session of CCNE are available at the following link: <u>https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCNE&session=11</u>. For additional information, please contact Doreen Chen-Moulec (<u>doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov</u>) and Ken Lowery (<u>ken.lowery@usda.gov</u>) 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 33rd 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 33rd Session of the CCGP will be accessible via the internet at the following address: <u>https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCGP&session=33</u>.

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

Requests for Comments

Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC46)

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 Prepackaged Foods (GSLPF) (CXS 1-1985). The CL is currently available in English, French, and Spanish at the following link: <u>https://www.fao.org/fao- who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/</u>. If you are interested in having your comments considered in the U.S. response, please send them to Marie Maratos Bhat (<u>marie.maratosbhat@usda.gov</u>) 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: <u>https://www.fao.org/fao-whocodexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/</u>. If you are interested in having your comments considered in the U.S. response, please send them to Marie Maratos Bhat (<u>marie.maratosbhat@usda.gov</u>) 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 (<u>https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org</u>) 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: <u>https://www.fao.org/fao-who-</u> <u>codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/</u>. If you are interested in having your comments considered in the U.S. response, please send them to Marie Maratos Bhat (<u>marie.maratosbhat@usda.gov</u>) 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 (<u>https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org</u>) by October 15, 2023.

MRLs: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2023/75/OCS-CAC) requesting comments on maximum residue limits for veterinary drugs in foods. The CL is currently available in English at the following link: <u>https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/</u>. If you are interested in having your comments considered in the U.S. response, please send them to Ken Lowery (<u>ken.lowery@usda.gov</u>) 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 (<u>https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org</u>) by October 15, 2023.

Contaminants: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2023/76/OCS-CAC) requesting comments on maximum levels for contaminants in foods. The CL is currently available in English at the following link: <u>https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/</u>. If you are interested in having your comments considered in the U.S. response, please send them to Doreen Chen-Moulec (<u>doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov</u>) 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 (<u>https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org</u>) by October 15, 2023.

Cassava: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2023/77/OCS-CAC) requesting comments on the Code of practice for the prevention and reduction of mycotoxin contamination in cassava and cassavabased products. The CL is currently available in English at the following link: <u>https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/</u>. If you are interested in having your comments considered in the U.S. response, please send them to Doreen Chen-Moulec (<u>doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov</u>) 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 (<u>https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org</u>) by October 15, 2023.

Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods (CCCF)

Pyrrolizidine 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: <u>http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters</u>. 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) by September 16, 2023. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<u>https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org</u>) 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 and Arabic at the following link <u>https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters</u>. 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 (<u>doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov</u>) and Ken Lowery (<u>ken.lowery@usda.gov</u>) by August 20, 2023. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<u>https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org</u>) 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 (<u>doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov</u>) 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 <u>codex-india@nic.in</u> 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) 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 with a copy to ligia.schreiner@anvisa.gov.br and 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) 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 <u>uscodex@usda.gov</u> with a copy to <u>Lauren.Robin@fda.hhs.gov</u> and <u>Sara.Mcgrath@fda.hhs.gov</u> 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 cochaired 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) 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 <u>sante-</u> codex@ec.europa.eu</u> with a copy to <u>frans.verstraete@ec.europa.eu</u> 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) 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 with a copy to ligia.schreiner@anvisa.gov.br and 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) 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 with a copy to sp-spices@fssai.gov.in and 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) 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 with a copy to 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.

Pyrrolizidine 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 <u>CL 2023/40-CF</u> 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) 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 <u>sante-codex@ec.europa.eu</u> with a copy to <u>frans.verstraete@ec.europa.eu</u> 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 investigate 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) 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 codexchinamoa@126.com with a copy to wuyongning@cfsa.net.cn and 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 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) 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 <a href="marget:bybet

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) 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 <u>Codex-ewg@latu.org.uy</u> 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.

Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR)

Joint EWG: CCPR and CCRVDF invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by the United States and co-chaired by Brazil and New Zealand, working in English to:

- Develop a list of compounds with dual use as a pesticide and veterinary drug for which no or only one Codex MRL has been established with member countries providing the information to populate this list.
- Identify dual-use compounds that have different Codex MRLs for a similar edible commodity of animal origin and recommend on a case-by-case basis, a single, harmonized MRL(s) for the compound(s) and affected commodity(ies). The EWG might recommend that CCRVDF/CCPR consider selecting the higher MRL value.
- Consider the matter related to harmonized food descriptors to be used by JECFA and JMPR.

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) and Ken Lowery (ken.lowery@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 ccrvdf-ussec@usda.gov 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.

JMPR: CCPR invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by the United States and co-chaired by Costa Rica and Uganda, working in English and Spanish, to request JMPR, through the JMPR Secretariat, to consider the discussion paper prepared by the EWG (REP23/PR54, Appendix XVI) and to provide guidance. 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) 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 <u>uscodex@usda.gov</u> 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.

Priority Lists: CCPR invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by Australia, working in English, to provide a report on schedules and priority lists for consideration by CCPR55. Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contributions to the EWG should contact Marie Maratos Bhat (<u>marie.maratosbhat@usda.gov</u>) 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 <u>Codex.Contact@agriculture.gov.au</u> 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.

Reference Materials: CCPR invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by India and co-chaired by Singapore and Argentina, working in English to:

- develop the guidance procedures for monitoring the stability and purity of multiclass pesticide reference materials and their stock solutions during prolonged storage based on the outline provided in CX/PR 23/54/14, Appendix III and taking into account comments submitted in reply to CL 2023/38-PR;
- submit the report of the EWG and the proposed guidance procedures to the Codex Secretariat for circulation for comments at Step 3 and consideration by CCPR55 (2024)

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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, to:

- further develop the criteria and procedures for the establishment of action levels based on the revised document presented in Conference Room Document 24 (<u>CRD24</u>) 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) 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 with a copy to 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 <u>FAO GIFT</u> and <u>WHO CIFOCOss</u> databases.

Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contributions to the EWG should contact Ken Lowery (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 sante-codex@ec.europa.eu 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.

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Other

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.

The upcoming monthly webinar is the Research results and strategies on AMU reduction in Canadian poultry and their impact which is hosted by Professor Martine Boulianne of the University of Montreal, Canada and moderated by Daniela Battaglia, FAO, on September 14, 2023, from 12:30-13:30 CET. To register is at the following link:

https://fao.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJlvde6uqT8iHNHn2SmNjLK9flvqpUzIroCl#/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.

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: <u>https://www.whofoodsafety.org/news/19576?network_id=who-food-safety-community-of-practice</u>.