



Codex News – August 23, 2022

Upcoming Committee Meetings

Codex Committee on Food Hygiene (CCFH)

The 53rd Session of CCFH is scheduled to take place in San Diego, California on November 29 – December 2, 2022. Virtual report adoption will take place on December 8, 2022. The provisional agenda and other working documents related to the 53rd Session of the CCFH are available at the following link: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCFH&session=53>. For additional information, please contact Marie Maratos Bhat (Marie.MaratosBhat@usda.gov) of the U.S. Codex Office.

FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Africa (CAFRICA)

The 24th Session of CAFRICA will meet virtually on September 5-9, 2022, from 7:00AM – 10:00AM EDT (13:00 – 16:00 CET), with report adoption on September 13, 2022, from 7:00AM – 10:00AM EDT (13:00 – 16:00 CET). The provisional agenda and other working documents related to the 24th Session of the CAFRICA are available at the following link: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/tr/?meeting=CAFRICA&session=24>. For additional information, please contact Ken Lowery (ken.lowery@usda.gov) of the U.S. Codex Office.

Requests for Comments

Executive Committee of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CCEXEC)

Kimchi: The Codex Secretariat has extended the deadline for the Circular Letter (CL 2021/91/OCS-EXEC) requesting comments on a proposal for revision of the Standard for Kimchi (CXS 223-2001). The CL is currently available in English, French, Spanish, Arabic, Chinese, and Russian 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 Doreen Chen-Moulec (doreen.chenmoulec@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.

Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs (CCSCH)

Dried Roots, Rhizomes, and Bulbs: The Codex Secretariat has extended the deadline for the Circular Letter (CL 2022/30/OCS - SCH) requesting comments on the Standard for dried roots,

rhizomes, and bulbs - proposed draft requirements for turmeric. The CL is currently available in English, French, and Spanish 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 Heather Selig (Heather.Selig@usda.gov) by September 2, 2022. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by September 16, 2022.

FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Asia (CCASIA)

Fermented Soybean Products: The Codex Secretariat extended the deadline for Circular Letter (CL 2022/52(Rev)/OCS - ASIA) requesting comments on the proposed draft Regional Standard for Soybean Products Fermented with *Bacillus* Species. 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 Doreen Chen-Moulec (doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov) September 1, 2022. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) September 15, 2022.

Frozen Dumpling: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2022/53/OCS – ASIA) requesting comments on the proposed draft Regional Standard for Quick Frozen Dumpling. 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 Doreen Chen-Moulec (doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov) September 1, 2022. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) September 15, 2022.

Rice in Plant Leaves: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2022/54/OCS – ASIA) requesting comments on the proposed draft Regional Standard for Cooked Rice Wrapped in Plant Leaves. 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 Doreen Chen-Moulec (doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov) September 1, 2022. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) September 15, 2022.

Recent U.S. Delegate Report

Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR)

The report of the U.S. Delegate on the 53rd Session of the CCPR has been published. The report can be found at the following link: <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/draft-ccpr53-delegate-report.pdf>.