



Codex News – September 7, 2021

Upcoming Public Meetings

Ad hoc Codex Intergovernmental Task Force on Antimicrobial Resistance (TFAMR)

The U.S. Codex Program is sponsoring a virtual public meeting on September 9, 2021 from 10:00A.M. – 12:00P.M. EDT to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items and draft U.S. positions to be discussed at the 8th Session of the TFAMR08, which is scheduled for October 4-9, 2021. Documents related to TFAMR08 are available at the following website: <http://www.fao.org/fao-whocodexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=TFAMR&session=8>.

- Donald A. Prater, the U.S. Delegate to TFAMR08, invites U.S. interested parties to submit their comments electronically to the following email address: donald.prater@fda.hhs.gov
- Please register to attend the public meeting here: www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJlscOqsqTlrG4XB3KA9PuFQT5y28NJF068

Codex Committee on Fats and Oils (CCFO)

The U.S. Codex Program is sponsoring a virtual public meeting on September 20, 2021 from 2:00 – 4:00P.M. EDT to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items and draft U.S. positions to be discussed at the 27th Session of the CCFO, which is schedule from October 18 - 26, 2021. Documents related to CCFO27 are available at the following website: <http://www.fao.org/fao-whocodexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCFO&session=27>.

- Dr. Paul South, the U.S. Delegate to CCFO27, invites U.S. interested parties to submit their comments electronically to the following email address: paul.south@fda.hhs.gov
- Please register to attend the public meeting here: www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJltdeCspjoiE_dPA0lHBseYMWWhn9UDDhdY

Upcoming Committee and Task Force Meetings

Ad hoc Codex Intergovernmental Task Force on Antimicrobial Resistance (TFAMR)

The 8th Session of the TFAMR will meet virtually from October 4-9, 2021 with the report adoption planned for October 13, 2021. The Session will be conducted in English, French and Spanish. The provisional agenda and other working documents related to the 8th Session of the TFAMR will be made available at: <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=TFAMR&session=8>. For additional

information, please contact Marie Maratos Bhat (marie.maratosbhat@usda.gov) of the U.S. Codex Office.

Codex Committee on Fish and Fishery Products (CCFFP)

The CCFFP, which was re-activated at the 43rd Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC43, November 2020), will conduct its 35th Session by correspondence from September 20 – October 25, 2021. The adoption of the report will take place virtually on October 25, 2021. The Session will be conducted in English, French and Spanish. CCFFP35 will evaluate if the Standard for Canned Sardines and Sardine-Type Products (CX 94-1981) could be amended to include the fish species *S. lemuru* (Bali Sardinella) in the list of Sardinella species under section 2.1. The working documents will be made available at the following website: <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCFFP&session=35>. The registration deadline for the CCFFP35 meeting was extended further to September 10, 2021. Please register via the Codex online registration system that can be accessed through the following link: www.codexalimentarius.org/login. For additional information, please contact Heather Selig (Heather.Selig@usda.gov) of the U.S. Codex Office.

Recent Committee Delegate Reports

Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR)

The report of the United States Delegate to the 52nd Session of the CCPR has published. The report can be found at the following link:

<https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/delegates-report-2021-ccpr.pdf>

Electronic Working Groups (EWG)

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

Traceability and Product Tracing: CCFICS invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by the United States and co-chaired by the United Kingdom, working in English, to prepare a discussion paper, with the possibility of developing a new project document, and to consider whether the *Principles for Traceability/Product Tracing as a Tool Within a Food Inspection and Certification System* (CXG 60-2006) needs to be revised and updated. Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contributions to the EWG should contact Kristen Hendricks (Kristen.Hendricks@usda.gov) by September 9, 2021. 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 Points (CCP) to uscodex@usda.gov by September 13, 2021. 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.

Remote Audit and Verification: CCFICS invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by Australia and co-chaired by Canada and Singapore, working in English, to develop a

discussion paper on use of remote audit and verification in regulatory frameworks, with the possibility of also developing a new project document. Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contributions to the EWG should contact Kristen Hendricks (Kristen.Hendricks@usda.gov) as soon as possible. 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@agriculture.gov.au by September 9, 2021. 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

Ad hoc Codex Intergovernmental Task Force on Antimicrobial Resistance (TFAMR)

Code of Practice: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2021/65-AMR) requesting comments at Step 6 on the revised *Code of practice to minimize and contain foodborne antimicrobial resistance* (CXC 61-2005). 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 Marie Maratos Bhat (Marie.MaratosBhat@usda.gov) by September 10, 2021. Comments by Member countries and Codex Observers should be submitted using the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS) (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by September 20, 2021.

Codex Committee on Fats and Oils (CCFO)

The Codex Secretariat has extended the deadline for submission of comments for the following Circular Letters for CCFO to September 16, 2021.

- CL 2021/27/OCS- Request for Comments, at Step 3, on the proposed draft revision to the *Standard for Named Vegetable Oils* (CXS 210-1999) (Sunflowerseed oil – refractive index, saponification value, iodine values and relative density)
- CL 2021/29/OCS - Request for Comments, at Step 3, on the proposed draft revision to the *Standard for Olive Oils and Olive Pomace Oils* (CXS 33-1981): Revision of Sections 3, 8 and Appendix
- CL 2021/36/OCS - Request for comments on the proposals for new work and or amendments to existing Codex Standards
- CL 2021/58/OCS - Request for comments on the proposals for new work - proposed amendment/revision to the *Codex Standard for Named Vegetable Oils* (CXS 210-1999) to include high oleic acid soya bean oil

The CL's are 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 Doreen Chen-

Moulec (Doreen.ChenMoulec@usda.gov) as soon as possible. Comments by Member countries and Codex Observers should be submitted using the Codex OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by the new deadline of September 16, 2021.

Codex Committee on Fish and Fishery Products (CCFFP)

Laboratories to Perform the Sensory Evaluation and Species: The Codex Secretariat issued a Circular Letter (CL 2021/67/OCS-FFP) requesting for comments on the laboratories to perform the sensory evaluation and species to be compared with the Sardinella lemuru (Bali Sardinella). 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) as soon as possible. Comments by Member countries and Codex Observers should be submitted using the Codex OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) as soon as possible.

Codex Committee on General Principles (CCGP)

Procedural Guidance for Committees Working by Correspondence: The Codex Secretariat issued a Circular Letter (CL 2021/66/OCS-GP) requesting comments on the draft Procedural Guidance for Committees Working by Correspondence (CWBC). The CL is 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 Kristen Hendricks (Kristen.Hendricks@usda.gov) by September 10, 2021. Comments by Member countries and Codex Observers should be submitted using the Codex OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by September 19, 2021.

Other

Codex Trust Fund: The sixth round of applications for support from the FAO/WHO Codex Trust Fund is now open. Additional information and application documents may be found at the following link: <https://www.who.int/initiatives/codex-trust-fund/support>.

Report of the 2nd Joint FAO/WHO Expert Consultation on Risk Assessment of Food Allergens: Please note that the summary report of the 2nd Joint FAO/WHO Expert Consultation on Risk Assessment of Food Allergens (review/establish threshold levels in foods of priority allergens) can be accessed through the following links:

- FAO: <http://www.fao.org/food-safety/resources/publications/en/>
- WHO: <https://www.who.int/news-room/events/detail/2021/03/15/default-calendar/ad-hoc-joint-fao-who-expert-consultation-on-risk-assessment-of-food-allergens-part2-review-and-establish-threshold-levels-in-foods-of-the-priority-allergens>

Additional news on this meeting is also available at: <http://www.fao.org/food-safety/news/news-details/en/c/1434526/>

JECFA94 Call for Data: The 94th Meeting of the Joint Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA) will convene virtually May 16-27, 2022, to review the list of substances scheduled for evaluation or re-evaluation, based on recommendations of the Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods (CCRVDF) and previous provisional decisions of JECFA. Data should be submitted to the following e-mail address: jecfa@who.int. The deadline for data submission is December 31, 2021.

The call for data can be found through the following links:

- FAO : <http://www.fao.org/3/cb6522en/cb6522en.pdf>
- WHO : https://cdn.who.int/media/docs/default-source/food-safety/jecfa/call-for-data/jecfa94---call-for-data.pdf?sfvrsn=ee5d92f5_12

JECFA95 Call for Data: The 95th Meeting of JECFA will convene in Rome June 7-16, 2022 (or virtually June 6-17, 2022), to review the list of substances scheduled for evaluation or re-evaluation, based on recommendations of the Codex Committee on Food Additives (CCFA), previous Expert Committees, and direct requests from governments, other interested organizations, and producers of substances that have been evaluated previously. Data should be submitted to the following e-mail address: jecfa@who.int. The deadline for data submission is December 31, 2021.

The call for data can be found through the following links:

- FAO: <http://www.fao.org/food-safety/scientific-advice/calls-for-data-and-experts-expert-rosters/en/>
- WHO: [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))