



Codex News – October 20, 2020

## Requests for Comments

### ***Codex Committee on Food Hygiene (CCFH)***

**Critical Control Points Decision Tree and Irradiated Foods:** The Codex Secretariat issued a Circular Letter (CL 2020/55-FH) requesting comments on CCFH's proposed decision trees for identification of critical control points and a background paper on the methods of analysis for irradiated foods. The CL is available in English, French, and Spanish at the following link: [www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters](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 Marie Maratos ([Marie.maratos@usda.gov](mailto:Marie.maratos@usda.gov)) by October 30, 2020. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted via their Codex Contact Point (CCP) to the CCPs for Brazil, Ligia Lindner Schreiner ([ligia.schreiner@anvisa.gov.br](mailto:ligia.schreiner@anvisa.gov.br)) and Carolina Araujo Vieira ([carolina.vieira@anvisa.gov.br](mailto:carolina.vieira@anvisa.gov.br)), with a copy to the Codex Secretariat ([codex@fao.org](mailto:codex@fao.org)) by November 13, 2020.

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

**Front-of-Pack Nutrition Labelling:** The Codex Secretariat issued a Circular Letter (CL 2020/54/OCS-FL) requesting comments on the EWG's report on front-of-pack nutrition labelling, which provides update and information on FOPNL work. The CL is available in English, French, and Spanish at the following link: [www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters](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](mailto:Kristen.hendricks@usda.gov)) as soon as possible. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted via their Codex Contact Point (CCP) using the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS) (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by October 31, 2020.

### ***FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Latin America and the Caribbean (CCLAC)***

**Alignment of Food Additive Provisions and Alignment Plan for Regional Standards:** The Codex Secretariat issued a Circular Letter (CL 2020/56-LAC) requesting comments on the alignment of food additive provisions and alignment plan for regional standards developed by CCLAC. The CL is available in English and Spanish at the following link: [www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters](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 Ken Lowery ([ken.lowery@usda.gov](mailto:ken.lowery@usda.gov)) by March 17, 2021. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted via their Codex Contact Point (CCP) to the Codex Secretariat ([codex@fao.org](mailto:codex@fao.org)) by March 31, 2021.

## Other

### **Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA)**

**Call for Data on Steviol Glycosides:** The Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA) has issued a call for data on steviol glycosides, which can be found at the following link: <http://www.fao.org/3/cb1529en/cb1529en.pdf>. The deadline for the data is December 31, 2020.

### **FAO/WHO Codex Trust Fund**

**Applications for Support from the Codex Trust Fund:** The FAO/WHO Codex Trust Fund is now accepting applications for country support. The list of eligible countries for support can be found at the following link: [https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/food-safety/codex-trust-fund/ctf-eligiblecountries-2020.pdf?sfvrsn=700605d7\\_2](https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/food-safety/codex-trust-fund/ctf-eligiblecountries-2020.pdf?sfvrsn=700605d7_2). Please note that the United States is a donor to the Codex Trust Fund and is not eligible to receive support.