



Codex News – November 29, 2022

Upcoming Committee Meetings

FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for North America and South West Pacific (CCNASWP)

The 16th Session of CCNASWP is scheduled to take place physically in Nadi, Fiji from January 30-February 3, 2023. Remote participation (via Zoom) will also be possible for listening and verbal interventions. The provisional agenda and other working documents related to the 16th Session of the CCNASWP are available at the following link: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCNASWP&session=16>. For additional information, please contact Marie Maratos Bhat (marie.maratosbhat@usda.gov) of the U.S. Codex Office.

Codex Committee Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods (CCRVDF)

The 26th Session of CCRVDF is scheduled to take place physically in Portland, Oregon, United States from February 13-17, 2023 from 9:00-18:00 PST (18:00-21:00 CET). There will be a PWG on the Priority List of Veterinary Drugs for Evaluation or Re-evaluation by the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA) on February 12, 2023. The provisional agenda and other working documents related to the 26th Session of the CCRVDF will be made available at the following link: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCRVDF&session=26>. For additional information, please contact Ken Lowery (ken.lowery@usda.gov) of the U.S. Codex Office.

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

The 26th Session of CCFICS is scheduled to take place physically in Hobart, Tasmania, Australia from May 1-5, 2023. The provisional agenda and other working documents related to the 26th Session of the CCFICS will be made available at the following link: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCFICS&session=26>. For additional information, please contact Heather Selig (heather.selig@usda.gov) of the U.S. Codex Office.

Requests for Comments

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

Food Additives: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2022/80/OCS-NFSDU) requesting comments on the technological justification for the use of certain food additives in foods complying with the *Standard for Infant Formula and Formulas for Special Medical Purposes* (CXS 72-1981) and the plan/program for the consideration of remaining food additives. 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 Marie Maratos Bhat (marie.maratosbhat@usda.gov) of the U.S. Codex Office by January 3, 2023. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by January 16, 2023.

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

JECFA MRLs: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2022/72/RVDF) requesting comments/information on the priority list of veterinary drugs for evaluation or re-evaluation by JECFA. 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 Ken Lowery (ken.lowery@usda.gov) by January 2, 2023. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by January 10, 2023.

New U.S. Delegate

Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR)

Mr. Aaron Niman, Senior Environmental Health Scientist with the Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), was recently confirmed as the new delegate to CCPR. He follows in the footsteps of Captain David Miller, who previously served as U.S. Delegate to CCPR for a number of years.

Other

JECFA 97: The FAO and WHO have issued a call for data on a list of substances for toxicological evaluations, the preparation of specifications for the identity and purity, and for estimating the intake of the compounds that are listed is requested for JECFA97. The deadline for submitting data is in February 2023. Additional information may be found at the following link:
FAO: <https://www.fao.org/food-safety/scientific-advice/calls-for-data-and-experts-expert-rosters/en/>.