



Codex News – December 27, 2022

### Electronic Working Groups (EWG)

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

**Remote Audit and Verification:** CCFICS invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by Australia and co-chaired by Canada, Singapore and China, working in English, French and Spanish on development of principles and guidelines on the use of remote audit and verification in regulatory frameworks. Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contributions to the EWG should contact Heather Selig ([heather.selig@usda.gov](mailto:heather.selig@usda.gov)) by January 15, 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.Contact@agriculture.gov.au](mailto:Codex.Contact@agriculture.gov.au) with a copy to: [Codex\\_CFIA@inspection.gc.ca](mailto:Codex_CFIA@inspection.gc.ca), [SFA\\_Codex@sfa.gov.sg](mailto:SFA_Codex@sfa.gov.sg) and [iHACCP@qq.com](mailto:iHACCP@qq.com) by January 9, 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 Fresh Fruits and Vegetables (CCFFV)***

**Fresh Curry Leaves:** CCFFV would like to remind Members and Observers to join the EWG, chaired by India, working in English, to develop a proposed draft standard for fresh curry leaves. Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contributions to the EWG should contact Heather Selig ([Heather.Selig@usda.gov](mailto:Heather.Selig@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 [sudhanshu@apeda.gov.in](mailto:sudhanshu@apeda.gov.in), [vinitas@apeda.gov.in](mailto:vinitas@apeda.gov.in), and [codex-india@nic.in](mailto:codex-india@nic.in) as soon as possible. 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 Spices and Culinary Herbs (CCSCH)***

**Group Standard for Dried Fruits and Berries:** CCSCH invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by the United States and co-chaired by India, Madagascar, and Mexico, working in English, on the proposed draft Group Standard for Spices derived from Dried Fruits and Berries. Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contributions to the EWG should contact Heather Selig ([heather.selig@usda.gov](mailto:heather.selig@usda.gov)) by January 15, 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 [dorian.lafond@usda.gov](mailto:dorian.lafond@usda.gov), [uscodex@usda.gov](mailto:uscodex@usda.gov) and [heather.selig@usda.gov](mailto:heather.selig@usda.gov) also by January 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.

**Vanilla:** CCSCH invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by the United States and co-chaired by India, Madagascar, and Mexico, working in English, on the proposed Draft Standard for Vanilla. Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contributions to the EWG

should contact Heather Selig ([heather.selig@usda.gov](mailto:heather.selig@usda.gov)) by January 15, 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 [dorian.lafond@usda.gov](mailto:dorian.lafond@usda.gov), [uscodex@usda.gov](mailto:uscodex@usda.gov) and [heather.selig@usda.gov](mailto:heather.selig@usda.gov) also by January 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.

**Cardamom:** CCSCCH invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by India and co-chaired by Iran and Guatemala, working in English, on the proposed Draft Standard for Dried Fruits and Berries-Small Cardamom. Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contributions to the EWG should contact Heather Selig ([heather.selig@usda.gov](mailto:heather.selig@usda.gov)) by January 11, 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 [ccsch.bisht@gmail.com](mailto:ccsch.bisht@gmail.com), [codex-india@nic.in](mailto:codex-india@nic.in), [sadat77@gmail.com](mailto:sadat77@gmail.com) by January 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.

**Turmeric:** CCSCCH invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by Iran and co-chaired by India, working in English, on the proposed Draft Standard Dried Roots, Rhizomes and Bulbs - Turmeric. Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contributions to the EWG should contact Heather Selig ([heather.selig@usda.gov](mailto:heather.selig@usda.gov)) by January 18, 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 [sadat77@gmail.com](mailto:sadat77@gmail.com) and [ranjith.a@nic.in](mailto:ranjith.a@nic.in) by January 20, 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.

## Requests for Comments

### ***Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC)***

**CAC45 Report Adoption:** The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2022/82/OCS-CAC) requesting comments from participating delegations of the 45<sup>th</sup> Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC45) on the CAC45 draft report paragraphs 177-229 and draft Appendices II-VII and X. The CL is currently available in English, French, Spanish, Chinese, Arabic and Russian 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 [uscodex@usda.gov](mailto:uscodex@usda.gov) ([uscodex@usda.gov](mailto:uscodex@usda.gov)) of the U.S. Codex Office by January 11, 2023. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the Online Commenting System (OCS) (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by January 20, 2023.

### ***Codex Committee on Fats and Oils (CCFO)***

**Amendments to Acceptable Previous Cargoes:** The Codex Secretariat has issued a reminder on Circular Letter (CL 2021/95/OCS-FO) requesting proposals for amendments to Appendix 2: List of Acceptable Previous Cargoes of CXC 36-1987. The CL is currently 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 Doreen Chen-

Moulec ([doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov](mailto:doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov)) of the U.S. Codex Office by February 13, 2023. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by February 28, 2023.

**JECFA Assessments:** The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2022/81/OCS-FO) requesting comments on the recommendations of JECFA90 and JECFA91 on Assessment of substances proposed as previous cargoes. The CL is currently 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 Doreen Chen-Moulec ([doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov](mailto:doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov)) of the U.S. Codex Office by June 16, 2023. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by June 30, 2023.

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

**NRVs-R:** The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2022/74/OCS-NFSDU) requesting comments on comments on the General Principles for Establishing NRVs-R for Persons Aged 6 – 36 Months. The CL is currently available in English 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](mailto:marie.maratosbhat@usda.gov)) by February 1, 2023. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by February 10, 2023.

#### ***Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues***

**CCPR/JMPR Enhancement:** The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2022/75/PR) requesting comments on comments on the need to enhance CCPR/JMPR and the associated opportunities and challenges. 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](mailto:marie.maratosbhat@usda.gov)) by January 25, 2023. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by January 31, 2023.

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

**Extrapolation of MRLs:** The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2022/76/RVDF) requesting comments on extrapolation of maximum residue limits for veterinary drugs to one or more species. 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](mailto:ken.lowery@usda.gov)) by January 13, 2023. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by January 30, 2023.

**Carryover of Veterinary Drugs:** The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2022/77/RVDF) requesting comments on criteria and procedures for the establishment of action levels for unintended

and unavoidable carryover of veterinary drugs from feed to food of animal origin. 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](mailto:ken.lowery@usda.gov)) by January 13, 2023. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by January 30, 2023.

**Joint CCPR/CCRVDV EWG:** The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2022/78/RVDF) requesting comments on the recommendations arising from the Joint CCPR/CCRVDV EWG. 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](mailto:ken.lowery@usda.gov)) by January 13, 2023. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by January 30, 2023.

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

**Fermented Noni Fruit Juice:** The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2022/83/OCS-NASWP) requesting comments on the Draft Regional Standard for Fermented Noni Fruit Juice. 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](mailto:marie.maratosbhat@usda.gov)) by January 11, 2023. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by January 15, 2023.

### **Other**

#### **FAO**

**Survey:** FAO is conducting a survey to determine the most important topics that should be included in undergraduate training programmes in food safety. The survey also aims to identify any national or regional needs that may be beneficial to include in curricula because of issues or concerns of high importance in particular geographic regions. The survey is available at the following links for English (<https://mesydel.com/logon/fsc-dev/bEhYx59mN/en>) and for Spanish (<https://mesydel.com/logon/fsc-dev/bEhYx59mN/es>).

#### **JECFA**

**New Reports:** The Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA) published the following reports that may be found at the following link: [https://www.who.int/groups/joint-fao-who-expert-committee-on-food-additives-\(jecfa\)/publications/reports](https://www.who.int/groups/joint-fao-who-expert-committee-on-food-additives-(jecfa)/publications/reports).

- Evaluation of certain food additives and contaminants: 91<sup>st</sup> report of the JECFA
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**Addendum to List of Substances for JECFA97:** The JECFA secretariat has made an addendum to the list of substances scheduled for evaluation or re-evaluation at the 97th meeting of JECFA (October 30-November 10, 2023 in Rome, Italy) and may be found at the following link: <http://www.fao.org/3/cc3420en/cc3420en.pdf>.