



Codex News – December 28, 2021

Upcoming Public Meetings

Codex Committee on Food Hygiene (CCFH)

The U.S. Codex Program is sponsoring a public meeting on January 27, 2022, from 1:00 – 3:00PM EST to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items and draft U.S. positions to be discussed at the 52nd Codex Committee on Food Hygiene (CCFH), on February 28 – March 4, 2022. The public meeting will take place virtually. Documents related to the 52nd Session of the CCFH will be accessible via the internet at the following address: www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/en.

- Ms. Jenny Scott, U.S. Delegate to the 52nd Session of the CCFH, invites U.S. interested parties to submit their comments electronically to the following email address: jenny.scott@fda.hhs.gov.
- Please register to attend the public meeting here: www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJltf-yvrTwqE9yjYbgZbeWEHCpqWxw7mQQ.

Upcoming Committee and Task Force Meetings

Codex Committee on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables (CCFFV)

The 22nd Session of the CCFFV will meet virtually on April 25-29, 2022 from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM EST (16:00 – 19:00 CET) with report adoption on May 4, 2022 from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM EST (16:00 – 19:00 CET). A pre-session meeting is also planned for April 21, 2022 from 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM EST (16:00 to 17:30 CET). The provisional agenda and other working documents related to 22nd Session of the CCFFV will be available at: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCFFV&session=22>. For additional information, please contact Doreen Chen-Moulec (doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov) of the U.S. Codex Office.

Electronic Working Groups (EWG)

Codex Committee on Fish and Fishery Products (CCFFP)

Sardinella lemuru (Bali Sardinella): CCFFP invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by the Philippines and co-chaired by the European Union, working in English, Spanish, and French, to evaluate if the *Standard for Canned Sardines and Sardine-Type products* (CXS 94-1981) could be amended to include the fish species *Sardinella lemuru* (Bali Sardinella) in the list of *Sardinella* species under Section 2.1. Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contributions to the EWG should contact Heather Selig (Heather.Selig@usda.gov) by

January 11, 2022. 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 fishstandard@bfar.da.gov.ph by January 15, 2022. 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 Food Labeling (CCFL)

Allergen Labelling: CCFL invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by Australia, and co-chaired by the United Kingdom and the United States, working in English, to develop guidelines for precautionary allergen and advisory labelling and amendments to the *General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods* to introduce new allergen labelling provisions. 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 January 10, 2022. 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@awe.gov.au by January 14, 2022. 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 Pesticide Residues (CCPR)

Pesticides for Evaluation by JMPR: CCPR invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by Australia, working in English, to develop schedules and priority lists of pesticides for evaluation/re-evaluation by the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Meetings on Pesticide Residues (JMPR). Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contributions to the EWG should contact Aaron Niman (Niman.aaron@epa.gov) and Marie Maratos Bhat (Marie.Maratosbhat@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 December 31, 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.

Revision of the *Classification of Food and Feed*: CCPR invites Members and Observers to join an EWG chaired by the United States and co-chaired by The Netherlands, working in English to further the revision of the *Classification of Foods and Animal Feeds* (CXA 4-1989), and to:

- a) Consider the issue of okra and an appropriate representative commodity taking into account monitoring data submitted.
- b) Initiate consideration of Class B, Primary Food Commodities of Animal Origin and Class E, Processed Foods of Animal Origin.

- c) Continue to work on edible animal tissues (including edible offal) in collaboration with the Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods (CCRVDF) EWG on edible offal.
- d) Consider the replies to CL 2020/13-PR on the harmonization of meat mammalian Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) between CCPR and CCRVDF (Classification of Food and Feed: Class B – Primary Commodity of Animal Origin) and the definition of edible offal as recommended by CCRVDF and to continue to cooperate with the CCRVDF-EWG on edible offal to facilitate the harmonization of terminology/definitions that can facilitate the establishment of harmonized MRLs for compounds with dual uses for food of animal origin.

Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contributions to the EWG should contact (Niman.aaron@epa.gov) and Marie Maratos Bhat (Marie.Maratosbhat@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 uscodex@usda.gov with a copy to info@codexalimentarius.nl by December 31, 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.

Exempted Compounds of Low Public Health Concern: CCPR invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by Chile and co-chaired by India and the United States, working in English and Spanish, to further develop the Guidelines for compounds of low public health concerns that could be exempted from the establishment of Codex maximum residue limits for pesticides (CXLs) and to provide examples of compounds to facilitate the development of the Guidelines. Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contributions to the EWG should contact Aaron Niman (Niman.aaron@epa.gov) and Marie Maratos Bhat (Marie.Maratosbhat@usda.gov) by January 3, 2022. 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 cassandra.pacheco@achipia.gob.cl with a copy to roxana.vera@sag.gob.cl by January 5, 2022. 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.

Periodic Review of Unsupported Compounds: CCPR invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by Chile and co-chaired by Australia, India, and Kenya, working in English and Spanish, to further explore the management of unsupported compounds without public health concern scheduled for periodic review by JMPR. The specific terms of reference are to:

- (i) further develop a management proposal for unsupported compounds without public health concern scheduled for periodic review based on Option 2b and 3:
 - (a) Option 2b - Only those CXLs for which there are registrations listed in the national registration database (NRD) will be retained and if so, to outline the

amendments required in the Risk Analysis Principles applied by CCPR to operate this option.

(b) Option 3 - Codex members and observers are granted 4 years to fulfil the data requirements to maintain the CXLs. (i.e., 4-year rule). If members or observers are unable to address the data requirements, all CXLs are to be revoked.

(ii) further develop the recommendations under CX/PR 21/52/17, Appendix I, Terms of Reference (TOR) (ii) – explore options for efficient data support that could be addressed by Codex, FAO/WHO, JMPR, governments and the industry to further assist countries in implementing either options.

Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contributions to the EWG should contact Aaron Niman (Niman.aaron@epa.gov) and Marie Maratos Bhat (Marie.Maratosbhat@usda.gov) by January 3, 2022. 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 cassandra.pacheco@achipia.gob.cl with a copy to roxana.vera@sag.gob.cl by January 5, 2022. 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.

Review of CXG 90-2017 and CXG 56-2005: CCPR invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by Iran and co-chaired by India, working in English, to determine if the *Guidelines on performance criteria of pesticide residues in food and feed* (CXG 90-2017) adequately cover mass spectrometry and if so, to propose revocation of the *Guidelines on the use of mass spectrometry for the identification, confirmation, and quantitative determination of pesticide residues* (CXG 56-2005). Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contributions to the EWG should contact Aaron Niman (Niman.aaron@epa.gov) and Marie Maratos Bhat (Marie.Maratosbhat@usda.gov) by January 3, 2022. 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 roybakhsh@yahoo.com with a copy to codex_office@inso.gov.ir and codex-india@nic.in by January 5, 2022. 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.

Engagement of JMPR in Parallel Reviews of New Compounds: CCPR invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by Canada and co-chaired by Costa Rica and Kenya, working in English, to develop a discussion paper outlining the criteria for selecting a global project manager responsible for overseeing the parallel review of new compounds. Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contributions to the EWG should contact Aaron Niman (Niman.aaron@epa.gov) and Marie Maratos Bhat (Marie.Maratosbhat@usda.gov) by January 5, 2022. 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 brent.wilson@AGR.GC.CA with a copy to Codex_Canada@hc-sc.gc.ca by January 10, 2022. 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.

Purity and Stability of Certified Reference Materials (CRMs): CCPR invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by India and co-chaired by Argentina and Iran, working in English and Spanish, to further develop the discussion paper to consider the need, feasibility, and relevance to develop harmonized guidelines/analytical protocol on the monitoring of purity and stability of CRMs and stock solutions of multi-class pesticides during prolonged storage, including intermediate and working standards and; harmonized criteria for the use of CRMs and stock solutions beyond the expiry date as per certified analysis. Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contributions to the EWG should contact Aaron Niman (Niman.aaron@epa.gov) and Marie Maratos Bhat (Marie.Maratosbhat@usda.gov) by January 5, 2022. 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-india@nic.in by January 10, 2022. 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.

National Registration of Pesticides: CCPR invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by Germany and co-chaired by Australia, working in English, to provide an improved National Registration Database with about 20 compounds every year from Tables 2A and 2B for which data are requested and to analyze the compiled data from all respondents in view of the needs for the establishment of the Codex schedules and priority lists of pesticides for evaluation by JMPR. Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contributions to the EWG should contact Aaron Niman (Niman.aaron@epa.gov) and Marie Maratos Bhat (Marie.Maratosbhat@usda.gov) by January 17, 2022. 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 karsten.hohgardt@bvl.bund.de with a copy to sante-codex@ec.europa.eu by January 20, 2022. 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 Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods (CCRVDF)

Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) of Veterinary Drugs: CCRVDF invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by the EU and co-chaired by Costa Rica, working in English and Spanish, to extrapolate MRLs for different combinations of compounds/commodities and for ivermectin in goat and sheep's milk and to develop a suitable approach for the extrapolation of MRLs for residues of veterinary drugs for offal tissues. Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contributions to the EWG should contact Ken Lowery (Ken.Lowery@usda.gov) by January 20, 2022. 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 sante-codex@ec.europa.eu by January 25, 2022. 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.

Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) of Veterinary Drugs: CCRVDF invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by Kenya and co-chaired by New Zealand, working in English to work in parallel with the EWG on the revision of the Classification of Food and Feed established by the CCPR on issues pertaining to harmonization of edible offal (Recommendations 3 and 7 of CX/RVDF 21/25/9). Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contributions to the EWG should contact Ken Lowery (Ken.Lowery@usda.gov) by January 20, 2022. 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 info@kebs.org with a copy to codexnz@mpi.govt.nz by January 25, 2022. 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)

Draft Standard for Turmeric: CCSCH invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by Iran and co-chaired by India, working in English, to develop a proposed draft standard for 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) 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 the following email addresses: sadat77@gmail.com and ranjith.a@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.

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

CCNASWP invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by Tonga and co-chaired by Samoa, working in English, to continue development of a draft regional standard for fermented noni juice. Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contributions to the EWG should contact Marie Maratos Bhat (Marie.Maratosbhat@usda.gov) by January 28, 2022. 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 luseane.taufa@gmail.com with a copy to roger.toleafoa@mcil.gov.ws and max.leelo@mcil.gov.ws by February 1, 2022. 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.

Recent Codex Delegation Reports

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

The report of the U.S. Delegate on the 8th Session of the TFAMR has been published. The report can be found at the following link:

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

Codex Committee on Fats and Oils (CCFO)

The report of the U.S. Delegate on the 27th Session of the CCFO has been published. The report can be found at the following link:

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

Codex Committee on Food Labelling (CCFL)

The report of the U.S. Delegate on the 46th Session of the CCFL has been published. The report can be found at the following link:

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

Requests for Comments

Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods (CCCF)

Forward Workplan: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2021/87-CF) requesting comments on the approach/methodology for the review of contaminant/staple food combinations for future work in the forward workplan for CCCF. 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) by January 10, 2022. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by January 25, 2022.

Priority List of Contaminants for Evaluation by JECFA: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2021/88-CF) requesting comments on the priority list of contaminants for evaluation or re-evaluation by the Joint Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA). 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) by March 14, 2022. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by March 25, 2022.

Follow-Up to the Outcomes of JECFA Evaluations: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2021/89-CF) requesting comments on the follow-up to the outcomes of the JECFA evaluations and FAO/WHO expert meetings. 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) by March 14, 2022. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their Codex Contact Points (CCP) using the Online Commenting System (OCS) (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by March 25, 2022.

Review of Codex Standards for Contaminants in Food and Feed: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2021/90-CF) requesting comments (on the prioritization/review of Codex standards and related texts for contaminants in food and feed. 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) by March 14, 2022. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by March 25, 2022.

Codex Committee on Fats and Oils (CCFO)

Essential Composition of Sunflower Seed Oils: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2021/93/OCS-FO) requesting comments on the proposed revision to the *Standard for Named Vegetable Oils* (CXS 210-1999) – Essential composition of Sunflower Seed oils. 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) by June 13, 2022. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by June 30, 2022.

Inclusion of Avocado Oil: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2021/94/OCS-FO) requesting comments on the proposed revision to the *Standard for Named Vegetable Oils* (CXS 210-1999) – Inclusion of Avocado oil. 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) by June 13, 2022. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by June 30, 2022.

List of Acceptable Previous Cargoes: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2021/95/OCS-FO) requesting proposals for amendments to Appendix 2: List of Acceptable Previous Cargoes of the *Code of Practice for the Storage and Transport of Edible Fats and Oils in*

Bulk (CXC 36-1987). 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) by June 13, 2022. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by June 30, 2022.

New Work/Amendments: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2021/96-FO) requesting proposals for new work and/or amendments to existing CCFO texts. 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) by September 19, 2022. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP to codex@fao.org with a copy to ccfo_malaysia@moh.gov.my by September 30, 2022.

Codex Committee on Food Additives (CCFA)

Trisodium Citrate: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2021/92/OCS-FA) requesting comments on the use of trisodium citrate (INS 331(iii)) in Food Category 01.1.1 “Fluid milk (plain).” 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 Ken Lowery (Ken.Lowery@usda.gov) as soon as possible. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by January 15, 2022.

Codex Committee on Food Hygiene (CCFH)

Control of *Escherichia coli* in Food: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2021/63/OCS-FH) requesting comments on the proposed draft guidelines for the control of Shiga Toxin-Producing *Escherichia coli* (STEC) in raw beef, fresh leafy vegetables, raw milk and raw milk cheeses, and sprouts. 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 Jenny Scott (jenny.scott@fda.hhs.gov) and Marie Maratos Bhat (Marie.Maratosbhat@usda.gov) by January 11, 2022. Comments by Member countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by January 21, 2022.

Codex Committee on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables (CCFFV)

Onions and Shallots: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2021/84/OCS-FFV) requesting comments at Step 3 on the Proposed draft Standard for Onions and Shallots. The CL is currently available in English at the following link: <http://www.fao.org/fao-who->

[codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters](https://www.codexalimentarius.org/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) by February 21, 2022. Comments by Member countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by March 5, 2022.

Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR)

National Registration of Pesticides: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2021/97-PR) requesting comments and information on national registrations of pesticides related to the EWG on the national registration database of pesticides for periodic review by JMPR. The CL is currently available in English, French and Spanish at: <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 February 14, 2022. Comments by Member countries and Codex Observers should be submitted using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by February 28, 2022.

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

MRL for Veterinary Drugs: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2021/98-RVDF) requesting comments on the proposed MRLs for veterinary drugs extrapolated to one or more species. The CL is currently available in English at: <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 March 11, 2022. Comments by Member countries and Codex Observers should be submitted using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by March 25, 2022.

Other

JECFA95 Call for Data: The 95th Meeting of the JECFA will convene in Rome, Italy on June 7-16, 2022 or remotely on June 6-17, 2022. The call for data has recently been amended to include three additional processing aids on the list of substances scheduled for evaluation or reevaluation. Data should be submitted to the following email address: jecfa@who.int. The deadline for data submission is December 31, 2021. The amended call for data has been published and is available on the FAO and WHO websites at:

- FAO: [JOINT FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives JECFA. 95th meeting, \(7-16 June 2022\) Call for Data](#)
- WHO: [https://www.who.int/groups/joint-fao-who-expert-committee-on-food-additives-\(jecfa\)/calls-for-data](https://www.who.int/groups/joint-fao-who-expert-committee-on-food-additives-(jecfa)/calls-for-data)