



## Codex News - January 19, 2018

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### *Electronic Working Groups (eWG)*

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

**Revision of the General Principles of Food Hygiene:** CCFH invites Members and Observers to join an eWG, chaired by the United Kingdom and co-chaired by France, Ghana, India, Mexico, and the United States, working in English, French and Spanish, to continue with the revision of the three parts of the *General Principles of Food Hygiene* and its HACCP Annex document – the introduction, GHPs and HACCP. Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contributions to the eWG should contact Barbara McNiff ([barbara.mcniff@fsis.usda.gov](mailto:barbara.mcniff@fsis.usda.gov)) and Marie Maratos ([marie.maratos@fsis.usda.gov](mailto:marie.maratos@fsis.usda.gov)) of the U.S. Codex Office by January 29, 2018. Other Codex members and Observers should send their full contact details via their Codex Contact Points to [eWG.GPFH@food.gov.uk](mailto:eWG.GPFH@food.gov.uk) by January 31, 2018. Please note that the eWG will work on the Codex online platform and therefore only one individual may represent each country/observer in the forum.

**(Micro)biological Foodborne Crisis/Outbreaks:** CCFH invites Members and Observers to join an eWG, chaired by Denmark and co-chaired by Chile and the European Union, working in English and Spanish, develop Guidelines for the Management of (Micro)biological Foodborne Crisis/Outbreaks. Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contributions to the eWG should contact Barbara McNiff ([barbara.mcniff@fsis.usda.gov](mailto:barbara.mcniff@fsis.usda.gov)) and Marie Maratos ([marie.maratos@fsis.usda.gov](mailto:marie.maratos@fsis.usda.gov)) of the U.S. Codex Office by February 20, 2018. Other Codex members and Observers should send their full contact details via their Codex Contact Points to [kxk@fvst.dk](mailto:kxk@fvst.dk) with a copy to [ape@fvst.dk](mailto:ape@fvst.dk) by February 23, 2018. Please note that the eWG will work on the Codex online platform and therefore only one individual may represent each country/observer in the forum.

#### **Committee on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables (CCFFV)**

**Kiwi:** CCFFV invites Members and Observers to join an eWG, chaired by New Zealand and co-chaired by Mexico and Iran, working in English and Spanish, to resolve the issue on the allowance for tolerances for decay, soft rot, and internal breakdown in "Extra" Class and Class I in Kiwi fruit. Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contributions to the eWG should contact Ken Lowery in the U.S. Codex Office ([kenneth.lowery@fsis.usda.gov](mailto:kenneth.lowery@fsis.usda.gov)) by February 12, 2018. Other Codex members and Observers should send their full contact details via their Codex Contact Points to [Codexnz@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:Codexnz@mpi.govt.nz) with a copy to [codexmex@economia.gob.mx](mailto:codexmex@economia.gob.mx) and [codex\\_office@inso.gov.ir](mailto:codex_office@inso.gov.ir) by February 15, 2018. Please note that the eWG will work on the Codex online platform and therefore only one individual may represent each country/observer in the forum.

### *Request for Comments*

#### **Committee on Food Additives (CCFA)**

**JECFA Meeting:** The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2018/10-OCS-FA) requesting comments at Step 3 on the proposed draft Specifications for the Identity and Purity of Food Additives arising from the 84th JECFA Meeting. The CL is currently available in English, French and Spanish on the Codex Website at the following link: [www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/circular-letters/en/](http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/circular-letters/en/). If you are interested in having your comments considered in the U.S. response to this CL, please send your comments to Barbara McNiff in the U.S. Codex Office ([barbara.mcniff@fsis.usda.gov](mailto:barbara.mcniff@fsis.usda.gov)) by January 26, 2018. Other Countries and Observers should upload comments directly to the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS) <https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org/> by February 15, 2018.

#### **Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR)**

**Schedules and Priority Lists:** The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2018/16-PR) requesting Comments on the CCPR schedules and priority lists for evaluation by JMPR. The CL is currently available in English on the Codex Website at the following link: [www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/circular-letters/en/](http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/circular-letters/en/). If you are interested in having your comments considered in the U.S. response to this CL, please send your comments to U.S. Delegate David Miller ([miller.davidj@epa.gov](mailto:miller.davidj@epa.gov)) with a copy to Aaron Niman ([niman.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:niman.aaron@epa.gov)) and Marie Maratos in the U.S. Codex Office ([marie.maratos@fsis.usda.gov](mailto:marie.maratos@fsis.usda.gov)) by February 9, 2018. Other Countries and Observers should send their comments to Ian Reichstein, Chair of the EWG ([ian.reichstein@agriculture.gov.au](mailto:ian.reichstein@agriculture.gov.au)) with a copy to the Codex Secretariat ([codex@fao.org](mailto:codex@fao.org)) by March 1, 2018.



**National Registrations of Pesticides:** The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2018/17-PR) requesting comments and information on national registrations of pesticides. The CL is currently available in English on the Codex Website at the following link: [www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/circular-letters/en/](http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/circular-letters/en/). Please consult the full instructions under the "Request for Comments" section of the CL for further clarification on the information requested. If you are interested in having your comments considered in the U.S. response to this CL, please send your comments to U.S. Delegate David Miller ([miller.davidj@epa.gov](mailto:miller.davidj@epa.gov)) with a copy to Aaron Niman ([niman.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:niman.aaron@epa.gov)) and Marie Maratos in the U.S. Codex Office ([marie.maratos@fsis.usda.gov](mailto:marie.maratos@fsis.usda.gov)) by February 9, 2018. Other Countries and Observers should send their comments to Ian Reichstein, Chair of the EWG ([ian.reichstein@agriculture.gov.au](mailto:ian.reichstein@agriculture.gov.au)) with a copy to the Codex Secretariat ([codex@fao.org](mailto:codex@fao.org)) by March 1, 2018.