



Codex News – January 24, 2023

### Upcoming Public Meetings

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

The U.S. Codex Office is sponsoring a public meeting on Wednesday, February 8, 2023, from 1-4 p.m. EST. The objective of the public meeting is to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items and draft U.S. positions to be discussed at the 43<sup>rd</sup> Session of the CCNFSDU, which will meet in Dusseldorf, Germany, from March 6-10, 2023. Report adoption will be held virtually on March 15, 2023.

- The public meeting will take place via video teleconference only. Documents related to the 43<sup>rd</sup> Session of the CCNFSDU will be accessible via the internet at the following address: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCNFSDU&session=43>.
- Dr. Douglas Balentine, U.S. Delegate to the 43<sup>rd</sup> Session of the CCNFSDU, invites interested U.S. parties to submit their comments electronically to the following email address: [douglas.balentine@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:douglas.balentine@fda.hhs.gov).
- Attendees may register to attend the public meeting here: <https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJltde-srD4oHLqvBHwXapaGAw8FzQxO3j8>.

### Upcoming Committee Meetings

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

The 16<sup>th</sup> Session of CCNASWP is scheduled to take place physically in Nadi, Fiji from January 30 to 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:marie.maratosbhat@usda.gov)) of the U.S. Codex Office.

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

The 26<sup>th</sup> Session of CCRVDF is scheduled to take place physically in Portland, Oregon, United States from February 13-17, 2023. The report adoption will take place in person on the last day of the session. The meeting will be broadcast in English, French and Spanish for those unable to attend in person. The provisional agenda and other working documents related to the 26<sup>th</sup> Session of CCRVDF are available at the following link: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/it/?meeting=CCRVDF&session=26>. For additional information, please contact Ken Lowery ([ken.lowery@usda.gov](mailto:ken.lowery@usda.gov)) of the U.S. Codex Office.

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

The 53<sup>rd</sup> Session of CCFA is scheduled to take place physically in Hong Kong, China from March 27-31, 2023. Physical Working Group meetings on the *General Standard for Food Additives* (GSFA) and the Endorsement/Alignment of Food Additive Provisions of Commodity Standards and Relevant Provisions of the GSFA are scheduled in advance of plenary on March 24-25, 2023. The report adoption will take place in person on the last day of the session. The meeting will be broadcast in English, French and Spanish for those unable to attend in person. The provisional agenda and other working documents related to the 53<sup>rd</sup> Session of CCFA are available at the following link: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCFA&session=53>. For additional information, please contact Doreen Chen-Moulec ([doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov](mailto:doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov)) of the U.S. Codex Office.

## **Electronic Working Groups (EWG)**

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

**Vibrio:** CCFH invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by Japan and co-chaired by Chile, officially working in English (although comments in Spanish will also be accepted), on the revision of the *Guidelines on the Application of General Principles of Food Hygiene to the Control of Pathogenic Vibrio species in Seafood* (CXG 73-2010). 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](mailto:marie.maratosbhat@usda.gov)) by February 3, 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 [toyofuku@yamaguchi-u.ac.jp](mailto:toyofuku@yamaguchi-u.ac.jp) by February 5, 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.

**STEC:** CCFH invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by Chile and co-chaired by the United States, New Zealand, and Kenya, officially working in English (although comments in Spanish will also be accepted), on the development of Annexes 2 (Fresh Leafy Vegetables) and 4 (Sprouts) in the 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. 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](mailto:marie.maratosbhat@usda.gov)) by February 14, 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 [constanza.vergara@achipia.gob.cl](mailto:constanza.vergara@achipia.gob.cl) by February 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.

**Water:** CCFH invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by the European Union and co-chaired by Chile and IDF, officially working in English (although comments in French and Spanish will also be accepted), on the development of Annexes 2 (Fishery Products) and 3 (Dairy Products) in the draft Guidelines for the Safe Use and Reuse of Water in Food. 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](mailto:marie.maratosbhat@usda.gov)) by February 14, 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 [Sante-Codex@ec.europa.eu](mailto:Sante-Codex@ec.europa.eu) by February 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.

## Requests for Comments

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

**CAC45 Report Adoption:** The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2022/82/OCS-CAC REV) requesting second round 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 the U.S. Codex Office ([uscodex@usda.gov](mailto:uscodex@usda.gov)) as soon as possible. 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 26, 2023.

### ***Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods (CCCF)***

**JECFA Priority List:** The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2022/84-CF) requesting comments on the Priority list of contaminants for evaluation or re-evaluation by the Joint FAO/WHO 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](mailto:doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov)) of the U.S. Codex Office by February 15, 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.

**Review of Standards:** The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2022/85-CF) requesting comments on the prioritization for re-evaluation of Codex standards and related texts for contaminants. 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 15, 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.

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

**INS System:** The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2023/4-FA) requesting comments on the proposed changes and/or addition to the *International Numbering System for Food Additives* (CXG 36-1989). 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 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 31, 2023.

**Specifications for Identity and Purity:** The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2023/5-FA) requesting comments on the proposed draft specifications for the identity and purity of food additives arising from the 92<sup>nd</sup> and 95<sup>th</sup> JECFA meetings respectively. 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](mailto:doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov)) of the U.S. Codex Office 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 15, 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)) 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 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)) 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 30, 2023.

**Joint CCPR/CCRVDF EWG:** The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2022/78/RVDF) requesting comments on the recommendations arising from the Joint CCPR/CCRDVF 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)) 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 30, 2023.

***Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs (CCSCH)***

**New Work:** The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2023/01-SCH) requesting proposals on new work for CCSCH. 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 ([heather.selig@usda.gov](mailto:heather.selig@usda.gov)) by August 1, 2023. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by August 31, 2023.