



Codex News- January 28, 2020

Public Meetings

Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR)

The U.S. Codex Program is sponsoring a public meeting on February 27, 2020, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. EST to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items and draft U.S. positions to be discussed at the 52nd Session of the Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, in Guangzhou, People's Republic of China, March 30-April 4, 2020. The public meeting will take place at the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Room PYS-4370/80, One Potomac Yard South, 2777 South Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA 22202. Documents related to the 52nd Session of the CCPR will be accessible via the internet at the following address: www.codexalimentarius.org/meetings-reports/en.

- Captain David Miller, U.S. Delegate to the 52nd Session of the CCPR, invites U.S. interested parties to submit their comments electronically to the following email address: miller.davidj@epa.gov.
- Please register to attend by emailing Marie Maratos (marie.maratos@usda.gov) by February 26, 2020. Early registration is encouraged because it will expedite entry into the building, for which attendees should bring photo identification and plan for adequate time to pass through federal building security screening systems.
- Attendees who are not able to attend in person, but who wish to participate, may do so by phone/conference call; please use the call-in number: 1-888-844-9904, participant code 5126092.

Electronic Working Groups (EWG)

Codex Committee on Food Hygiene (CCFH)

STEC: CCFH invites members and observers to join an EWG chaired by Chile and co-chaired by France, New Zealand and the United States, working in English, on the revision to the Guidelines for the Control of Shiga Toxin-Producing E. Coli (STEC) in Raw Beef, Fresh Leafy Vegetables, Raw Milk and Raw Milk Cheeses, and Sprouts. The specific terms of reference are:

- redraft the General Section, Raw Beef Annex, and Fresh Leafy Vegetables Annex of CX/FH 19/51/8 based on written comments submitted to CCH51;
- update the Raw Beef Annex in CX/FH 19/51/8 with any additional information on interventions relevant to control of STEC in raw beef and submit to JEMRA prior to June 2020;
- draft an annex on Raw Milk and Raw Milk Cheeses describing interventions relevant to control of STEC in these foods and submit to JEMRA prior to June 2020;
- based on JEMRA feedback, revise the Annexes, as necessary.

Individuals in the U.S. interested in working on U.S. contributions to the EWG should contact Marie Maratos (marie.maratos@usda.gov) by January 30, 2020. 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

by January 31, 2020. Please note that when there is more than one expert, each country or observer organization shall designate one as the official representative to participate in the EWG.

Water: CCFH invites members and observers to join an EWG, chaired by Honduras and co-chaired by Chile, Denmark, European Union, and India, working in English, to develop guidelines for the safe sourcing, use and reuse of water in direct and indirect contact with food across the food chain (primary production and processing) by applying the principle of ‘fit for purpose’ using a risk-based approach. Individuals in the U.S. interested in working on U.S. contributions to the EWG should contact Marie Maratos (marie.maratos@usda.gov) by February 14, 2020. 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 msevilla@senasa.gob.hn by February 17, 2020. Please note that when there is more than one expert, each country or observer organization shall designate one as the official representative to participate in the EWG.

Codex Committee on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables (CCFFV)

Fresh Dates: CCFFV invites members and observers to join an EWG chaired by India and co-chaired by Saudi Arabia, working in English, on the Proposed Draft Standard on Fresh Dates. Individuals in the U.S. interested in working on U.S. contributions to the EWG should contact Doreen Chen-Moulelec (Doreen.chenmoulelec@usda.gov) by February 7, 2020. 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 agricommissioner@gmail.com and codex-india@nic.in by February 10, 2020. Please note that when there is more than one expert, each country or observer organization shall designate one as the official representative to participate in the EWG.

Onions and Shallots: CCFFV invites members and observers to join an EWG chaired by Iran and co-chaired by Indonesia and India, working in English, on the Proposed Draft Standard on Onions and Shallots. Individuals in the U.S. interested in working on U.S. contributions to the EWG should contact Doreen Chen-Moulelec (Doreen.chenmoulelec@usda.gov) by February 18, 2020. 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 nady.ahmadi@yahoo.com and nationalcodex@gmail.com by February 20, 2020. Please note that when there is more than one expert, each country or observer organization shall designate one as the official representative to participate in the EWG.

Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses (CCNFSDU) invites members and observers to join an EWG, chaired by the European Union and co-chaired by Russia, working in English, on the technological justification for several food additives, with the following terms of reference:

- to collect information from the applicants on the following additives: low acyl clarified gellan gum, ascorbyl palmitate (INS 304), mixed tocopherol concentrates (INS307b) and

phosphates (INS 339(i), 339 (ii) and 339(iii) and INS 340(i), 340(ii), and 340(iii)) with the framework for considering technological justifications for use in CXS 72-1981; and

- to review the information provided by the applicants and provide recommendation to the Committee on the technological justification of each additive.

Individuals in the U.S. interested in working on U.S. contributions to the EWG should contact Kristen Hendricks (Kristen.hendricks@usda.gov) by February 5, 2020. 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, Jiri.SOCHOR@ec.europa.eu, codex@gsen.ru and bagryantseva@ion.ru by February 7, 2020. Please note that when there is more than one expert, each country or observer organization shall designate one as the official representative to participate in the EWG.

Task Force on Antimicrobial Resistance (TFAMR) invites members and observers to join an EWG chaired by The Netherlands and co-chaired by Canada, Chile, China and New Zealand, working in English, to review and revise the Guidelines for the Integrated Monitoring and Surveillance of Foodborne Antimicrobial Resistance, based on the text in Conference Room Document 03 (CRD03 found at: http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/sh-proxy/en/?lnk=1&url=https%253A%252F%252Fworkspace.fao.org%252Fsites%252Fcodex%252FMeetings%252FCX-804-07%252FCRDs%252Famr07_CRD03x.pdf) focusing on those areas that were not considered at the Physical Working Group and not reopening definitions already agreed to in the Code of Practice. Individuals in the U.S. interested in working on U.S. contributions to the EWG should contact Marie Maratos (marie.maratos@usda.gov) by February 19, 2020. 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 rm.peransala@minvws.nl and a.ottevanger@minvws.nl by February 21, 2020. Please note that when there is more than one expert, each country or observer organization shall designate one as the official representative to participate in the EWG.

Requests for Comments

Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods (CCCF)

Priority List: The Codex Secretariat issued a Circular Letter (CL 2020/24-CF) requesting comments on the Priority list of contaminants and naturally occurring toxicants for evaluation by JECFA. The CL is available in English at the following link: www.fao.org/fao-whocodexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en. 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 20, 2020. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted via their CCP to the Codex Secretariat (codex@fao.org) by March 31, 2020.

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

National Food Control Systems: The Codex Secretariat issued a Circular Letter (CL 2020/02/OCS-FICS) requesting comments at Step 3 on the Proposed Draft Guidelines on recognition and maintenance of equivalence of National Food Control Systems (NFCS). The CL is available in English at the following link: www.fao.org/fao-whocodexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en. If you are interested in having your comments considered in the U.S. response, please send them to Kristen Hendricks (kristen.hendricks@usda.gov) by March 3, 2020. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (ocs.codexalimentarius.org) by March 13, 2020.

Codex Committee on Foods Labelling (CCFL)

Evaluation and Prioritization: The Codex Secretariat issued a Circular Letter (CL 2020/09/OCS-FL) requesting on the proposed draft approach and criteria for evaluation and prioritization of the work of CCFL. The CL is available in English, French and Spanish at the following link: www.fao.org/fao-whocodexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en. If you are interested in having your comments considered in the U.S. response, please send them to Kristen Hendricks (kristen.hendricks@usda.gov) by June 1, 2020. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (ocs.codexalimentarius.org) by June 30, 2020.

Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR)

Priority List: The Codex Secretariat issued a Circular Letter (CL 2020/05/OCS-PR) requesting comments and information on the Priority list and schedules of pesticides for evaluation by JMPR. The CL is available in English, French and Spanish at the following link: www.fao.org/fao-whocodexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en. If you are interested in having your comments considered in the U.S. response, please send them to Marie Maratos (marie.maratos@usda.gov) by February 10, 2020. Comments by other observers and countries should be sent to Karina Budd (karina.budd@agriculture.gov.au) with a copy to the CCPR Secretariat (ccpr@agri.gov.cn) and the Codex Secretariat (codex@fao.org) by February 20, 2020.

JMPR evaluations: The Codex Secretariat issued a Circular Letter (CL 2020/06/OCS-PR) requesting comments on MRLs for pesticides arising from JMPR evaluations. The CL is available in English, French and Spanish at the following link: www.fao.org/fao-whocodexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en. If you are interested in having your comments considered in the U.S. response, please send them to Marie Maratos (marie.maratos@usda.gov) by February 18, 2020. Comments by other observers and countries should be sent to the CCPR Secretariat (ccpr@agri.gov.cn) with a copy to the Codex Secretariat (codex@fao.org) by February 28, 2020.

Harmonization of Meat Mammalian MRL: The Codex Secretariat issued a Circular Letter (CL 2020/13-PR) requesting comments on the harmonization of meat mammalian Maximum Residue Limits (MRL) between the CCPR and the Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods (CCRVPDF) (Classification of Food and Feed: Class B- Primary Commodities of

Animal Origin) arising from the Joint JECFA/JMPR Working Group on the Revision of the Guidance Document for Residue Definition. The CL is available in English and Spanish at the following link: www.fao.org/fao-whocodexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en. If you are interested in having your comments considered in the U.S. response, please send them to Marie Maratos (marie.maratos@usda.gov) by February 18, 2020. Comments by other observers and countries should be sent to the CCPR Secretariat (ccpr@agri.gov.cn) with a copy to the Codex Secretariat (codex@fao.org) by February 28, 2020.

Coordinating Committee for Near East (CCNEA)

Mixed Zaatar: The Codex Secretariat issued a Circular Letter (CL 2020/07/OCS-NE) requesting comments at Step 8 on the draft regional standard for mixed zaatar. The CL is available in English at the following link: www.fao.org/fao-whocodexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en. 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 21, 2020. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (ocs.codexalimentarius.org) by March 31, 2020.

Coordinating Committee for North American and the South West Pacific (CCNASWP)

Kava: The Codex Secretariat issued a Circular Letter (CL 2020/16/OCS-NASWP) requesting comments at Step 5 on the proposed draft Regional Standard for Kava products for use as a beverage when mixed with water. The CL is available in English, French and Spanish at the following link: www.fao.org/fao-whocodexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en. If you are interested in having your comments considered in the U.S. response, please send them to Marie Maratos (marie.maratos@usda.gov) by March 13, 2020. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (ocs.codexalimentarius.org) by March 31, 2020.

Noni: The Codex Secretariat issued a Circular Letter (CL 2020/15/OCS-NASWP) requesting comments at Step 5 on the proposed draft Regional Standard for Fermented Noni Fruit Juice. The CL is available in English, French and Spanish at the following link: www.fao.org/fao-whocodexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en. If you are interested in having your comments considered in the U.S. response, please send them to Marie Maratos (marie.maratos@usda.gov) by March 13, 2020. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (ocs.codexalimentarius.org) by March 31, 2020.

Task Force on Antimicrobial Resistance (TFAMR)

Code of Practice: The Codex Secretariat issued a Circular Letter (CL 2020/04/OCS-PR) requesting comments at Step 5 on the proposed draft revised Code of practice to contain and minimize AMR. The CL is available in English at the following link: www.fao.org/fao-whocodexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en. If you are interested in having your comments considered in the U.S. response, please send them to Marie Maratos (marie.maratos@usda.gov) by March 20, 2020. Comments by other observers and countries

should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (ocs.codexalimentarius.org) by March 28, 2020.

Other

Coordinating Committee for Latin America and the Caribbean (CCLAC)

Part II: The Codex Secretariat issued the invitation and provisional agenda to the Part II of the Twenty-first Session of the CCLAC to be held by correspondence on the Codex forum from February 3-March 20, 2020. For working documents, CRDs and other information, please check the Meetings and Reports page on the Codex website by clicking on the following link: [CCLAC Part II](#). 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 10, 2020. Comments by other observers and countries should be directed to codex@fao.org.