



Codex News - February 5, 2018

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Electronic Working Groups (eWG)

Committee on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables (CCFFV)

Ware Potatoes: CCFFV invites Members and Observers to join an eWG, chaired by India and co-chaired by Cameroon and Peru, working in English, French, and Spanish, to work on outstanding issues on the *Draft Standard for Ware Potatoes*. 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) by February 20, 2018. Other Codex members and Observers should send their full contact details via their Codex Contact Points to agricommissioner@gmail.com and codex-india@nic.in by February 24, 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 Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses (CCNFSDU)

NRV-NCD for EPA and DHA Long Chain Omega-3 Fatty Acids: CCNFSDU invites Members and Observers to join an eWG, chaired by Russia and co-chaired by Chile, working in English only, on the proposed draft NRV-NCD for EPA and DHA Long Chain Omega-3 Fatty Acids. Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contributions to the eWG should contact Doreen Chen-Moulec in the U.S. Codex Office (Doreen.chen-moulec@fsis.usda.gov) by February 16, 2018. Other Codex members and Observers should send their full contact details via their Codex Contact Points to codex@ion.ru by February 20, 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.

JECFA Priority List: CCNFSDU invites Members and Observers to join an eWG, chaired by the European Union and co-chaired by Russia, working in English only, to develop a framework on technological justification for substances intended for inclusion in the priority list of substances for JECFA evaluation. Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contributions to the eWG should contact Doreen Chen-Moulec in the U.S. Codex Office (Doreen.chen-moulec@fsis.usda.gov) by February 16, 2018. Other Codex members and Observers should send their full contact details via their Codex Contact Points to the EU Codex Contact Point (Sante-Codex@ec.europa.eu) and Jiri Sochor (Jiri.SOCHOR@ec.europa.eu) with a copy to the Russian Codex Contact Point (codex@gscn.ru) and Olga Bagryantseva (bagryantseva@ion.ru) by February 20, 2018.

NRV-R: CCNFSDU invites Members and Observers to join an eWG, chaired by Ireland and co-chaired by Mexico and the United States, working in English and Spanish, to assess the need and value of the establishment of NRV-R for older infants and young children. Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contributions to the eWG should contact Doreen Chen-Moulec in the U.S. Codex Office (Doreen.chen-moulec@fsis.usda.gov) by February 16, 2018. Other Codex members and Observers should send their full contact details via their Codex Contact Points to mflynn@fsai.ie with a copy to olyons@fsai.ie and Ruairi.Colbert@agriculture.gov.ie 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.

Request for Comments

Committee on Contaminants in Foods (CCCF)

Lead: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2018/1-CF) requesting comments at Steps 6 and 3 on the Proposed draft and draft maximum levels of lead in selected commodities in the *General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in Food and Feed* (GSCTFF) (CXS 193-1995). The CL is currently available in English on the Codex Website at the following link: 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 Lauren Robin (lauren.robin@fda.hhs.gov) and Doreen Chen-Moulec in the U.S. Codex Office (Doreen.chen-moulec@fsis.usda.gov) by February 9, 2018. Other Countries and Observers should send their comments directly to the CCCF Secretariat (info@codexalimentarius.nl) with a copy to the Codex Secretariat (codex@fao.org) by February 23, 2018.

Cadmium: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2018/2-CF) requesting comments at Step 3 on the proposed draft maximum levels for cadmium in chocolate and cocoa-derived products. The CL is currently available in English on the Codex Website at the following link: 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 Lauren Robin



(lauren.robin@fda.hhs.gov) and Doreen Chen-Moulec in the U.S. Codex Office (Doreen.chen-moulec@fsis.usda.gov) by February 9, 2018. Other Countries and Observers should send their comments directly to the CCCF Secretariat (info@codexalimentarius.nl) with a copy to the Codex Secretariat (codex@fao.org) by February 23, 2018.

3-MCPDE and GE: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2018/5-CF) requesting comments at Step 3 on the Proposed draft Code of Practice for the reduction of 3-monochloropropane-1,2-diol esters (3-MCPDE) and glycidyl esters (GE) in refined oils and products made with refined oils, especially infant formula. The CL is currently available in English on the Codex Website at the following link: 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 Lauren Robin (lauren.robin@fda.hhs.gov) and Doreen Chen-Moulec in the U.S. Codex Office (Doreen.chen-moulec@fsis.usda.gov) by February 9, 2018. Other Countries and Observers should send their comments directly to the CCCF Secretariat (info@codexalimentarius.nl) with a copy to the Codex Secretariat (codex@fao.org) by February 23, 2018.

Aflatoxins in Peanuts: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2018/6-CF) requesting comments at Step 3 on the proposed draft maximum level for total aflatoxins in ready-to-eat peanuts and associated sampling plan. The CL is currently available in English on the Codex Website at the following link: 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 Lauren Robin (lauren.robin@fda.hhs.gov) and Doreen Chen-Moulec in the U.S. Codex Office (Doreen.chen-moulec@fsis.usda.gov) by February 9, 2018. Other Countries and Observers should send their comments directly to the CCCF Secretariat (info@codexalimentarius.nl) with a copy to the Codex Secretariat (codex@fao.org) by February 23, 2018.

Aflatoxins and Ochratoxin A: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2018/7-CF) requesting comments at Step 3 on the proposed draft maximum levels for total aflatoxins and ochratoxin A in nutmeg, chili and paprika, ginger, pepper and turmeric and associated sampling plans. The CL is currently available in English on the Codex Website at the following link: 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 Lauren Robin (lauren.robin@fda.hhs.gov) and Doreen Chen-Moulec in the U.S. Codex Office (Doreen.chen-moulec@fsis.usda.gov) by February 9, 2018. Other Countries and Observers should send their comments directly to the CCCF Secretariat (info@codexalimentarius.nl) with a copy to the Codex Secretariat (codex@fao.org) by February 23, 2018.

Low Level Presence: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2018/8-CF) requesting comments at Step 3 on the proposed draft Guidelines for Risk Analysis of Chemicals Inadvertently Present in Food at Low Levels. The CL is currently available in English on the Codex Website at the following link: 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 Lauren Robin (lauren.robin@fda.hhs.gov) and Doreen Chen-Moulec in the U.S. Codex Office (Doreen.chen-moulec@fsis.usda.gov) by February 9, 2018. Other Countries and Observers should send their comments directly to the CCCF Secretariat (info@codexalimentarius.nl) with a copy to the Codex Secretariat (codex@fao.org) by February 23, 2018.

Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR)

JMPR Recommendations: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2018/11-PR) requesting Comments on the Recommendations of the 2017 Joint FAO/WHO Meeting on Pesticide Residues (JMPR). 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/. 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) with a copy to Aaron Niman (niman.aaron@epa.gov) and Marie Maratos in the U.S. Codex Office (marie.maratos@fsis.usda.gov) by February 9, 2018. Other Countries and Observers should send their comments to the CCPR Secretariat (ccpr@agri.gov.cn) with a copy to the Codex Secretariat (codex@fao.org) by March 1, 2018.

Other

85TH JECFA Report: The report from the 85th meeting (WHO Technical Report Series No. 1008) of the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA) on the evaluation of veterinary drug residues in foods is now available on the WHO website at: <http://www.who.int/foodsafety/publications/jecfa-reports/en/>.