



Codex News – February 8, 2022

Upcoming Committee Meetings

Codex Committee on Food Hygiene (CCFH)

The 52nd Session of the CCFH will meet virtually on February 28-March 4, 2022, from 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM EST (14:00 – 17:00 CET) with report adoption on March 9, 2022, from 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM EST (14:00 – 17:00 CET). A pre-session Working Group meeting is also planned for February 27, 2022, from 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM EST (14:00 to 17:00 CET). The provisional agenda and other working documents related to the 52nd Session of the CCFH are available at: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCFH&session=52>. For additional information, please contact Marie Maratos Bhat (marie.maratosbhat@usda.gov) of the U.S. Codex Office.

Electronic Working Groups (EWG)

Codex Committee on Fats and Oils (CCFO)

Avocado Oil: CCFO invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by Mexico and co-chaired by the United States, working in English and Spanish, to prepare a proposed draft revision of the *Standard for Named Vegetable Oils* (CXS 210-1999) to consider inclusion of avocado oil. Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contributions to the EWG should contact Doreen Chen-Moulec (Doreen.Chenmoulec@usda.gov) by February 23, 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 Point (CCP) to codexmex@economia.gob.mx, tania.fosado@economia.gob.mx, and Doreen.Chenmoulec@usda.gov by February 28, 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.

Sacha Inchi Oil: CCFO invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by Peru, working in English and Spanish, to prepare the proposed draft revision of the *Standard for Named Vegetable Oils* (CXS 210-1999) to consider inclusion of sacha inchi oil. Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contributions to the EWG should contact Doreen Chen-Moulec (Doreen.Chenmoulec@usda.gov) by February 23, 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 gcastillo@inacal.gob.pe and codex@minsa.gob.pe by February 28, 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.

Camellia Seed Oil: CCFO invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by China, working in English, to prepare the proposed draft revision of the *Standard for Named Vegetable Oils* (CXS 210-1999) to consider inclusion of camellia seed oil. Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contributions to the EWG should contact Doreen Chen-Moulec (Doreen.Chenmoulec@usda.gov) by March 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 zhangyan@lswz.gov.cn with a copy to codexchinamoa@126.com and zhongwan1995@gmail.com by March 31, 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 Fish and Fishery Products (CCFFP)

Sardinella lemuru (Bali Sardinella): CCFFP has extended the deadline to register for the 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) 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 fishstandard@bfar.da.gov.ph 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.

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

Establishment of NRVs-R: CCNFSDU invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by Ireland and co-chaired by Costa Rica and the United States, working in English and Spanish, to finalize the General Principles for establishing Nutrient Reference Values-Requirements (NRVs-R) for persons aged 6 to 36 months. Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contributions to the EWG should contact Kristen Hendricks (Kristen.Hendricks@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 mflynn@fsai.ie with a copy to olyons@fsai.ie and PhilipM.Kennedy@agriculture.gov.ie 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.

Prioritization Mechanism/New Work Proposals: CCNFSDU invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by Germany and co-chaired by Canada, working in English, to revise the draft guidelines for the preliminary assessment and identification of work priorities for CCNFSDU and to prepare a revised proposed prioritization mechanism for use on a trial basis. 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 March 15, 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 ccnfsdu@bmel.bund.de by March 18, 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)

Action Levels for Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods: CCRVDF invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by Australia and co-chaired by Canada, working in English, to prepare a discussion paper on the possible requirements or criteria for developing tolerance levels (action levels) for compounds in tissues due to the unintended or unavoidable carryover of authorized veterinary drugs in feed. Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contributions to the EWG should contact Ken Lowery (Ken.Lowery@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@awe.gov.au with a copy to Codex.Canada@hc-sc.gc.ca by February 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.

Joint EWG--CCRVDF and Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR)

Coordination of CCRVDF and CCPR work: Following approval at the 44th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC44), CCRVDF and CCPR invite Members and Observers to join a joint EWG, chaired by the United States, working in English, to review work done cooperatively between the two committees, to identify prioritized areas of possible further collaboration between CCRVDF and CCPR, and how this could be carried out. Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contributions to the EWG should contact Ken Lowery (Ken.Lowery@usda.gov) and Marie Maratos Bhat (Marie.Maratosbhat@usda.gov) by March 22, 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 ccrvdf-ussec@usda.gov by March 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.

Recent U.S. Delegation Reports

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

The report of the U.S. Delegate on the 42nd Session of the CNFSDU has been published. The report can be found at the following link:

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

Requests for Comments

Executive Committee of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CCEXEC)

Revision of the *Standard for Kimchi*: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2021/91/OCS-EXEC) requesting comments on the proposal for revision of the *Standard for Kimchi* (CXS 223-2001). 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 July 1, 2022. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their Codex Contact Point (CCP) using the Online Commenting System (OCS) (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by July 15, 2022.

Codex Committee on Food Additives (CCFA)

Revision of Food Additive Provisions: The Codex Secretariat has extended the deadline for Circular Letter (CL 2021/55-FA) requesting proposals for new and/or revision of food additive provisions of the *General Standard for Food Additives* (GSFA). 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) by January 2, 2023. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted to ccfa@cfsa.net.cn with a copy to codex@fao.org by January 15, 2023.

Codex Committee on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables (CCFFV)

Berry Fruits: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2021/85/OCS-FFV) requesting comments at Step 3 on the proposed draft standard for berry fruits. 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 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 Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses (CCNFSDU)

New Work and Emerging Issues: The Codex Secretariat extended the deadline for Circular Letter (CL 2020/30-NFSDU) requesting proposals for new work and emerging issues. The CL is currently available in English, Spanish, and French 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 Kristen Hendricks (Kristen.Hendricks@usda.gov) by September 19, 2022. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted to ccnfsdu@bmel.bund.de with a copy to codex@fao.org by September 30, 2022.

Other

Call for Experts: The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) is seeking experts on risk assessment of food additives, contaminants, and veterinary drug residues for its *Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives* (JECFA) Roster. Applications should be submitted to the following email address: jecfa@fao.org by April 28, 2022. The call for experts is available on the FAO website at: <https://www.fao.org/3/cb8393en/cb8393en.pdf>.