



Codex News – February 23, 2021

## Public Meetings

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

The U.S. Codex Office is sponsoring a public meeting on March 29, 2021, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. EDT to provide information and receive comments on agenda items and draft U.S. positions for the 5<sup>th</sup> Session of the Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs, which will convene virtually from April 20-29, 2021. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the public meeting will take place via video conference call only. The provisional agenda and other documents related to the 5<sup>th</sup> Session of the CCSCH are available at the following link: [www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCSCH&session=5](http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCSCH&session=5).

- Mr. Dorian LaFond, U.S. Delegate to the 5<sup>th</sup> Session of the CCSCH, invites U.S. interested parties to submit their comments electronically in advance of the public meeting to the following email address: [dorian.lafond@usda.gov](mailto:dorian.lafond@usda.gov).
- Participants are requested to register in advance to participate in the public meeting here: [www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJlSce2grDljHgR59gdd1YczP24oxfgwbvQ](http://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJlSce2grDljHgR59gdd1YczP24oxfgwbvQ) or by emailing Ms. Heather Selig ([heather.selig@usda.gov](mailto:heather.selig@usda.gov)) by March 15, 2021.

### ***Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis Sampling (CCMAS)***

The U.S. Codex Office is sponsoring a public meeting on April 13, 2021, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. EDT to provide information and receive comments on agenda items and draft U.S. positions for the 41<sup>st</sup> Session of the Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling, which will convene virtually from May 17-25, 2021. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the public meeting will take place via video conference call only. The provisional agenda and other documents related to the 41<sup>st</sup> Session of the CCMAS are available at the following link: [www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCMAS&session=41](http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCMAS&session=41).

- Dr. Greg Noonan, U.S. Delegate to the 41<sup>st</sup> Session of the CCMAS, invites U.S. interested parties to submit their comments electronically in advance of the public meeting to the following email address: [gregory.noonan@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:gregory.noonan@fda.hhs.gov).
- Participants are requested to register in advance to participate in the public meeting here: [www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJlscuCqj4oEzgWRDWAK93IKD-mNRIX2gw](http://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJlscuCqj4oEzgWRDWAK93IKD-mNRIX2gw) or by emailing Ms. Heather Selig ([heather.selig@usda.gov](mailto:heather.selig@usda.gov)) by April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

## Rescheduled Codex Committee Sessions

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

The 14<sup>th</sup> Session of CCCF, which is now rescheduled for May 3-7, 2021, will convene virtually. The provisional agenda and other documents related to the 14<sup>th</sup> Session of CCCF are available at the following link: <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCCF&session=14>. For additional information, please contact Doreen Chen-Moulec ([doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov](mailto:doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov)) of the U.S. Codex Office.

## Requests for Comments

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

**Biological Foodborne Outbreaks:** The Codex Secretariat issued a Circular Letter (CL 2021/4/OCS-FH) requesting comments at Step 6 on the draft Guidance for the Management of Biological Foodborne Outbreaks. The CL is available in English, French and Spanish at the following link: [www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters](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 Marie Maratos Bhat ([Marie.MaratosBhat@usda.gov](mailto:Marie.MaratosBhat@usda.gov)) by June 16, 2021. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted via their Codex Contact Point (CCP) using the Online Commenting System (OCS) (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by June 30, 2021.

### **Codex Committee on Food Labelling (CCFL)**

**Allergen Labeling:** The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2021/9/OCS-FL) requesting comments on allergen labeling (revision of the *General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods*). The CL is available in English, French and Spanish the following link: [www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters](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](mailto:Kristen.hendricks@usda.gov)) by March 17, 2021. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by March 31, 2021.

## Other

**World Food Safety Day 2021:** The FAO, WHO, and the secretariats of the Codex Alimentarius Commission and International Food Safety Authorities Network recently unveiled the theme and visual identity for this year's World Food Safety Day, which is celebrated on June 7<sup>th</sup> annually. You may watch the unveiling on the World Food Safety Day website at the following link: [website](#).

**Microbial Safety of Lipid-Based Ready-to-Use Foods:** The Joint FAO/WHO Expert Meetings on Microbiological Risk Assessment (JEMRA) has published its report on the second meeting concerning the microbial safety of lipid-based ready-to-use foods for management of moderate acute malnutrition and severe acute malnutrition. The report can be found on the FAO website at the following link: <http://www.fao.org/documents/card/en/c/cb3223en>

**Code of Practice for Fish and Fishery Products:** The WHO recently published an updated version of the *Code of Practice for Fish and Fishery Products*. This document, created with the FAO, is the central text of the Codex Committee on Fish and Fishery Products, and may be found at the following link: <https://apps.who.int/iris/handle/10665/336524>.