



Codex News – March 9, 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 5th 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 5th Session of the CCSCH are available at the following link: www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCSCH&session=5.

- Mr. Dorian LaFond, U.S. Delegate to the 5th 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.
- Participants are requested to register in advance to participate in the public meeting here: www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJlsce2grDljHgR59gdd1YczP24oxfgwbvQ or by emailing Ms. Heather Selig (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 41st 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 41st Session of the CCMAS are available at the following link: www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCMAS&session=41.

- Dr. Greg Noonan, U.S. Delegate to the 41st 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.
- Participants are requested to register in advance to participate in the public meeting here: www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJlscuCqqj4oEzgWRDWAK93IKD-mNRIX2gw or by emailing Ms. Heather Selig (heather.selig@usda.gov) by April 1st, 2021.

Rescheduled Codex Committee Sessions

Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods (CCCF)

The 14th Session of CCCF, has been rescheduled for May 3-7 and 13, 2021, and will convene virtually. The provisional agenda and other documents related to the 14th 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) of the U.S. Codex Office.

Requests for Comments

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Standard for Chili Pepper and Paprika: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2021/8/OCS-SCH) requesting comments on the proposed draft Standard for dried or dehydrated chili pepper and paprika. The CL is available in English at the following link: 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 Heather Selig (heather.selig@usda.gov) by March 26, 2021. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by April 9, 2021.

Other

JECFA: The Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA) has published its summary report on the 91st Meeting, which took place virtually from February 1-12, 2021 and again on February 25, 2021 to adopt the meeting report. JECFA evaluated contaminants including cadmium and ergot alkaloids and discussed previous cargoes and steviol glycosides. The summary report can be found on the FAO website at the following link: <http://www.fao.org/3/cb3689en/cb3689en.pdf>.

JEMRA: 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>

Webinar on Carryover in Feed and Transfer from Feed to Food: In anticipation of CCRVDF25, FAO, WHO, and the Codex Secretariat will hold a webinar on carryover in feed and transfer from feed to food of unavailable and unintended residues of approved drugs. The webinar is set for March 25, 2021 from 7:00-8:00 EDT (12:00-13:30 Central European Time). If you are interested in participating in the webinar, you may complete the registration at the following link: <https://fao.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEpcyrrjojHdFj9SniPjybmtDcrrJyySH8>.

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 7th annually. You may watch the unveiling on the World Food Safety Day website at the following link: [website](#).