



## Codex News - March 30, 2018

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### Upcoming Public Meetings

#### **Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods (CCRVDF)**

The U.S. Codex Office will conduct a public meeting on April 4, 2018, from 1:00-4:00 pm at the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Jamie L Whitten Building, Room: 107-A, 1400 Independence Ave, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250. The purpose of this public meeting is to present draft US positions on the topics to be discussed at the upcoming session of the CCRVDF meeting in Chicago, Illinois. Persons interested in attending the public meeting in person or by teleconference are requested to register in advance by providing their name, organizational affiliation, and contact information to Ken Lowery ([Kenneth.lowery@fsis.usda.gov](mailto:Kenneth.lowery@fsis.usda.gov)) by April 2 for clearance. For those who would like to participate by telephone, please use the following Call-in information: 1-888-844-9904; Participant Code: 5126092#. The proposed agenda and relevant documents for this session are available at: <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCRVDF&session=24>.

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

The U.S. Codex Office will conduct a public meeting on April 6, 2018, from 10:30 am -12:30 pm at the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Jamie L Whitten Building, Room: 107-A, 1400 Independence Ave, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250. The purpose of this public meeting is to present draft US positions on the topics to be discussed at the upcoming session of the CCMAS meeting in Budapest, Hungary. Persons interested in attending the public meeting in person or by teleconference are requested to register in advance by providing their name, organizational affiliation, and contact information to Doreen Chen-Moulec ([Doreen.chen-moulec@fsis.usda.gov](mailto:Doreen.chen-moulec@fsis.usda.gov)) by April 4 for clearance. For those who would like to participate by telephone, please use the following Call-in information: 1-888-844-9904; Participant Code: 5126092#. The proposed agenda and relevant documents for this session are available at: <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCMAS&session=39>.

### Request for Comments

#### **Committee on Processed Fruits and Vegetables (CCPFV)**

**Prioritization of Work:** The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2018/22-PFV) requesting comments on the prioritization of work for the CCPFV. The CL is currently available in English and Spanish on the Codex Website at the following link: [www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/circular-letters/en/](http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/circular-letters/en/). Codex members are invited to provide comments on the prioritization of approved new work for CCPFV (Table 1) and the prioritization of pending work on the review of existing standards for processed fruits and vegetables (Table 2). Codex Members should also indicate their willingness to chair or co-chair work on approved new work (Table 1) and on pending work on the review of existing standards (Table 2). Those countries who submitted project documents for new work indicated in Table 1 should reconfirm their willingness to lead such work. In addition, Codex members are invited to indicate their willingness to lead work on matters raised by CCFA and CCMAS in order to facilitate their consideration by CCPFV (Table 3).

If you are interested in having your comments considered in the U.S. response to this CL, please send your comments to Doreen Chen-Moulec in the U.S. Codex Office ([Doreen.chen-moulec@fsis.usda.gov](mailto:Doreen.chen-moulec@fsis.usda.gov)) by April 6, 2018. Other Countries and Observers should provide their comments by April 10, 2018, on questions 15, 16 and 17 by using the Survey Monkey online questionnaire, in accordance with these instructions:

1. Login with your credentials at: [www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/login/en/](http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/login/en/)
2. In the "MyCodex dashboard" page please click on the link "CCPFV prioritization of work"

#### **Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC)**

The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2018/23/OCS/CAC) requesting feedback on the draft report on the preliminary findings of the regular review of Codex work management: Cooperation between the Codex Alimentarius Commission and other standard-setting Organizations. The CL is currently available in English on the Codex Website at the following link: [www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/circular-letters/en/](http://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 Mary Frances Lowe in the U.S. Codex Office ([maryfrances.lowe@fsis.usda.gov](mailto:maryfrances.lowe@fsis.usda.gov)) by April 3, 2018. Other Countries and



Observers should upload comments directly to the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS) <https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org/> by April 5, 2018.

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

The Codex Secretariat has issued a reminder for Circular Letter (CL 2017/67-SCH) requesting submission of proposals for new work for the CCSCH. 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/](http://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 Dorian LaFond ([dorian.lafond@ams.usda.gov](mailto:dorian.lafond@ams.usda.gov)) and Marie Maratos in the U.S. Codex Office ([marie.maratos@fsis.usda.gov](mailto:marie.maratos@fsis.usda.gov)) by May 1, 2018. Other Countries and Observers should send their comments to the National Codex Contact Point of India ([codex-india@nic.in](mailto:codex-india@nic.in)) and Dr Dinesh Singh Bisht ([ccsch@indianspices.com](mailto:ccsch@indianspices.com)) with a copy to the Codex Secretariat ([codex@fao.org](mailto:codex@fao.org)) by May 31, 2018.

### ***Physical Working Groups (pWGs)***

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

The Codex Secretariat has issued an invitation to participate in the following second round of pWGs in Edinburgh, United Kingdom, on the following:

- Guidance on the Use of Systems Equivalence Trade (May 28-29, 2018); and
- Regulatory Approaches to Third Party Assurance Schemes in Food Safety and Fair Practices in the Food (May 30-31, 2018)

The pWGs will be conducted in English and Spanish. While personal attendance is encouraged, the use of video conferencing to facilitate participation will also be used. If you are interested in contributing to the US participation, please contact Ken Lowery ([kenneth.lowery@fsis.usda.gov](mailto:kenneth.lowery@fsis.usda.gov)) in the U.S. Codex Office by April 18, 2018. Codex members and observers wishing to participate in the PWG should submit a completed registration form, indicating whether delegates will attend one or both of the sessions, to Codex Australia ([codex.contact@agriculture.gov.au](mailto:codex.contact@agriculture.gov.au)) by no later than April 27, 2018.