



Codex News – April 5, 2022

Upcoming Public Meeting

Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods (CCCF)

The U.S. Codex Program is sponsoring a public meeting on April 19, 2022, from 1:00 – 3:00PM EDT to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items and draft U.S. positions to be discussed at the 15th Session of the CCCF, on May 9 – 13, 2022, with report adoption on May 24, 2022. The public meeting will take place virtually. Documents related to the 15th Session of the CCCF will be accessible via the internet at the following address: www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/en

- Dr. Lauren Posnick Robin, U.S. Delegate to the 15th Session of the CCCF, invites U.S. interested parties to submit their comments electronically to the following email address: lauren. robin@fda.hhs.gov
- Please register to attend the public meeting here: www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJlsceGurDkvGLZO3ek3TyOwCO2Mytr_oQE

Upcoming Committee Meetings

Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods (CCCF)

The 15th Session of the CCCF will meet virtually on May 9-13, 2022, from 7:00AM – 10:00AM EDT (13:00 – 16:00 CET), with report adoption on May 24, 2022, from 7:00AM – 10:00AM EDT (13:00 – 16:00 CET). The provisional agenda and other working documents related to the 15th Session of the CCCF will be available at <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings-reports/detail/en/?meeting=CCCF&session=15>. For additional information, please contact Doreen Chen-Moulec (doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov) of the U.S. Codex Office.

FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Europe (CCEURO)

The 32nd Session of the CCEURO will meet virtually on May 16-18, 2022, from 5:00AM-8:00AM EDT (11:00 – 14:00 CET), with report adoption on May 20, 2022, from 5:00AM-8:00AM EDT (11:00 – 14:00 CET). The provisional agenda and other working documents related to the 32nd Session of the CCEURO will be available at <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCEURO&session=32>. For additional information, please contact the U.S. Codex Office (uscodex@usda.gov).

Electronic Working Groups (EWG)

Codex Committee on Fats and Oils (CCFO)

Olive Oils: CCFO has extended the deadline for Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by Spain and co-chaired by Argentina, working in English, to revise the *Standard for Olive Oils and Pomace Olive Oils* (CXS 33-1981). 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 April 12, 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 wmoreda@ig.csic.es, larre@magyp.gob.ar, and codex@magyp.gob.ar by April 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.

Recent U.S. Delegation Report

Codex Committee on Food Hygiene (CCFH)

The report of the U.S. Delegate on the 52nd Session of the CCFH has been published. The report can be found at the following link:

<https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ccfh52-delegates-report.pdf>.

Requests for Comments

Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods (CCCF)

Cadmium in Cocoa Powder: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2022/14-CF) requesting comments on Maximum Levels (MLs) for cadmium in cocoa powder (100% total cocoa solids on a dry matter basis). 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 contact Doreen Chen-Moulec (doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov) by April 14, 2022. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the Online Commenting System (OCS) (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by April 28, 2022.

Cadmium Contamination in Cocoa Beans: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2022/15-CF) requesting comments on the Code of Practice for the prevention and reduction of cadmium contamination in cocoa beans. 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 contact Doreen Chen-Moulec (doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov) by April 14, 2022. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by April 28, 2022.

Lead in Certain Food Categories: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2022/16-CF) requesting comments on MLs for lead in certain food categories. 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 contact Doreen Chen-Moulec (doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov) by April 11, 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 April 25, 2022.

Methylmercury in Fish: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2022/17-CF) requesting comments on MLs for methylmercury in certain fish species, associated sampling plans, and additional related matters. 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 contact Doreen Chen-Moulec (doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov) by April 11, 2022. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by April 25, 2022.

Aflatoxins in Cereal: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2022/18-CF) requesting comments on MLs for total aflatoxins in certain cereals and cereal-based products, including foods for infants and young children and associated sampling plans. 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 contact Doreen Chen-Moulec (doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov) by April 14, 2022. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by April 28, 2022.

Aflatoxins in Peanuts: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2022/19-CF) requesting comments on MLs for total aflatoxins in ready-to-eat peanuts and the associated sampling plan. 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 contact Doreen Chen-Moulec (doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov) by April 14, 2022. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by April 28, 2022.

Mycotoxin Contamination: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2022/21-CF) requesting comments on the Code of Practice for the prevention/reduction of mycotoxin contamination in cassava and cassava-based products. 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 contact Doreen Chen-Moulec (doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov) by April 16, 2022. Comments

by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by April 30, 2022.

Methods of Analysis for Contaminants: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2022/22-CF) requesting comments on the review of methods of analysis for contaminants in the *proposed numeric method performance criteria for lead and cadmium in foods*. 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 contact Doreen Chen-Moulec (doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov) by April 11, 2022. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by April 25, 2022.

Codex Committee on Fats and Oils (CCFO)

Tocopherols and Tocotrienols in Avocado Oil: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2022/13-FO) requesting data submissions on levels of tocopherols and tocotrienols in avocado oils from authentic samples (mg/kg). 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 Doreen Chen-Moulec (doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov) by September 16, 2022. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted to codex@fao.org with a copy to codexmex@economia.gob.mx and uscodex@usda.gov by September 30, 2022.

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

New Work on Emerging Issues: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2022/05-FICS) requesting comments on proposals for new work on emerging issues and on Appendix A of the “Emerging Issues and Future Direction of CCFICS – Updated List of Emerging Global Issues” (CX/FICS 21/25/9). 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 Kristen Hendricks (Kristen.Hendricks@usda.gov) by June 8, 2022. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted to Codex.contact@awe.gov.au with a copy to codex@fao.org by June 30, 2022.

Codex Committee on Food Labelling (CCFL)

Labelling of Prepackaged Foods: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2022/10-FL) requesting information on the labelling of prepackaged foods in joint presentation and prepackaged multi-packaged foods. 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 Kristen Hendricks

(Kristen.Hendricks@usda.gov) by April 22, 2022. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by May 6, 2022.

Sustainability Labelling: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2022/12-FL) requesting information on sustainability labelling for a discussion paper New Zealand and the European Union are preparing to explore possible work in that area within the mandate of the CCFL. 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 Kristen Hendricks (Kristen.Hendricks@usda.gov) by April 22, 2022. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted to codexnz@mpi.govt.nz with a copy to Phillippa.hawthorne@mpi.govt.nz and Kati.laitinen@mpi.govt.nz by May 6, 2022.

Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling (CCMAS)

Selection of Methods: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2022/23-MAS) requesting comments on the *Rules for the selection of Type II methods from multiple Type III methods*. 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 Heather Selig (Heather.Selig@usda.gov) by June 15, 2022. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by June 30, 2022.

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

Follow-up Formula: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2022/24/OCS-NFSDU) requesting comments on the preamble and structure in the review of the *Standard for Follow-up Formula* (CXS 156-1987). 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 Kristen Hendricks (Kristen.Hendricks@usda.gov) by August 1, 2022. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by August 31, 2022.

New Chairpersons and U.S. Delegates to Codex Committees

Codex Committee on Fats and Oils (CCFO)

U.S. Delegate: Dr. Rhoma Johnson, Consumer Safety Officer at the Division of Plant Products and Beverages in the Office of Food Safety at the Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, U.S. Food and Drug Administration was recently confirmed as the new U.S. Delegate to CCFO.

She follows in the footsteps of Dr. Paul South who served as U.S. Delegate to CCFO for a number of years.

Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods (CCRVDF)

Chairperson: Ms. Brandi Robinson, ONADE International Coordinator at the Center for Veterinary Medicine of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration was recently confirmed as the new Chairperson of the CCRVDF following the announcement of Dr. Kevin Greenlees' s upcoming retirement later this year.

U.S. Delegate: Dr. Jonathan Greene, Biologist at the Center for Veterinary Medicine of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration was recently confirmed as the new U.S. delegate to the CCRVDF. He follows in the footsteps of Ms. Brandi Robinson who served as U.S. Delegate to CCRVDF for several years prior to her appointment now as Chairperson of CCRVDF.