



## Codex News - May 2, 2018

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### Upcoming Public Meetings

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

The U.S. Codex Office will conduct a public meeting on May 31, 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 CAC meeting in Rome, Italy. 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 Maria Teresa Espinoza ([MariaTeresa.Espinoza@fsis.usda.gov](mailto:MariaTeresa.Espinoza@fsis.usda.gov)) by May 25 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=CAC&session=41>.

### Request for Comments

#### **Committee on Cereals, Pulses and Legumes (CCCPL)**

**Quinoa:** The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2018/25-CPL) requesting comments at step 8 on the draft standard for quinoa. 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 Ken Lowery ([kenneth.lowery@fsis.usda.gov](mailto:kenneth.lowery@fsis.usda.gov)) in the U.S. Codex Office by May 15, 2018. Other Countries and Observers should send their comments to the Codex Secretariat ([codex@fao.org](mailto:codex@fao.org)) with a copy to: [USSEC-CCCPL@fsis.usda.gov](mailto:USSEC-CCCPL@fsis.usda.gov); [codex.bolivia@ibnorca.org](mailto:codex.bolivia@ibnorca.org); [normaquinua@ciq.org.bo](mailto:normaquinua@ciq.org.bo); and [Henry.Kim@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:Henry.Kim@fda.hhs.gov) by May 31, 2018.

#### **Committee on Food Additives (CCFA)**

**INS:** The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2018/26-FA) requesting proposals for changes and/or additions to Section 3 of the Class Names and International Numbering System for Food Additives (CXG 36-1989). 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 Barbara McNiff ([Barbara.mcniff@fsis.usda.gov](mailto:Barbara.mcniff@fsis.usda.gov)) in the U.S. Codex Office by August 15, 2018. Other Countries and Observers should send their comments to the CCFA Secretariat ([ccfa@cfssa.net.cn](mailto:ccfa@cfssa.net.cn)) with a copy to the Codex Secretariat ([codex@fao.org](mailto:codex@fao.org)) by September 15, 2018.

**GSFA:** The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2018/27-FA) requesting proposals for new and/or revisions to the food additive provisions of the GSFA. 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 Barbara McNiff ([Barbara.mcniff@fsis.usda.gov](mailto:Barbara.mcniff@fsis.usda.gov)) in the U.S. Codex Office by December 15, 2018. Other Countries and Observers should send their comments to the CCFA Secretariat ([ccfa@cfssa.net.cn](mailto:ccfa@cfssa.net.cn)) with a copy to the Codex Secretariat ([codex@fao.org](mailto:codex@fao.org)) by January 15, 2019.

**Priority List:** The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2018/28-FA) requesting information and comments on the priority list of substances proposed for evaluation by JECFA. 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 Barbara McNiff ([Barbara.mcniff@fsis.usda.gov](mailto:Barbara.mcniff@fsis.usda.gov)) in the U.S. Codex Office by December 15, 2018. Other Countries and Observers should send their comments to the CCFA Secretariat ([ccfa@cfssa.net.cn](mailto:ccfa@cfssa.net.cn)) with a copy to the Codex Secretariat ([codex@fao.org](mailto:codex@fao.org)) by January 15, 2019.

**FCs 14.1.4.2 and 14.1.5:** The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2018/29-FA) requesting proposals for comments on the proposed amendments to the descriptors of Food Categories (FCs) 14.1.4.2 and 14.1.5. The CL is currently available in English on the Codex Website at the following link: [www.fao.org/fao-who-](http://www.fao.org/fao-who-)



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

**New Discussion Papers:** The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2018/24-FL) requesting information to help inform discussion papers for CCFL 45. 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/). The CL contains the following six annexes with different country leads for each topic:

- Annex 1 – internet sales / e-commerce labelling;
- Annex 2 – allergen labelling;
- Annex 3 – innovation, use of technology in food labelling;
- Annex 4 – labelling of alcoholic beverages;
- Annex 5 – criteria for the definition of 'high in' nutritional descriptors for fats, sugars and sodium; and 1 REP16/FL, para 71 2 REP 18/FL, paras 53 - 60 E CL 2018/24-FL 2
- Annex 6 – labelling of food in joint presentation and multipack formats..

If you are interested in having your comments considered in the U.S. responses to the various annexes of this CL, please send your comments to Barbara McNiff ([Barbara.mcniff@fsis.usda.gov](mailto:Barbara.mcniff@fsis.usda.gov)) in the U.S. Codex Office by June 1, 2018. Other Countries and Observers should send their comments by June 29, 2018 to the particular lead countries indicated in the above annexes.