



Codex News – May 18, 2021

Upcoming Committee Meetings

Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR)

The 52nd Session of CCPR, rescheduled from April 2020 to July 2021, will convene virtually. Sessions will take place on July 26-30, 2021 from 7:00-10:00 am EDT (13:00 to 16:00 hours CET). The adoption of the Report will take place on August 3, 2021 from 7:00-10:00 am EDT (13:00 to 16:00 hours CET). The provisional agenda and other documents related to the 52nd Session of CCPR will be available soon at: <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCPR&session=52>. For additional information, please contact Marie Maratos Bhat (Marie.Maratosbhat@usda.gov) of the U.S. Codex Office.

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

The 25th Session of CCFICS, scheduled for May 31-June 8, 2021, will convene virtually. Sessions will take place on May 31 and June 1-4, 2021 from 6:00-9:00 pm EDT (00:00 to 03:00 hours CET). The adoption of the Report will take place on June 8, 2021 from 6:00-9:00 pm EDT (00:00 to 03:00 hours CET). The provisional agenda and other documents related to the 25th Session of CCFICS may be found at: <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCFICS&session=25>. For additional information, please contact Kristen Hendricks (Kristen.hendricks@usda.gov) of the U.S. Codex Office

Requests for Comments

Codex Committee on Food Additives (CCFA)

Identity and Purity of Food Additives: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2021/34/OCS-FA) requesting comments at Step 3 on the proposed draft Specifications for the Identity and Purity of Food Additives arising from the 89th Meeting of the Joint Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA). The CL is available in English, French and Spanish at the following link: www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters Comments by observers and countries should be submitted via their Codex Contact Point (CCP) to the Secretariat for CCFA (secretariat@ccfa.cc) with a copy to the Codex Secretariat (codex@fao.org) by July 31, 2021.

Codex Committee on Food Hygiene (CCFH)

STEC: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2021/35/OCS-FH) requesting comments on the proposed draft Guidelines on the control of STEC in raw beef, fresh leafy vegetables, raw milk and raw milk cheeses, and sprouts. 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 Marie Maratos Bhat (Marie.MaratosBhat@usda.gov) by June 1, 2021. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted via their CCP using the Online Commenting System (OCS) (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) June 16, 2021.

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Compounds of Low Public Health Concern: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2021/38-PR) requesting comments at Step 3 on the Guidelines for compounds of low public health concerns that could be exempted from the establishment of Codex maximum residue limits or do not give rise to residues. 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 Marie Maratos Bhat (Marie.MaratosBhat@usda.gov) by June 15, 2021. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) June 30, 2021.

Codex Task Force on Antimicrobial Resistance (TFAMR)

Code of Practice to Contain and Minimize Foodborne Antimicrobial Resistance: The Codex Secretariat issued a Circular Letter (CL 2021/32/OCS-AMR) requesting comments at Step 6 on the revised Code of practice to contain and minimize foodborne antimicrobial resistance. The CL is available in English, French and Spanish at the following link: www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en. 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) by as soon as possible. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by May 25, 2021.

Guidelines for integrated monitoring and surveillance: The Codex Secretariat issued a Circular Letter (CL 2021/33/OCS-AMR) requesting comments at Step 3 on the Guidelines for integrated monitoring and surveillance of foodborne antimicrobial resistance. The CL is available in English, French and Spanish at the following link: www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en. 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) as soon as possible. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by May 25, 2021.

Other

Public Consultation on WHO Global Strategy for Food Safety: The WHO has launched a public web-based consultation on the draft WHO Global Strategy for Food Safety. Please refer to the WHO webpage(<https://www.who.int/news-room/articles-detail/public-consultation-on-the-draft-who-global-strategy-for-food-safety>) for the full draft strategy and also the general guidance for the submission of comments. Deadline for comments is June 18, 2021.

CCRVDF Online Discussion Forum: CCRVDF invites Members and Observers to join an informal online discussion forum to consider technical issues raised in reply to CL 2020/42(REV 1)-RVDF concerning the policy framework to the extrapolation of maximum residue limits (MRLs) of veterinary drugs to one or more animal species and the MRL proposals deriving from this approach, in order to facilitate their consideration at the upcoming 25th Session of CCRVDF (July 2021). Due to time constraints, the forum will work in English only. Members/Observers interested in joining this discussion group can register at: <https://forum.codex-alimentarius.net/viewforum.php?f=312>.

Redesign of FAO AMR website: FAO is requesting input on the redesign of the FAO AMR website (<http://www.fao.org/antimicrobial-resistance/en/>) to ensure that it meets members' needs. FAO asks those interested in providing feedback to fill out the survey found at the following link (https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AMR_Website).

Report Published: The report of FAO's 2020 Regional Food Safety Conference in Asia and the Pacific has been published. The conference was divided into four sessions with specific focus on different aspects of food safety: national food control systems, science and technology, multi-sectoral collaboration and international trade, communication, and education. The report may be found at the following link: <http://www.fao.org/3/cb3863en/cb3863en.pdf>.