



Codex News – June 13, 2023

Upcoming Committee Meetings

Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR)

The 54th Session of the CCPR will meet in Beijing, China from June 26–July 1, 2023. The report adoption will take place in person on the last day of the Session. The Session will also be broadcasted in listening mode in English, Chinese, French and Spanish. The provisional agenda and other working documents related to the 54th Session of the CCPR will be available at the following link: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCPR&session=54>. For additional information, please contact Marie Maratos Bhat (marie.maratosbhat@usda.gov) of the U.S. Codex Office.

Executive Committee of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CCEXEC)

The 84th Session of the CCEXEC will meet in Geneva, Switzerland from July 10-12, 2023. Report adoption will occur in person on July 14, 2023. The provisional agenda and other working documents related to the 84th Session of the CCEXEC will be available at the following link: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/de/?meeting=CCEXEC&session=84>. For additional information, please contact the U.S. Codex Office (uscodex@usda.gov).

Requests for Comments

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

NFCS: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2023/49/OCS-FICS) requesting comments on the proposed Draft Guidelines on Recognition and Maintenance of Equivalence of National Food Control Systems (NFCS). 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 Heather Selig (heather.selig@usda.gov) of the U.S. Codex Office by September 22, 2023. 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 October 6, 2023.

Remote Audit and Inspections: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2023/50/OCS-FICS) requesting comments on the proposed Draft Principles and Guidelines on the Use of Remote Audit and inspection in Regulatory Frameworks. 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 Heather Selig (heather.selig@usda.gov) of the U.S. Codex Office by September 22, 2023. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by October 6, 2023.

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National Registrations: The Codex Secretariat has issued a revised Circular Letter (CL 2023/25(Rev 1)-PR) requesting comments/data/information on national registrations of pesticides (national registration database of pesticides for periodic review by JMPR) (Groups 1 and 2). The comments submitted will be considered by the 55th Session of the Codex Committee Pesticide Residues (CCPR55, 2024). An interim report on the status of work will be provided to CCPR54 (June 2023) for information. 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) of the U.S. Codex Office by August 15, 2023. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP to Karsten Hohgardt, Chair of the CCPR EWG on National Registrations of Pesticides (karsten.hohgardt@bvl.bund.de) with a copy to the CCPR Secretariat (ccpr@agri.gov.cn) and the Codex Secretariat (codex@fao.org) by August 31, 2023.

Other

World Food Safety Day: June 7th, 2023, marked the 5th anniversary of World Food Safety Day (WFSD). During this time, the U.S. Codex office published a short blog on the importance of Codex in food safety which can be found at this link: <https://www.usda.gov/media/blog/2023/06/07/codex-alimentarius-keeping-us-safe-and-expanding-market-access>. The U.S. Codex Office was also highlighted on the USDA Twitter Page: <https://twitter.com/USDA/status/1666451727225061378?s=20> and <https://twitter.com/USDA/status/1666467556054401024?s=20>.

Undersecretary for Food Safety Dr. José Emilio Esteban spoke virtually at the WFSD panel at the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Headquarters and the recording can be found here: <https://www.fao.org/webcast/home/en/item/6187/icode/>.

Further international initiatives related to WFSD can be accessed through this link: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/world-food-safety-day/wfsd-homepage/en/>.