



Codex News- July 2, 2019

Electronic Working Groups (EWG)

Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs (CCSCH)

Oregano: CCSCCH invites members and observers to join an EWG chaired by Turkey, working in English, to review Section 2.1: Product Definition, Section 8: Labelling, and outstanding issues indicated within square brackets of the draft Standard for Oregano. Individuals in the U.S. interested in working on U.S. contributions to the EWG should contact Marie Maratos (marie.maratos@usda.gov) by July 9, 2019. 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 kodeks@tarimorman.gov.tr, betulvazgecer@hotmail.com, and agungor77@yahoo.com by July 19, 2019. Please note that when there is more than one expert, each country or observer organization shall designate one as the official representative to participate in the EWG.

Dried Basil: CCSCCH invites members and observers to join an EWG, chaired by Egypt and co-chaired by Sudan, working in English, to further develop the proposed draft Standard for Dried Basil taking into account written and/or submitted comments and decisions made at the 4th Session of CCSCCH and comments at Step 5 for consideration by CCSCCH. Individuals in the U.S. interested in working on U.S. contributions to the EWG should contact Marie Maratos (marie.maratos@usda.gov) by July 5, 2019. 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 CCP to ahmed.elhelw@eos.org.eg, helws_a@hotmail.com, and moafsqcu@yahoo.com with copies to codex@fao.org and codex.sb-ker@gov.in by July 15, 2019. Please note that when there is more than one expert, each country or observer organization shall designate one as the official representative to participate in the EWG.

Requests for Comments

Codex Committee on Food Additives (CCFA)

Nitrates and Nitrites: The Codex Secretariat issued a Circular Letter (CL 2019/49-FA) requesting general information on the availability of data related to nitrates and nitrites. The CL can be found in English 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 Ken Lowery (ken.lowery@usda.gov) by September 5, 2019. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted through their CCP to codex@fao.org with a copy to cfa@cfsa.net.cn by September 15, 2019.

Changes/Additions to Class Names and the International Numbering System for Food

Additives: The Codex Secretariat issued a Circular Letter (CL 2019/39-FA) requesting proposals for changes and/or additions to Section 3 of the *Class Names and the International Numbering*

System for Food Additives. The CL is available in English 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 Ken Lowery (ken.lowery@usda.gov) by September 5, 2019. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted through their CCP to ccfa@cfsa.net.cn with a copy to codex@fao.org by September 15, 2019.

Food Additive Provision of the GSFA: The Codex Secretariat issued a Circular Letter (CL 2019/40-FA) requesting proposals for new provisions and/or revisions of the Food Additive Provision of the GSFA. The CL is available in English 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 Ken Lowery (ken.lowery@usda.gov) by January 3, 2020. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted through their CCP to ccfa@cfsa.net.cn with a copy to codex@fao.org by January 15, 2020.

Priority List of Substances: The Codex Secretariat issued a Circular Letter (CL 2019/41-FA) requesting information and comments on the priority list of substances proposed for evaluation by the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA). The CL is available in English 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 Ken Lowery (ken.lowery@usda.gov) by January 3, 2020. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted through their CCP to ccfa@cfsa.net.cn with a copy to codex@fao.org by January 15, 2020.

Codex Committee on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables (CCFFV)

Yam: The Codex Secretariat issued a Circular Letter (CL 2019/65/OCS-FFV) requesting comments at Step 3 on the proposed draft Standard for Yam. The CL is available in English 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 Doreen Chen-Moulec (doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov) by August 5, 2019. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted via their CCP using the Online Commenting System (OCS) (ocs.codexalimentarius.org) by August 15, 2019.

Codex Committee on Food Hygiene (CCFH)

New Work and/or Revisions of Existing Standards: The Codex Secretariat issued a Circular Letter (CL 2019/50-FH) requesting proposals for new work and/or revisions of existing standards. The CL is available in English at the following link: www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en. If you are interested in having your comments considered for the U.S. response, please send them to Marie Maratos (marie.maratos@usda.gov) by August 22, 2019. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted to ccfh@usda.gov with a copy to codex@fao.org by September 1, 2019.

Codex Committee on Fats and Oils (CCFO)

List of Acceptable Previous Cargo: The Codex Secretariat issued a Circular Letter (CL 2019/51/OCS-FO) requesting proposals for amendments to Appendix 2: List of Acceptable Previous Cargoes of [CAC/RCP 36-1987](#). The CL is available in English 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 (marie.maratos@usda.gov) by December 5, 2019. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (ocs.codexalimentarius.org) by December 15, 2019.

FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Africa (CCAFRICA)

Dried Meat: The Codex Secretariat issued a Circular Letter (CL 2019/56/OCS-AFRICA) requesting comments at Step 3 for the proposed draft Standard for Dried Meats. The CL is available 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 Ken Lowery (ken.lowery@usda.gov) by July 19, 2019. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (ocs.codexalimentarius.org) by July 31, 2019.

Fermented Cooked Cassava-Based Products: The Codex Secretariat issued a Circular Letter (CL 2019/57/OCS-AFRICA) requesting comments at Step 6 on the draft Standard for Fermented Cooked Cassava-Based Products. The CL is available 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 Ken Lowery (ken.lowery@usda.gov) by July 19, 2019. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (ocs.codexalimentarius.org) by July 31, 2019.

***Gnetum Spp*:** The Codex Secretariat issued a Circular Letter (CL 2019/58/AFRICA) requesting comments at Step 6 on the draft regional standard for *Gnetum Spp*. The CL is available 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 Ken Lowery (ken.lowery@usda.gov) by July 23, 2019. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (ocs.codexalimentarius.org) by August 2, 2019.

FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for North America and South West Pacific (CCNASWP)

Fermented Noni Juice: The Codex Secretariat issued a Circular Letter (CL 2019/68/OCS-NASWP) requesting comments at Step 3 on the proposed draft regional Standard for Fermented Noni Juice. The CL is available in English 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

(marie.maratos@usda.gov) by August 2, 2019. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (ocs.codexalimentarius.org) by August 12, 2019.