



**Codex News – July 10, 2024**

### **Upcoming Committee Meetings**

#### ***FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Latin America and the Caribbean (CCLAC)***

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Session the FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Latin America and the Caribbean (CCLAC23) will convene virtually on July 22-26, 2024. The meeting will be broadcast in English and Spanish. The report adoption will take place on the last day of the session. The provisional agenda and other working documents related to CCLAC23 are available at the following link: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/pt/?meeting=CCLAC&session=23>. For additional information, please contact Kenneth Lowery ([ken.lowery@usda.gov](mailto:ken.lowery@usda.gov)) of the U.S. Codex Office.

#### ***Codex Committee on Fish and Fishery Products (CCFFP)***

The 36<sup>th</sup> Session of the CCFFP will meet by correspondence from October 7-11, 2024. The report adoption will take place virtually on Zoom on October 17, 2024 at 11:00 am CET (5:00 EDT). The meeting will be conducted in English, French, and Spanish. The provisional agenda and other working documents related to CCFFP36 are available at the following link: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCFFP&session=36>. For additional information, please contact Marie Maratos Bhat ([marie.maratosbhat@usda.gov](mailto:marie.maratosbhat@usda.gov)) of the U.S. Codex Office.

### **Upcoming Public Meetings**

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

The U.S. Codex Office is sponsoring a public meeting on August 21, 2024 from 1:00-4:00 pm EDT to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items and draft U.S. positions to be discussed at the 27th Session of the Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems (CCFICS27), which will convene in Cairns, Australia, from September 16-20, 2024. The public meeting will take place via Video Teleconference only. Documents related to CCFICS27 will be accessible at the following address: [www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCFICS&session=27](http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCFICS&session=27).

- Dr. Michelle Catlin, U.S. Delegate to the 27th Session of the CCFICS, invites interested U.S. parties to submit their comments electronically to the following email address: [michelle.catlin@usda.gov](mailto:michelle.catlin@usda.gov). Emailed comments should state in the subject line that they relate to activities of the 27th Session of the CCFICS.
- Registration: Attendees may register to attend the public meeting here: [www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJltc-6rpzluGPEVvN9FhCzAF2fXU6TBzKA](https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJltc-6rpzluGPEVvN9FhCzAF2fXU6TBzKA). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

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

The U.S. Codex Office is sponsoring a public meeting on September 3, 2024, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. EDT to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items and draft U.S. positions to be discussed at the 44<sup>th</sup> Session of the Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses (CCNFSDU44), which will convene in Dresden, Germany, from October 2-6, 2024. The public meeting will take place via Video Teleconference only. Documents related to CCNFSDU44 will be accessible via the internet at the following address: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCNFSDU&session=44>.

- Dr. Douglas Balentine, U.S. Delegate to the 44<sup>th</sup> Session of the CCNFSDU, invites interested U.S. parties to submit their comments electronically to the following email address: [douglas.balentine@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:douglas.balentine@fda.hhs.gov).
- *Registration:* Attendees may register to attend the public meeting here: <https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJltceuoqz4oHyMYdr-E7FAIhAe9uJbwt7w>. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

### **Requests for Comments**

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

**CCFH:** The Codex Secretariat has recently issued a Circular Letter (CL-2024/63-CAC) requesting comments on the draft standards and related texts submitted by 54<sup>th</sup> Session of the Codex Committee on Food Hygiene for adoption by the 47<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission. The CL is currently available in English, French, and Spanish at the following link: <http://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](mailto:marie.maratosbhat@usda.gov)) of the U.S. Codex Office by September 13, 2024. 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>) prior to the deadline of October 1, 2024.

#### ***Codex Committee on Fats and Oils (CCFO)***

**New Work/Amendments to CCFO Standards:** The Codex Secretariat has recently issued a Circular Letter (CL 2024/39-FO) requesting proposals for new work and or amendments to existing Codex Standards on Fats and Oils. The CL is currently available in English at the following link: <http://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](mailto:Doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov)) of the U.S. Codex Office by February 14, 2025. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) prior to the deadline of February 28, 2025.

#### ***Codex Committee on Food Hygiene (CCFH)***

**New Work:** The Codex Secretariat has recently issued a Circular Letter (CL 2024/64-FH) requesting proposals for new work and/or revision of existing standards. The CL is currently available in English, French, and Spanish at the following link: <https://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](mailto:marie.maratosbhat@usda.gov)) of the U.S. Codex Office by August 19, 2025. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP also to Marie

Maratos Bhat of the CCFH Secretariat ([Marie.maratosbhat@usda.gov](mailto:Marie.maratosbhat@usda.gov)) with a copy to the Codex Secretariat ([Codex@fao.org](mailto:Codex@fao.org)) by September 1, 2025.

## Electronic Working Groups (EWG)

### **Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods (CCCF)**

**Mycotoxins:** CCCF invites members and observers to join an EWG chaired by India, working in English, to consider outstanding issues in the Sampling plans of selected spices. Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contribution to the EWG should contact Alexandra Ferraro ([Alexandra.ferraro@usda.gov](mailto:Alexandra.ferraro@usda.gov)) by July 10, 2024. 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 [codex-india@nic.in](mailto:codex-india@nic.in) with a copy to [sp-spices@fssai.gov.in](mailto:sp-spices@fssai.gov.in) and [ccsch.bisht@gmail.com](mailto:ccsch.bisht@gmail.com) by July 15, 2024. 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.

### **Codex Committee on Fats and Oils (CCFO)**

**Microbial Omega-3 Oils:** CCFO invites members and observers to join an EWG chaired by the United States and co-chaired by China, working in English, to prepare the proposed draft standard for Microbial Omega-3 Oils. Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contribution to the EWG should contact Doreen Chen-Moulec ([Doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov](mailto:Doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov)) by July 26, 2024. 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 the following email addresses by August 2, 2024: [uscodex@usda.gov](mailto:uscodex@usda.gov), [Girdhari.sharma@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:Girdhari.sharma@fda.hhs.gov), [zhangyan@lswz.gov.cn](mailto:zhangyan@lswz.gov.cn), and [codexchinamoa@126.com](mailto:codexchinamoa@126.com). 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.

**Olive Oil:** CCFO invites members and observers to join an EWG chaired by Italy and co-chaired by Australia, Canada, Saudi Arabia, and the United States, working in English, to collect global scientific data and information for olive oil. Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contribution to the EWG should contact Doreen Chen-Moulec ([Doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov](mailto:Doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov)) by September 5, 2024. 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 [piue2.codex@masaf.gov.it](mailto:piue2.codex@masaf.gov.it) and [francesca.ponti@masaf.gov.it](mailto:francesca.ponti@masaf.gov.it) by September 13, 2024. 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.

**Trans Fatty Acids:** CCFO invites members and observers to join an EWG chaired by Canada and co-chaired by Saudi Arabia, working in English, to revise the following Codex Standards on Fats and Oils to include a prohibition on partially hydrogenated oils (PHO) and/or limits on industrially produced trans-fatty acids (iTFA):

- *Standard for Edible Fats and Oils Not Covered by Individual Standards* (CXS 19-1981)
- *Standard for Fat Spreads and Blended Spreads* (CXS 256-1999)
- *Standard for Named Animal Fats* (CXS 211-1999)

Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contribution to the EWG should contact Doreen Chen-Moulec ([Doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov](mailto:Doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov)) by September 8, 2024. 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 [codex\\_canada@hc-sc.gc.ca](mailto:codex_canada@hc-sc.gc.ca) with a copy to [Codex CFIA@inspection.gc.ca](mailto:Codex_CFIA@inspection.gc.ca) by September 16, 2024. 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.

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

**Baker's Yeast:** CCFA invites members and observers to join an EWG chaired by China and co-chaired by France and Turkey, working in English, to prepare a proposed draft standard for baker's yeast. Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contribution to the EWG should contact Kristen Hendricks ([Kristen.hendricks@usda.gov](mailto:Kristen.hendricks@usda.gov)) by July 30, 2024. 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 [liuming@cnif.cn](mailto:liuming@cnif.cn) by August 3, 2024. 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.

### ***Codex Committee on Food Hygiene (CCFH)***

**Viruses in Food:** CCFH invites members and observers to join an EWG chaired by Canada and co-chaired by the Netherlands, working in English, to revise *the Guidelines on the Application of General Principles of Food Hygiene to the control of Viruses in Food* (CXG 79-2012). Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contribution to the EWG should contact Marie Maratos Bhat ([marie.maratosbhat@usda.gov](mailto:marie.maratosbhat@usda.gov)) by September 10, 2024. 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 [cathy.breau@hc-sc.gc.ca](mailto:cathy.breau@hc-sc.gc.ca) by September 16, 2024. 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.

***Campylobacter and Salmonella in Chicken Meat:*** CCFH invites members and observers to join an EWG chaired by the United States and co-chaired by Australia, Brazil, Denmark, Honduras, and India, working in English, to revise the *Guidelines for the Control of Campylobacter and Salmonella in Chicken Meat* (CXG 78-2011). Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contribution to the EWG should contact Marie Maratos Bhat ([marie.maratosbhat@usda.gov](mailto:marie.maratosbhat@usda.gov)) by July 26, 2024. 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 [william.shaw@usda.gov](mailto:william.shaw@usda.gov) and [william.zaragoza@usda.gov](mailto:william.zaragoza@usda.gov) by August 1, 2024. 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.

***Listeria:*** CCFH invites members and observers to join an EWG chaired by the United States and co-chaired by Canada, China and France, working in English, to revise the *Guidelines on the Application of General Principles of Food Hygiene to the Control of Listeria monocytogenes in Foods* (CXG 61-2007). Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contribution to the EWG should contact Marie Maratos Bhat ([marie.maratosbhat@usda.gov](mailto:marie.maratosbhat@usda.gov)) by July 26, 2024. 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 [Eric.stevens@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:Eric.stevens@fda.hhs.gov) by August 1, 2024. 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.

### ***Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling (CCMAS)***

**Harmonization:** CCMAS invites members and observers to join an EWG chaired by Brazil and co-chaired by Chile, working in English, to work on the discussion paper on harmonization of names and format for principles in the *Recommended Methods of Analysis and Sampling* (CXS 234-1999). Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contribution to the EWG should contact Doreen Chen-Moulec ([doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov](mailto:doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov)) by July 20, 2024. 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 [codexbrasil@inmetro.gov.br](mailto:codexbrasil@inmetro.gov.br) and [ana.firmo@anvisa.gov.br](mailto:ana.firmo@anvisa.gov.br) by July 26, 2024. 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.

**Cocoa and Chocolate Products:** CCMAS invites members and observers to join an EWG chaired by Serbia and co-chaired by the United States, working in English, to review methods of analysis on the cocoa and chocolate workable package. Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contribution to the EWG should contact Doreen Chen-Moulec ([doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov](mailto:doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov)) by July 25, 2024. 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 [marija.vujic-stefanovic@splaboratorija.rs](mailto:marija.vujic-stefanovic@splaboratorija.rs) with a copy to [Patrick.Gray@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:Patrick.Gray@fda.hhs.gov) by July 31, 2024. 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.

### ***Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs (CCSCH)***

**Vanilla:** CCSCH invites members and observers to join an EWG chaired by the United States and co-chaired by India, Madagascar, and Mexico, working in English, to continue the development of the proposed draft standard for Vanilla. Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contribution to the EWG should contact Kristen Hendricks ([Kristen.hendricks@usda.gov](mailto:Kristen.hendricks@usda.gov)) by August 25, 2024. 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 [dorian.lafond@usda.gov](mailto:dorian.lafond@usda.gov) and [uscodex@usda.gov](mailto:uscodex@usda.gov) by August 30, 2024. 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.

### **Other**

**New Appointment:** Dr. Sarah Cahill has been appointed the new Codex Secretary in the Codex Secretariat. More information about her appointment is available at the following link: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/news-and-events/news-details/en/c/1697330/>.

### **FAO Webinars:**

- FAO is organizing a series of bimonthly webinars (that are planned for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month), on specific scientific and technical topics related to antimicrobial resistance (AMR) and its containment. There is a webinar entitled "Antimicrobial use practices and awareness of AMR in the livestock sector in Europe and Central Asia" on July 11, 2024 at 9:00 EDT. The link to register is: <https://fao.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0vf-uqrzMpG9yldTvjiQZ-62lYTcsP6EL#/registration>.
- FAO is organizing a webinar on "Bivalve mollusc sanitation for growing areas" on July 11, 2025 at

8:00 EDT. The link to register is:

[https://fao.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_eRChTnt4TmCLs1GKjOknMw#/registration](https://fao.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_eRChTnt4TmCLs1GKjOknMw#/registration).

**JECFA:**

- The report of the 96<sup>th</sup> JECFA meeting recently published. The 96<sup>th</sup> meeting evaluated the safety of aspartame and two groups of flavoring agents, revised the specifications for three food additives and eight flavoring agents. The report can be accessed at the following link: <https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789240092549>.
- The report on the 98<sup>th</sup> JECFA meeting also recently published. The 98<sup>th</sup> meeting evaluated the safety of three veterinary drugs Clopidol, Fumagillin dicyclohexylamine, and Imidacloprid. The report can be found at the following link: <https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789240095533>.