



Codex News- July 16, 2019

### Electronic Working Groups (EWG)

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

**Standard for Named Vegetable Oils—Inclusion of Avocado Oil:** CCFO invites members and observers to join an EWG chaired by Mexico and co-chaired by the United States, working in English, to review the inclusion of Avocado Oil in the *Standard for Named Vegetable Oils*. Individuals in the U.S. interested in working on U.S. contributions to the EWG should contact Marie Maratos ([marie.maratos@usda.gov](mailto:marie.maratos@usda.gov)) and Paul South ([paul.south@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:paul.south@fda.hhs.gov)) by July 29, 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 [codexmex@economia.gov.mx](mailto:codexmex@economia.gov.mx) and [uscodex@usda.gov](mailto:uscodex@usda.gov) by July 31, 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.

**Standard for Olive Oils and Pomace Olive Oils:** CCFO invites members and observers to join an EWG chaired by Spain and co-chaired by Canada and Argentina, working in English, to review the Section 3, Section 8, and the Appendix of the *Standard for Olive Oils and Pomace Olive Oils*. Individuals in the U.S. interested in working on U.S. contributions to the EWG should contact Marie Maratos ([marie.maratos@usdagov](mailto:marie.maratos@usdagov)) by September 26, 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 [sjialvarex@mapa.es](mailto:sjialvarex@mapa.es) by September 30, 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.

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

**Review of Fats and Oils Methods:** CCMAS invites members and observers to join an EWG, chaired by The Netherlands, working in English, to review the fats and oils workable package. Individuals in the U.S. interested in working on U.S. contributions should contact Doreen Chen-Moulec ([doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov](mailto:doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov)) by July 29, 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 [yannick.weesepoel@wur.nl](mailto:yannick.weesepoel@wur.nl) by July 31, 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.

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

**Oregano:** CCSCH 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](mailto:marie.maratos@usda.gov)) as soon as possible. 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 [kodeks@tarimorman.gov.tr](mailto:kodeks@tarimorman.gov.tr), [betulvazgecer@hotmail.com](mailto:betulvazgecer@hotmail.com), and [agungor77@yahoo.com](mailto: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.

**Dehydrated and Dried Chili Pepper and Paprika:** CCSCH invites members and observers to join an EWG chaired by India, working in English, to review the proposed draft Standard for Dried and Dehydrated Chili Pepper and Paprika under the group “Dried Fruits and Berries.” Individuals in the U.S. interested in working on U.S. contributions to the EWG should contact Marie Maratos ([marie.maratos@usda.gov](mailto:marie.maratos@usda.gov)) as soon as possible. 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 [ccsch.subbraj@gmail.com](mailto:ccsch.subbraj@gmail.com) and [codex-india@nic.in](mailto:codex-india@nic.in) by July 20, 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.

**Saffron:** CCSCH invites members and observers to join an EWG, chaired by Iran and co-chaired by India, working in English, to further develop the proposed draft Standard for Dried Floral Parts—Saffron under “Dried Floral Parts.” Individuals in the U.S. interested in working on U.S. contributions to the EWG should contact Marie Maratos ([marie.maratos@usda.gov](mailto:marie.maratos@usda.gov)) by August 13, 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 [sadat77@gmail.com](mailto:sadat77@gmail.com), [ccsch.bisht@gmail.com](mailto:ccsch.bisht@gmail.com), and [codex\\_office@isiri.gov.ir](mailto:codex_office@isiri.gov.ir) by August 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.

**Nutmeg:** CCSCH invites members and observers to join an EWG chaired by Indonesia, working in English, to draft the proposed draft Standard for Dried Seed—Nutmeg. Individuals in the U.S. interested in working on U.S. contributions to the EWG should contact Marie Maratos ([marie.maratos@usda.gov](mailto:marie.maratos@usda.gov)) by August 28, 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 [codex.moa.indonesia@gmail.com](mailto:codex.moa.indonesia@gmail.com), [jomunarso@yahoo.com](mailto:jomunarso@yahoo.com), [bidand\\_kps@yahoo.co.id](mailto:bidand_kps@yahoo.co.id), and [codex\\_indonesia@bsn.go.id](mailto:codex_indonesia@bsn.go.id) by August 30, 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](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 Ken Lowery ([ken.lowery@usda.gov](mailto:ken.lowery@usda.gov)) by September 5, 2019. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted through their CCP to [codex@fao.org](mailto:codex@fao.org) with a copy to [ccfa@cfsa.net.cn](mailto:ccfa@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](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 Ken Lowery ([ken.lowery@usda.gov](mailto: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](mailto:ccfa@cfsa.net.cn) with a copy to [codex@fao.org](mailto: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](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 Ken Lowery ([ken.lowery@usda.gov](mailto: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](mailto:ccfa@cfsa.net.cn) with a copy to [codex@fao.org](mailto: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](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 Ken Lowery ([ken.lowery@usda.gov](mailto: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](mailto:ccfa@cfsa.net.cn) with a copy to [codex@fao.org](mailto:codex@fao.org) by January 15, 2020.

**Codex Committee on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables (CCFFV)**

**Garlic:** The Codex Secretariat issued a Circular Letter (CL 2019/62/OCS-FFV) requesting comments at Step 6 on the proposed draft Standard for Garlic. The CL is available in English at the following link: [www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en](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)) by August 5, 2019. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS ([ocs.codexalimentarius.org](http://ocs.codexalimentarius.org)) by August 15, 2019.

**Onions and Shallots:** The Codex Secretariat issued a Circular Letter (CL 2019/66/OCS-FFV) requesting comments at Step 3 on the proposed draft Standard for Onions and Shallots. The CL is available in English at the following link: [www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en](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)) by August 5, 2019. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS ([ocs.codexalimentarius.org](http://ocs.codexalimentarius.org)) by August 15, 2019.

**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](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)) 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](http://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](http://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](mailto:marie.maratos@usda.gov)) by August 22, 2019. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted to [ccfh@usda.gov](mailto:ccfh@usda.gov) with a copy to [codex@fao.org](mailto:codex@fao.org) by September 1, 2019.

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

**Request for Data and Information on Avocado Oil:** The Codex Secretariat issued a Circular Letter (CL 2019/52-FO) requesting data and information on the characteristics and origins of avocado oil (part of the fruit from which oil is derived). The CL is available in English at the following link: [www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en](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 ([marie.maratos@usda.gov](mailto:marie.maratos@usda.gov)) by November 19, 2019. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted via their CCP to [codex@fao.org](mailto:codex@fao.org) with copies to [codexmex@economia.gob.mx](mailto:codexmex@economia.gob.mx) and [uscodex@usda.gov](mailto:uscodex@usda.gov) by November 29, 2019.

**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](http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en). The CL is available in English at the following link: [www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en](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 ([marie.maratos@usda.gov](mailto: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](https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org)) by December 15, 2019.

**Request for Data and Information on Sunflowerseed Oil:** The Codex Secretariat issued a Circular Letter (CL 2019/53-FO) requesting data and information on refractive index, saponification value, iodine values, and relative density for sunflower seed oil. The CL is available in English at the following link: [www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en](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 ([marie.maratos@usda.gov](mailto:marie.maratos@usda.gov)) by January 20, 2020. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted via their CCP to [codex@fao.org](mailto:codex@fao.org) with copies to [codex@magyp.gov.ar](mailto:codex@magyp.gov.ar), [mlarre@magyp.gob.ar](mailto:mlarre@magyp.gob.ar), [codexbrasil@inmetro.gov.br](mailto:codexbrasil@inmetro.gov.br), and [ana.peretti@anvisa.gov.br](mailto:ana.peretti@anvisa.gov.br) by January 31, 2020.

**New Work and/or Amendments to Existing Codex Standards:** The Codex Secretariat issued a circular Letter (CL 2019/54/FO) requesting proposals for new work and/or amendments to existing Codex Standards. The CL is available in English at the following link: [www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en](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 ([marie.maratos@usda.gov](mailto:marie.maratos@usda.gov)) by May 19, 2020. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted via their CCP to [codex@fao.org](mailto:codex@fao.org) with a copy to [ccfo\\_malaysia@moh.gov.my](mailto:ccfo_malaysia@moh.gov.my) by May 29, 2020.

#### ***FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Africa (CAFRICA)***

**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](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 Ken Lowery ([ken.lowery@usda.gov](mailto: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](https://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](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 Ken Lowery ([ken.lowery@usda.gov](mailto: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](https://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](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 Ken Lowery ([ken.lowery@usda.gov](mailto: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](http://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](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 ([marie.maratos@usda.gov](mailto: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](http://ocs.codexalimentarius.org)) by August 12, 2019.

**Kava as a Beverage when Mixed with Cold Water:** The Codex Secretariat issued a Circular Letter (CL 2019/76/OCS-NASWP) requesting comments at Step 3 on the proposed Draft Regional Standard for Kava as a Beverage when Mixed with Cold Water. The CL is available in English at the following link: [www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en](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 ([marie.maratos@usda.gov](mailto:marie.maratos@usda.gov)) by August 9, 2019. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS ([ocs.codexalimentarius.org](http://ocs.codexalimentarius.org)) by August 19, 2019.