



Codex News- July 30, 2019

Electronic Working Groups (EWG)

Codex Committee on Food Additives (CCFA)

Note 161: CCFA invites members and observers to join an EWG co-chaired by the European Union and the United States, working in English, to work on Note 161 relating to the use of sweetener. Individuals in the U.S. interested in working on U.S. contributions to the EWG should contact Ken Lowery (ken.lowery@usda.gov) by August 16, 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 sante-codex@ec.europa.eu and ccfa@cfsan.fda.gov by August 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.

Codex Committee on Food Labelling (CCFL)

Internet Sales/E-Commerce: CCFL invites members and observers to join an EWG chaired by the United Kingdom and co-chaired by Chile, Ghana, India, and Japan; working in English and Spanish, to work on the proposed draft guidance on internet sales/e-commerce. Individuals in the U.S. interested in working on U.S. contributions to the EWG should contact Kristen Hendricks (kristen.hendricks@usda.gov) September 11, 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@defra.gov.uk with a copy to sarah.cunningham@defra.gov.uk by September 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.

Codex Committee on Fats and Oils (CCFO)

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 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) 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 sjalvarex@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 Pesticide Residues (CCPR)

Classification of Food and Feed: CCPR invites members and observer to join an EWG, chaired by the United States and co-chaired by the Netherlands, working in English, to revise the *Classification of Food and Feed*. Individuals in the U.S. interested in working on U.S. contributions should contact Marie Maratos (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 uscodex@usda.gov a copy to info@codexalimentarius.nl by August 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.

Compounds of Low Public Health Concern: CCPR invites members and observers to join an EWG, chaired by Chile and co-chaired by India and the United States, working in English and Spanish, to work on guidelines for compounds of low public health concern that could be exempted from the establishment of Codex maximum residue limits for pesticides (CXLs). Individuals in the U.S. interested in working on U.S. contributions should contact Marie Maratos (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@achipia.gob.cl with a copy to cassandra.pacheco@achipia.gob.cl by August 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.

Database of National Registration of Pesticides: CCPR invites members and observers to join an EWG, chaired by Germany and co-chaired by Australia, working in English, to work on the National Registration Database. Individuals in the U.S. interested in working on U.S. contributions should contact Marie Maratos (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 karsten.hohgardt@bvl.bund.de with a copy to codex.germany@bmel.bund.de by August 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.

IESTI Equations: CCPR invites members and observers to join an EWG, chaired by the European Union and co-chaired by Brazil and Uganda, working in English, to review the International Estimated Short-Intake Equations (IESTI) equations. Individuals in the U.S. interested in working on U.S. contributions should contact Marie Maratos (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 sante-codex@ec.europa.eu with a copy to hermine.reich@efsa.europa.eu by August 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.

JMPR Participation: CCPR invites members and observers to join an EWG, chaired by Canada and co-chaired by Costa Rica and Kenya, working in English, to summarize the opportunities and challenges related to JMPR participation in a parallel review of a new compound. Individuals in the U.S. interested in working on U.S. contributions should contact Marie Maratos (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 nathalie.dore@canada.ca with a copy to hc.codex.canada.sc@canada.ca by August 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.

JMPR Schedules and Priority Lists: CCPR invites members and observers to join an EWG, chaired by Australia, working in English, to provide a report on the schedules and priority lists for the evaluation of pesticides by the Joint FAO/WHO Meeting on Pesticide Residues (JMPR). Individuals in the U.S. interested in working on U.S. contributions should contact Marie Maratos (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.contact@agriculture.gov.au by August 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.

Pesticide Residues in Food and Feed: CCPR invites members and observers to join an EWG, chaired by the Islamic Republic of Iran and co-chaired by Costa Rica, working in English, to work on the *Guidelines on Performance Criteria for Methods of Analysis for the Determination of Pesticide Residues in Food and Feed*. Individuals in the U.S. interested in working on U.S. contributions should contact Marie Maratos (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 roybakhsh@yahoo.com and vpicado@sfe.go.cr with a copy to codex_office@inso.gov.ir by August 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.

Unsupported Compounds: CCPR invites members and observers to join an EWG, chaired by Chile and co-chaired by Australia, India, and Kenya; working in English and Spanish, to work on the management of unsupported compounds in the CCPR schedules and priority lists of pesticides for evaluation by JMPR. Individuals in the U.S. interested in working on U.S. contributions should contact Marie Maratos (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@achipia.gob.cl with a copy to cassandra.pacheco@achipia.gob.cl by August 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)

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) 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, ccsch.bisht@gmail.com, and 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) 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, jomunarso@yahoo.com, bidand_kps@yahoo.co.id, and 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. 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 via their CCP to codex@fao.org with a copy to 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. 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 via 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)

Berry Fruits: The Codex Secretariat issued a Circular Letter (CL 2019/67/OCS-FFV) requesting comments at Step 3 on the proposed draft Standard for Berry Fruits. 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 submitting via their CCP using the Online Commenting System (OCS) (ocs.codexalimentarius.org) by September 15, 2019.

Fresh Dates: The Codex Secretariat issued a Circular Letter (CL 2019/64/OCS-FFV) requesting comments at Step 3 on the proposed draft Standard for Fresh Dates. 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 submitting via their CCP using the OCS (ocs.codexalimentarius.org) by September 15, 2019.

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. 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 August 5, 2019. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (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. 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 August 5, 2019. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (ocs.codexalimentarius.org) by August 15, 2019.

Ware Potatoes: The Codex Secretariat issued a Circular Letter (CL 2019/63/OCS-FFV) requesting comments at Step 6 on the draft Standard for Ware Potatoes. 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 August 5, 2019. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (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. 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 August 5, 2019. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (ocs.codexalimentarius.org) by August 15, 2019.

Codex Committee on Food Hygiene (CCFH)

Food Allergen Management for Food Business Operators: The Codex Secretariat issued a Circular Letter (CL 2019/69/OCS-FH) requesting comments at Step 6 on the draft Code of Practice on Food Allergen Management for Food Business Operators. 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 September 10, 2019. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (ocs.codexalimentarius.org) by September 20, 2019.

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 via their CCP to ccfh@usda.gov with a copy to codex@fao.org by September 1, 2019.

Codex Committee on Food Labelling (CCFL)

Innovation and Technology in Food Labelling: The Codex Secretariat issued a Circular Letter (CL 2019/82-FL) requesting information for innovation and technology in food labelling. 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 Kristen Hendricks (kristen.hendricks@usda.gov) by November 20, 2019. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted via their CCP to hc.codex.canada.sc@canada.ca with a copy to codex@fao.org by November 30, 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. 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 November 19, 2019. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted via their CCP to codex@fao.org with copies to codexmex@economia.gob.mx and 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](#). 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.

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. 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 January 20, 2020. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted via their CCP to codex@fao.org with copies to codex@magyp.gov.ar, mlarre@magyp.gob.ar, codexbrasil@inmetro.gov.br, and 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.

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 October 31, 2019. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted via their CCP to sante-codex@ec.europa.eu with a copy to ccpr@agri.gov.cn, codex@fao.org, and hermine.reich@efsa.europa by November 10, 2019.

Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling (CCMAS)

Measurement Uncertainty: The Codex Secretariat issued a Circular Letter (CL 2019/80/OCS-MAS) requesting comments at Step 6 on the draft revised *Guidelines on Measurement Uncertainty*. 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 October 21, 2019. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (ocs.codexalimentarius.org) by October 31, 2019.

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

Follow-up Formula: The Codex Secretariat issued a Circular Letter (CL 2019/77-OCS-NFSDU) requesting comments at Step 6 on the Review of the *Standard for Follow-up Formula* (FUF): draft scope, description, and labelling for FUF for older infants. 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 September 20, 2019. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (ocs.codexalimentarius.org) by September 30, 2019.

Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR)

IESTI Equations: The Codex Secretariat issued a Circular Letter (CL 2019/73-PR) requesting bulking or blending information in the framework review of the IESTI equations. 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 May 19, 2020. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted via their CCP to codex@fao.org with a copy to ccfo_malaysia@moh.gov.my by May 29, 2020

FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Africa (CCAFRICA)

***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.

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. 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 9, 2019. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (ocs.codexalimentarius.org) by August 19, 2019.

Other

13th Session of the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods: The Delegate's Report for the 13th Session of the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods held in April 2019 has published. It can be found at: www.usda.gov/topics/trade/international-food-standards/codex-delegation-reports.

45th Session of the Codex Committee on Food Labelling: The Delegate's Report for the 45th Session of the Codex Committee on Food Labelling held in May 2019 has published. It can be found at: www.usda.gov/topics/trade/international-food-standards/codex-delegation-reports.