



Codex News – August 10, 2021

### Upcoming Public Meetings

#### ***Ad hoc Codex Intergovernmental Task Force on Antimicrobial Resistance (TFAMR)***

The U.S. Codex Program is sponsoring a virtual public meeting on September 9, 2021 from 10:00A.M. – 12:00P.M. ET to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items and draft U.S. positions to be discussed at the 8<sup>th</sup> Session of the Ad hoc Codex Intergovernmental Task Force on Antimicrobial Resistance (TFAMR08), which is scheduled for October 4 – 9, 2021. Documents related to TFAMR08 are available at the following website:

<http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=TFAMR&session=8>

- Donald A. Prater, the U.S. Delegate to TFAMR08, invites U.S. interested parties to submit their comments electronically to the following email address: [donald.prater@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:donald.prater@fda.hhs.gov)
- Please register to attend the public meeting here: [www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJlscOqsqTlrG4XB3KA9PuFQT5y28NJF068](http://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJlscOqsqTlrG4XB3KA9PuFQT5y28NJF068)

***Codex Committee on Fats and Oils (CCFO)*** The U.S. Codex Program is sponsoring a virtual public meeting on September 20, 2021 from 2:00 – 4:00P.M. ET to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items and draft U.S. positions to be discussed at the 27<sup>th</sup> Session of the Codex Committee on Fats and Oils (CCFO27), which is schedule from October 18 - 26, 2021. Documents related to CCFO27 are available at the following website: <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCFO&session=27>

- Dr. Paul South, the U.S. Delegate to CCFO27, invites U.S. interested parties to submit their comments electronically to the following email address: [paul.south@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:paul.south@fda.hhs.gov).
- Please register to attend the public meeting here: [www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJltdcCspjoiE\\_dPA0IHBseYMWHn9UDDhdY](http://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJltdcCspjoiE_dPA0IHBseYMWHn9UDDhdY)

### Upcoming Committee Meetings

#### ***Executive Committee of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CCEXEC)***

The CCEXEC will conduct its 81<sup>st</sup> session (CCEXEC81) virtually from October 28-29 and November 1-3, 2021 with adoption of the report on November 5, 2021. The provisional agenda and other documents related to CCEXEC81 can be found at: <http://www.fao.org/fao-who->

[codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCEXEC&session=81](http://www.codexalimentarius.org/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCEXEC&session=81). For additional information, please contact the U.S. Codex Office at: [uscodex@usda.gov](mailto:uscodex@usda.gov)

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

The CCFFP, which was re-activated at the 43<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC43, November 2020), will conduct its 35<sup>th</sup> session by correspondence from September 20 – October 25, 2021. The registration deadline for the CCFFP35 meeting was extended until August 31, 2021. CCFFP35 will evaluate if the *Standard for Canned Sardines and Sardine-Type Products* (CXS 94-1981) could be amended to include the fish species, *S. lemuru* (Bali Sardinella) in the list of Sardinella species under section 2.1. This is in accordance with the *Procedure for the Inclusion of Additional Species in Codex Standards for Fish and Fishery Products*. The working documents are available on the Codex website at: <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCFFP&session=35>. For additional information, please contact Heather Selig ([Heather.Selig@usda.gov](mailto:Heather.Selig@usda.gov)) of the U.S. Codex Office.

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

The 52<sup>nd</sup> session of the CCFH (CCFH52) will be held virtually on February 28 and March 1-4, 2022 with report adoption taking place on March 9, 2022. The provisional agenda and other documents related to CCFH52 can be found at: <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCFH&session=52>. For additional information, please contact Marie Maratos Bhat ([Marie.MaratosBhat@usda.gov](mailto:Marie.MaratosBhat@usda.gov)) of the U.S. Codex Office.

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

The 42<sup>nd</sup> Session of CCNFSDU (CCNFSDU42), rescheduled from November 2020 to November 2021, will convene virtually on November 19 and from November 22 – 25, 2021. The adoption of the Report will take place on December 1, 2021. The provisional agenda and other documents related to CCNFSDU42 may be found at: <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCNFSDU&session=42>. For additional information, please contact Kristen Hendricks ([Kristen.Hendricks@usda.gov](mailto:Kristen.Hendricks@usda.gov)) of the U.S. Codex Office.

## **Electronic Working Groups**

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

**Food Fraud:** CCFICS invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by the United States and co-chaired by China, European Union, Islamic Republic of Iran, and United Kingdom, working in English and Spanish, to develop a guidance on the prevention and control of food

fraud. Individuals in the U.S. interested in providing input should contact Kristen Hendricks ([Kristen.Hendricks@usda.gov](mailto:Kristen.Hendricks@usda.gov)) by September 6, 2021. Other Member countries and Codex 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 [uscodex@usda.gov](mailto:uscodex@usda.gov) by September 9, 2021. As this EWG will convene on the Codex Forum, please note that when there is more than one expert, each Member country or Codex Observer organization shall designate one as their official representative to participate in the EWG.

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

**Draft Standard for Nutmeg:** CCSCH invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by India and co-chaired by Indonesia, working in English, to develop a draft standard for nutmeg. Individuals in the U.S. interested in providing input should contact Heather Selig ([Heather.Selig@usda.gov](mailto:Heather.Selig@usda.gov)) by September 1, 2021. Other Member countries and Codex 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) by September 6, 2021. As this EWG will convene on the Codex Forum, please note that when there is more than one expert, each Member country or Codex Observer organization shall designate one as their official representative to participate in the EWG.

### **Requests for Comments**

#### ***Ad hoc Codex Intergovernmental Task Force on Antimicrobial Resistance (TFAMR)***

**Foodborne Antimicrobial Resistance:** The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2021/59/OCS – AMR) requesting comments at Step 3 on the proposed draft guidelines on integrated monitoring and surveillance of foodborne antimicrobial resistance. 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 Marie Maratos Bhat ([Marie.MaratosBhat@usda.gov](mailto:Marie.MaratosBhat@usda.gov)) by August 24, 2021. Comments by Member countries and Codex Observers should be submitted using the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS) (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by September 7, 2021.

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

**Identity and Purity of Food Additives:** The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2021/57/OCS-FA) requesting comments at Step 3 on the proposed draft specifications for the identity and purity of food additives arising from the 91<sup>st</sup> session of the Joint Experts Committee on Food Additives (JECFA). The CL is currently available in English, French, and Spanish at the following link: <http://www.fao.org/fao-who->

[codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters](http://www.codexalimentarius.org/resources/circular-letters). 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)) as soon as possible. Comments by Member countries and Codex Observers should be submitted using the Codex OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by August 20, 2021.

**Substances Proposed for Evaluation by the JECFA:** The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2021/61/OCS-FA) requesting comments on the substances proposed for evaluation by JECFA. 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 Ken Lowery ([ken.lowery@usda.gov](mailto:ken.lowery@usda.gov)) as soon as possible. Comments by Member countries and Codex Observers should be submitted using the Codex OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by August 25, 2021.

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

**Avocado oil:** The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2021/28/OCS –FO) requesting comments at Step 3 on the on the Proposed Draft amendment/revision to the *Standard for Named Vegetable Oils* (CXS 210-1999) - Inclusion of Avocado oil. 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 Doreen Chen-Moulec ([Doreen.ChenMoulec@usda.gov](mailto:Doreen.ChenMoulec@usda.gov)) by September 10, 2021. Comments by Member countries and Codex Observers should be submitted using the Codex OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by September 24, 2021.

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

**Methods of Analysis and Texts Ready for Adoption:** The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2021/60/OCS - MAS) requesting comments at Step 5 and Step 8 on (i) methods of analysis, (ii) the revised Guidelines on Measurement Uncertainty, and (iii) the revised General Guidelines on Sampling. 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](mailto:Heather.Selig@usda.gov)) by August 27, 2021. Comments by Member countries and Codex Observers should be submitted using the Codex OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by September 10, 2021.

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

**Draft Product Definition of Drink/Product for Young Children for Young Children with Added Nutrients or Drink for Young Children; and Nitrogen to Protein Conversion Factors: Report of the EWG:** The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2021/54/OCS-MAS) requesting comments on the draft product definition of drink/product for young children with added

nutrients or drink for young children and Nitrogen to protein conversion factors. 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 Kristen Hendricks ([Kristen.Hendricks@usda.gov](mailto:Kristen.Hendricks@usda.gov)) by September 9, 2021. Comments by Member countries and Codex Observers should be submitted using the Codex OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by September 30, 2021.

## Other

### New U.S. Delegate's Reports:

- Report of the U.S. Delegate on the 41<sup>st</sup> Session of the Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling (CCMAS41)
- Report of the U.S. Delegate on the 25<sup>th</sup> Session of the Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods (CCRVDF25)
- Report of the U.S. Delegate on the 25<sup>th</sup> Session of the Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems (CCFICS25)

The reports may be found at the following link:

<https://www.usda.gov/topics/trade/international-food-standards/codex-delegation-reports>

### FAO Publications:

- **Animal Nutrition and Antimicrobials:** FAO issued a new publication on *Animal nutrition strategies and options to reduce the use of antimicrobials in animal production*. The report may be found at the following link: <http://www.fao.org/documents/card/en/c/cb5524en>.
- **FAO guidance: COVID-19: Guidance for preventing transmission of COVID-19 within food businesses:** FAO has issued a new guidance document to highlight additional measures that food businesses and the authorities regulating the sector can take to protect workers from person-to-person spread of COVID-19. The report may be found at the following link: <http://www.fao.org/documents/card/en/c/cb6030en>

**Report of the 92<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the JECFA:** The Committee successfully evaluated certain food additives and flavourings as well as revised the specifications for modified starches. The summary report can be accessed through the following links:

- FAO: <http://www.fao.org/3/cb5597en/cb5597en.pdf>
- WHO: [https://www.who.int/publications/m/item/ninety-second-meeting-joint-fao-who-expert-committee-of-food-additives-\(jecfa\)](https://www.who.int/publications/m/item/ninety-second-meeting-joint-fao-who-expert-committee-of-food-additives-(jecfa))