



Codex News – September 6, 2022

### **Upcoming Committee Meetings**

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

The 53<sup>rd</sup> Session of CCFH is scheduled to take place in San Diego, California on November 29 – December 2, 2022. Virtual report adoption will take place on December 8, 2022. The provisional agenda and other working documents related to the 53<sup>rd</sup> Session of the CCFH are available at the following link: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCFH&session=53>. 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 Spices and Culinary Herbs (CCSCH)***

The 6<sup>th</sup> Session of the CCSCH will meet virtually from September 26-30, 2022 from 4:30 AM-7:30 AM EDT (10:30-13:30 CET). Virtual report adoption will take place on October 3, 2022 from 4:30 AM-7:30 AM EDT (10:30-13:30 CET). The provisional agenda and other working documents related to the 6<sup>th</sup> Session of the CCSCH will be available at the following link: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCSCH&session=6>. For additional information, please contact Heather Selig ([heather.selig@usda.gov](mailto:heather.selig@usda.gov)) of the U.S. Codex Office.

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

The 24<sup>th</sup> Session of CAFRICA is meeting virtually on September 5-9, 2022, from 7:00AM – 10:00AM EDT (13:00 – 16:00 CET). Virtual report adoption will take place on September 13, 2022, from 7:00AM – 10:00AM EDT (13:00 – 16:00 CET). The provisional agenda and other working documents related to the 24<sup>th</sup> Session of the CAFRICA are available at the following link: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/tr/?meeting=CAFRICA&session=24>. For additional information, please contact Ken Lowery ([ken.lowery@usda.gov](mailto:ken.lowery@usda.gov)) of the U.S. Codex Office.

#### ***FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Asia (CASIA)***

The 22<sup>nd</sup> Session of CASIA will meet virtually on October 12-14 and 17-18, 2022, from 3:00-6:00 AM EDT (9:00 – 12:00 CET). Virtual report adoption will take place on October 21, 2022 from 3:00-6:00 AM EDT (9:00 – 12:00 CET). The provisional agenda and other working documents related to the 22<sup>nd</sup> Session of the CASIA are available at the following link: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCASIA&session=22>. For additional information, please contact Doreen Chen-Moulec ([doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov](mailto:doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov)) of the U.S. Codex Office.

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

The 22<sup>nd</sup> Session of CCLAC will meet virtually on October 24-26, 2022 11:00-14:00 EDT (17:00 – 20:00 CET). Virtual report adoption will take place on October 28, 2022 from 11:00-14:00 EDT (17:00 – 20:00 CET). The provisional agenda and other working documents related to the 22<sup>nd</sup> Session of the CCLAC are available at the following link: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCLAC&session=22>.

[codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCLAC&session=22](https://www.codexalimentarius.org/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCLAC&session=22). For additional information, please contact Ken Lowery ([ken.lowery@usda.gov](mailto:ken.lowery@usda.gov)) of the U.S. Codex Office.

### Electronic Working Groups (EWG)

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

**Fresh Curry Leaves:** CCFFV invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by India, working in English, to develop a proposed draft standard for fresh curry leaves. Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contributions to the EWG should contact Heather Selig ([Heather.Selig@usda.gov](mailto:Heather.Selig@usda.gov)) by October 5, 2022. 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 [sudhanshu@apeda.gov.in](mailto:sudhanshu@apeda.gov.in), [vinitas@apeda.gov.in](mailto:vinitas@apeda.gov.in), and [codex-india@nic.in](mailto:codex-india@nic.in) by October 10, 2022. As this EWG will operate on the Codex Online Forum, please note that when there is more than one expert, each country or observer organization shall designate one as their official representative to participate in the EWG.

#### ***Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR)***

**Certified Reference Materials:** CCPR invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by India and co-chaired by Argentina and Iran, working in English and Spanish, to refine the discussion paper on guidance for monitoring the purity and stability of certified reference materials of multi-class pesticides during prolonged storage. Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contributions to the EWG should contact Marie Maratos Bhat ([Marie.Maratosbhat@usda.gov](mailto:Marie.Maratosbhat@usda.gov)) by September 12, 2022. 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 [vs\\_agch@yahoo.com](mailto:vs_agch@yahoo.com) by September 15, 2022. As this EWG will operate on the Codex Online Forum, please note that when there is more than one expert, each country or observer organization shall designate one as their official representative to participate in the EWG.

**Classification of Food and Feed:** CCPR invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by the United States and co-chaired by The Netherlands, working in English, to further the revision of the *Classification of Food and Feed* (CXA 4-1989). The specific terms of reference are as follows:

- i) continue working on Classes B Primary food commodities of animal origin and E Processed food commodities of animal origin of the *Classification of Food and Feed* (CXA 4-1989) and prepare tables of representative commodities;
- ii) consider the proposals on the portion of the commodity to which maximum residue limits apply, and which is analyzed for Group 006 Assorted tropical and sub-tropical fruits - inedible peel and Group 023 Oilseeds; and
- iii) review the *Guidelines on portion of commodities to which MRLs apply and which is analyzed* (CXG 41-1993) with a comparison to the *Classification of Food and Feed* (CXA 4-1989) to consider revocation of CXG41 to avoid coexistence of the two documents addressing the same provisions. The EWG should consider any provisions from CXG41 that could still be integrated into the revised *Classification* and make a proposal for consideration by CCPR54.

Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contributions to the EWG should contact Marie Maratos Bhat ([Marie.Maratosbhat@usda.gov](mailto:Marie.Maratosbhat@usda.gov)) by September 12, 2022. 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](mailto:uscodex@usda.gov) with a copy to [info@codexalimentarius.nl](mailto:info@codexalimentarius.nl) by September 15, 2022. As this EWG will operate on the Codex Online Forum, please note that when there is more than one expert, each country or observer organization shall designate one as their official representative to participate in the EWG.

**Management of unsupported compounds without public health concern:** 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 further develop and refine the management proposal for unsupported compounds without public health concerns scheduled for periodic review by JMPR, presented in the Section 1 of Appendix I of CRD09. The EWG is also tasked to further develop the recommendations of Section 2 of Appendix I of CRD 09--to explore further options for efficient data support that could be addressed by Codex, the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the World Health Organization (WHO), the Joint Meeting on Pesticide Residues (JMPR), governments and the industry to assist countries in the preparation of data packages required to conduct periodic reviews.

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**Schedules/Priority Lists:** CCPR invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by Australia, working in English, to work on the establishment of CCPR schedules and priority lists for the JMPR. The specific terms of reference are as follows:

- (i) provide a report on the schedules and priority lists of pesticides for evaluation/re-evaluation by JMPR for consideration by CCPR54 (2023),
- (ii) call for nominations to the parallel review pilot, and
- (iii) prepare information for CCPR54 on the technical implications of removing certain unsupported compounds from the Codex pesticides list.

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### Requests for Comments

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

**Dried Roots, Rhizomes, and Bulbs:** The Codex Secretariat has extended the deadline for the Circular Letter (CL 2022/30/OCS - SCH) requesting comments on the Standard for dried roots, rhizomes, and

bulbs - proposed draft requirements for turmeric. The CL is currently available in English, French, and Spanish at the following link: <http://www.fao.org/fao-whocodexalimentarius/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)) as soon as possible. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the Online Commenting System (OCS) (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by September 16, 2022.

#### ***FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Asia (CCASIA)***

**Fermented Soybean Products:** The Codex Secretariat extended the deadline for Circular Letter (CL 2022/52(Rev)/OCS - ASIA) requesting comments on the proposed draft Regional Standard for Soybean Products Fermented with *Bacillus* Species. 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)) as soon as possible. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by September 15, 2022.

**Frozen Dumpling:** The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2022/53/OCS – ASIA) requesting comments on the proposed draft Regional Standard for Quick Frozen Dumpling. 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)) as soon as possible. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by September 15, 2022.

**Rice in Plant Leaves:** The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2022/54/OCS – ASIA) requesting comments on the proposed draft Regional Standard for Cooked Rice Wrapped in Plant Leaves. 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)) as soon as possible. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by September 15, 2022.