



**Codex News – September 18, 2024**

### **Upcoming Committee Meetings**

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

The 44<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses will be held in Dresden, Germany on October 2 – 6, 2024. Two physical Working Groups (WG) will be held on September 30 and October 1. The Plenary discussions and WGs will be broadcast live in English, French, Spanish, and German. A tentative timetable is available at the following link: [https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/sh-proxy/en/?lnk=1&url=https%253A%252F%252Fworkspace.fao.org%252Fsites%252Fcodex%252FMeetings%252FCX-720-44%252FLinks%252FTimetable\\_CCNFSDU44V1.pdf](https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/sh-proxy/en/?lnk=1&url=https%253A%252F%252Fworkspace.fao.org%252Fsites%252Fcodex%252FMeetings%252FCX-720-44%252FLinks%252FTimetable_CCNFSDU44V1.pdf). For additional information, please contact Alexandra Ferraro ([Alexandra.ferraro@usda.gov](mailto:Alexandra.ferraro@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.

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

The 47<sup>th</sup> Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC47) will meet in Geneva, Switzerland from November 25-30, 2024. The meeting will be broadcast in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, and Spanish. The report adoption will take place on the last day of the session. The provisional agenda and other working documents related to CAC47 are available at the following link: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CAC&session=47>. For additional information, please contact Ken Lowery ([Ken.lowery@usda.gov](mailto:Ken.lowery@usda.gov)) of the U.S. Codex Office with a copy to the [uscodexoffice@usda.gov](mailto:uscodexoffice@usda.gov).

### **Upcoming Public Meetings**

#### ***Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods (CCRVDF)***

The U.S. Codex Office is sponsoring a public meeting on October 1, 2024, from 2:00-4:00 PM ET 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 Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods (CCRVDF), which will meet in Omaha, Nebraska, from October 21-25, 2024. The public meeting will take place via video teleconference only. Documents related to the 27th Session of the CCRVDF will be accessible via the Internet at the following address: [www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/pt/?meeting=CCRVDF&session=27](http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/pt/?meeting=CCRVDF&session=27).

- Dr. Jonathan Greene, U.S. Delegate to the 27th Session of the CCRVDF, invites interested U.S. parties to submit their comments electronically to the following email address: [Jonathan.greene1@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:Jonathan.greene1@fda.hhs.gov).
- *Registration:* Attendees may register to attend the public meeting at the following link: [www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJIsdeirgD4pHzJOpShiJTalwXbnR8lgyTA](https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJIsdeirgD4pHzJOpShiJTalwXbnR8lgyTA). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

### ***Codex Committee on Food Labelling (CCFL)***

The U.S. Codex Office is sponsoring a public meeting on October 9, 2024, from 1:00-4:00 PM ET. The objective of the public meeting is to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items and draft U.S. positions to be discussed at the 48th Session of the Codex Committee on Food Labelling (CCFL48), which will meet in Quebec City, Canada, from October 27 – November 1, 2024. The public meeting will take place via Video Teleconference only. Documents related to the 48th Session of the CCFL will be accessible via the internet at the following address: [www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCFL&session=48](http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCFL&session=48).

- Dr. Douglas Balentine, U.S. Delegate to the 48th Session of the CCFL, 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: [www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJltdeGspz4sGTffT2fy17VYU0VHQWyD2eg](https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJltdeGspz4sGTffT2fy17VYU0VHQWyD2eg). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

### **Requests for Comments**

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

**Minimum brix level for Grape Juice:** The Codex Secretariat has recently issued a Circular Letter (CL 2024/80-FFV) requesting comments on the proposed amendment to *General Standard for Fruit Juices and Nectars* (CXS 247-2005): Minimum brix level for grape juice from *Vitis labrusca* or hybrids thereof. The CL is currently available in English, French, Spanish, Arabic, Chinese and Russian 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 October 1, 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 15, 2024.

**Castilla Lulo:** The Codex Secretariat has recently issued a Circular Letter (CL-2024/81-CAC) requesting on the Regional Standard for Castilla Lulo. The CL is currently available in English 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 Ken Lowery ([ken.lowery@usda.gov](mailto:ken.lowery@usda.gov)) of the U.S. Codex Office by September 23, 2024. 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 October 1, 2024.

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

**Acrylamide:** The Codex Secretariat has recently issued a Circular Letter (CL-2024/79-CF) requesting data and

information on risk management measures to prevent or reduce acrylamide contamination in foods. The CL is currently available in English, French, and Spanish at the following link: <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codex-alimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en/>. If you are interested in having your comments considered in the U.S. response, please send them to Alexandra Ferraro ([Alexandra.ferraro@usda.gov](mailto:Alexandra.ferraro@usda.gov)) of the U.S. Codex Office by October 17, 2024. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OC (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) prior to the deadline of October 31, 2024.

### **Codex Committee on Food Labelling (CCFL)**

**Allergen Labelling:** The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2024/53-FL) requesting comments on the revision to the *General Standard for the Labelling of Pre-packaged Foods* (GSLPF) (CXS 1-1985). 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 Alexandra Ferraro ([Alexandra.ferraro@usda.gov](mailto:Alexandra.ferraro@usda.gov)) of the U.S. Codex Office by September 25, 2024. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by October 9, 2024.

**Technology Use:** The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2024/55-FL) requesting comments on the guidelines on the use of technology to provide food information. The CL is currently available in English, French, and Spanish 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 Alexandra Ferraro ([Alexandra.ferraro@usda.gov](mailto:Alexandra.ferraro@usda.gov)) of the U.S. Codex Office by September 18, 2024. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by October 2, 2024.

**Pre-packaged Foods:** The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2024/56-FL) requesting comments on the amendments to the *General standard for the labelling of pre-packaged foods* (CXS 1-1985) (GSLPF): provisions relevant to joint presentation and multipack formats. The CL is currently available in English, French, and Spanish 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 Alexandra Ferraro ([Alexandra.ferraro@usda.gov](mailto:Alexandra.ferraro@usda.gov)) of the U.S. Codex Office by September 25, 2024. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by October 9, 2024.

### **Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods (CCRVDF)**

**JECFA98 MRLs:** The Codex Secretariat has recently issued a Circular Letter (CL 2024/65-RVDF) requesting comments on the maximum residue limits (MRLs) of veterinary drugs in foods arising from the safety assessment of the 98<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA98, 2024). 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 Kenneth Lowery ([ken.lowery@usda.gov](mailto:ken.lowery@usda.gov)) of the U.S. Codex Office as soon as possible. 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 September 30, 2024.

**Priority List:** The Codex Secretariat has recently issued a Circular Letter (CL 2024/66-RVDF) requesting comments on the priority list of veterinary drugs for evaluation by JECFA. 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 Kenneth Lowery ([ken.lowery@usda.gov](mailto:ken.lowery@usda.gov)) of the U.S. Codex Office as soon as possible. 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 September 30, 2024.

**MRL Extrapolation:** The Codex Secretariat has recently issued a Circular Letter (CL 2024/67-RVDF) requesting comments on extrapolation of maximum residue limits for veterinary drugs in foods. 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 Kenneth Lowery ([ken.lowery@usda.gov](mailto:ken.lowery@usda.gov)) of the U.S. Codex Office as soon as possible. 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 September 30, 2024.

**Action Levels:** The Codex Secretariat has recently issued a Circular Letter (CL 2024/68-RVDF) requesting comments on criteria and procedures for the establishment of action levels for veterinary drugs in food of animal origin resulting from unavoidable and unintentional veterinary drug carry-over in non-target animal feed. 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 Kenneth Lowery ([ken.lowery@usda.gov](mailto:ken.lowery@usda.gov)) of the U.S. Codex Office by September 20, 2024. 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 October 5, 2024.

## Electronic Working Groups (EWG)

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

**Tropane Alkaloid Contamination:** CCCF invites members and observers to join an EWG chaired by China and co-chaired by Saudi Arabia, working in English, on submitting data in reply to the JECFA call for data on tropane alkaloids contamination in food and feed at different production stages with further information available at the following FAO and WHO websites:

- WHO: [https://www.who.int/groups/joint-fao-who-expert-committee-on-food-additives-\(jecfa\)/calls-for-data](https://www.who.int/groups/joint-fao-who-expert-committee-on-food-additives-(jecfa)/calls-for-data)
- FAO: <https://www.fao.org/food-safety/scientific-advice/calls-for-data-and-experts-expert-rosters/en/>

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 September 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 [shaoyi@cfsa.net.cn](mailto:shaoyi@cfsa.net.cn) with a copy to [wuyongning@cfsa.net.cn](mailto:wuyongning@cfsa.net.cn) by September 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.

**Aflatoxin (AFT) in RTE Peanuts:** CCCF invites members and observers to join an EWG chaired by India and co-chaired by the United States, working in English, to develop the maximum level (ML) for AFT in RTE peanuts and the associated sampling plan. 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 September 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 [codex-india@nic.in](mailto:codex-india@nic.in) with a

copy to [reeba@apeda.gov.in](mailto:reeba@apeda.gov.in) by September 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.

**Acrylamide:** CCCF invites members and observers to join an EWG chaired by India and co-chaired by Saudi Arabia, working in English, to revise the *Code of Practice for the Reduction of Acrylamide in Foods* (CXC 67-2009). 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 September 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 [codex-india@nic.in](mailto:codex-india@nic.in) with a copy to [ushad@cftri.res.in](mailto:ushad@cftri.res.in) by September 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.

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

**CCPR/JMPR Enhancement:** CCPR invites members and observers to join an EWG chaired by the United States and co-chaired by Costa Rica and Uganda, working in English and Spanish, on the Enhancement of work between the CCPR and the FAO/WHO Joint Expert Meeting on Pesticide Residues (JMPR). . 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 October 4, 2024. Other countries and observers should send their full contact details, including participant's name, official title or position, country or organization, email address, via their CCP to the U.S. Codex Office ([uscodex@usda.gov](mailto:uscodex@usda.gov)) by October 10, 2024.

**Monitoring Guidelines:** CCPR invites members and observers to join an EWG chaired by India and co-chaired by Canada, Iran, and Singapore, working in English, on Guidelines for monitoring the stability and purity of reference materials and related stock solutions of pesticides during prolonged storage. 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 October 4, 2024. Other countries and observers should send their full contact details, including participant's name, official title or position, country or organization, 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 October 10, 2024.

**Management of Unsupported Compounds and National Registration Database:** CCPR invites members and observers to join an EWG chaired by Chile and co-chaired by Australia, Ecuador, India, and Kenya, working in English, to further the work on the Management of unsupported compounds without public health concerns scheduled for periodic review by JMPR and on the national registration database—two separated EWGs that have now been merged into one. Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contribution to the EWG should contact Marie Maratos Bhat (<mailto:marie.maratosbhat@usda.gov>) by October 8, 2024. Other countries and observers should send their full contact details, including participant's name, official title or position, country or organization, email address, via their Codex Contact Point (CCP) to [codex.contact@agriculture.gov.au](mailto:codex.contact@agriculture.gov.au) by October 13, 2024.

**Schedules and Priority Lists:** CCPR invites members and observers to join an EWG chaired by Australia, working in English, on the establishment of the CCPR schedules and priority lists for the evaluation of pesticides by JMPR . 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 October 8, 2024. Other countries and observers should send their full contact details, including participant's name, official title or position, country or organization, email address, CCP to [codex.contact@agriculture.gov.au](mailto:codex.contact@agriculture.gov.au) by October 13, 2024.

## **FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Europe (CCEURO)**

**Dietary Guidelines:** CCEURO invites members and observers to join an EWG chaired by Germany and co-chaired by Kazakhstan, Türkiye, and Spain, working in English, Russian, and Spanish, to work on the following terms of reference:

- a) Scope the needs and experiences of the Members in the European region regarding the development of dietary guidelines, and inclusion of sustainability considerations therein.
- b) Review existing international tools; and
- c) Propose follow-up actions for considerations by CCEURO34, including the possible development of guidance to assist Members from the region in the development of dietary guidelines including sustainability considerations and a food systems approach.

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 23, 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 [cceuro@bmel.bund.de](mailto:cceuro@bmel.bund.de) by September 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**

U.S.-EU Joint Event on Codex Alimentarius: On Thursday, September 5, 2024, the U.S. Codex Office, La Maison française, Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany, and the European Commission hosted an event celebrating Codex Alimentarius at the Embassy of France to the United States in Washington, D.C., entitled: "A U.S. – E.U. commitment to safe food-- A reflection on the collaboration between the United States and the European Union and their commitment to international food standards." For more information, please visit: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/news-and-events/news-details/en/c/1709668/>.

## **FAO**

- **AMR 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. Additional information may be found at the following link: <https://www.fao.org/antimicrobial-resistance/news-and-events/events/en/>.
- **WGS Global Meeting:** The FAO is organizing a global meeting on whole genome sequencing (WGS) from May 6-8. Applications can be found at the following link: [call for applications](#) and is available until November 4, 2024.
- **Risk Assessment of 3-MCPD and Fatty Acid Esters:** FAO has released a briefing note that summarizes key messages from the report "*Food safety in the context of limited food availability – Risk assessment of 3-MCPD and fatty acid esters in nutrient supplements and therapeutic food*". Further information can be found at the following links:
  - NEWS: <https://www.fao.org/food-safety/news/news-details/en/c/1708800/>
  - BRIEFING NOTE: <https://openknowledge.fao.org/items/d5c394fa-8f2b-4723-b16c-75b723c4055a>
  - FULL REPORT: <https://openknowledge.fao.org/items/edad8a64-d912-4a6a-b663-a6c3fe955725>