



Codex News – October 4, 2023

Upcoming Committee Meetings

Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC)

The 46th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC46) will meet in Rome, Italy from November 27 to December 2, 2023, from 4:00-7:00 a.m. EST (10:00-13:00 CET) and 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. EST (15:00-18:00 CET). The report adoption will take place in person from the last day of the session from 3:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. EST (9:00-18:00 CET). Remote participation (via Zoom) will be possible for listening and verbal interventions. The provisional agenda and other working documents related to the 46th session of CAC are available at the following link: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CAC&session=46>. For additional information, please contact the U.S. Codex Office (uscodex@usda.gov).

Upcoming Public Meeting

Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC)

The U.S. Codex Office is sponsoring a public meeting on October 18, 2023, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. EDT to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items and draft U.S. positions to be discussed at the 46th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC46), which will meet in Rome, Italy from November 27 to December 2, 2023.

- The public meeting will take place via Video Teleconference only. Documents related to the 46th Session of the CAC will be accessible via the internet at the following address: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CAC&session=46>.
- Mary Frances Lowe, U.S. Delegate to the 46th Session of the CAC, invites interested U.S. parties to submit their comments electronically to the following email address: maryfrances.lowe@usda.gov.
- Attendees may register to attend the public meeting at the following link: www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJltcuqgrzsuHOvxmm8j2MedkvGy-3fZOiA. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Other

Survey on the Use and Impact of Codex Standards: The 2023 survey on the use and impact of Codex texts has been posted at the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Codex-Texts2023>. The survey is issued in English, French, Spanish, Arabic, Chinese, and Russian, and is open until October 22, 2023. Further information is posted at the following link: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/news-and-events/news-details/en/c/1651836/>.

The results of the 2022 survey have also been published. For more information and to download the publication, visit the following link: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/news-and-events/news-details/en/c/1652280/>.

Codex Procedural Manual Publication: The 28th edition of the Codex Procedural Manual is now available in English, French, and Spanish at the following link: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/publications/procedural-manual/en/>.

Codex Trust Fund: The FAO/WHO Codex Trust Fund opened the eighth round of applications for support. All application documents can be found at the following link: <https://www.who.int/initiatives/codex-trust-fund/support>. The deadline for applications is December 20, 2023.

Call for Data: The 16th Session of the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods (CCCF16) agreed to request the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA) Secretariat to issue a call for data on cadmium and lead in quinoa and quinoa-based products, including foods for infants and young children. The call for data has been published at the following links:

FAO

- <http://www.fao.org/3/cc7721en/cc7721en.pdf>
- <https://www.fao.org/food-safety/scientific-advice/calls-for-data-and-experts-expert-rosters/en/>

WHO

- <https://www.who.int/news-room/articles-detail/request-for-data-on-cadmium-and-lead-in-quinoa-and-quinoa-based-products-including-foods-for-infants-and-young-children>
- <https://www.who.int/teams/nutrition-and-food-safety/overview>
- [https://www.who.int/groups/joint-fao-who-expert-committee-on-food-additives-\(jecfa\)](https://www.who.int/groups/joint-fao-who-expert-committee-on-food-additives-(jecfa))