



Codex News – November 16, 2021

Upcoming Committee and Task Force Meetings

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

The 42nd Session of the CCNFSDU will meet virtually on November 19 and November 22–25, 2021 from 6:00–9:00AM EST (12:00–15:00 CET) with report adoption scheduled for December 1, 2021 from 6:00–9:00AM EST (12:00–15:00 CET). The provisional agenda and other working documents related to the 42nd Session of the CCNFSDU are available at:

<https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCNFSDU&session=42>. For additional information, please contact Kristen Hendricks (Kristen.Hendricks@usda.gov) of the U.S. Codex Office.

Electronic Working Groups (EWG)

Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods (CCCF)

Guidance on Data Analysis and Improved Data Collection: CCCF invites Members and Observers to join an Electronic Working Group (EWG), chaired by the European Union, and co-chaired by Japan, the Netherlands, and the United States, working in English, to prepare guidance on data analysis for development of Maximum Levels (MLs) and for improved data collection based on the comments provided at the 14th Session of the CCCF (2021) and those in reply to the Circular Letter (CL 2021/78-CF). Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contributions to the EWG should contact Doreen Chen-Moulec (doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov) as soon as possible. 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 the following email addresses: sante-codex@ec.europa.eu and frans.verstraete@ec.europa.eu as soon as possible. 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.

Pyrrrolizidine Alkaloids (PAs): CCCF invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by the European Union, working in English, to prepare a discussion paper on pyrrrolizidine alkaloids looking into the feasibility of possible follow-up actions for considerations by the next session of the CCCF. Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contributions to the EWG should contact Doreen Chen-Moulec (doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov) as soon as possible. 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 the following email addresses: sante-codex@ec.europa.eu and

frans.verstraete@ec.europa.eu as soon as possible. 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 Food Additives (CCFA)

General Standard for Food Additives (GSFA): CCFA invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by the United States, working in English, to consider a series of issues, including the following:

- the result of review of 87th JECFA on carotenoids
- replies from the Codex Committee on Processed Fruits and Vegetables (CCPFV)
- notes associated with food additives contained under group headers
- notes in the GSFA linked to aspartame (INS 951), acesulfame potassium (INS 950) and the aspartame-acesulfame salt (INS 962)
- the provision for propylene glycol alginate (INS 405)
- draft and proposed draft provisions for sweeteners
- provisions with Note 161

For a complete list of the Terms of Reference please consult the relevant paragraph from the Final Report from the 52nd Session of the CCFA (REP 21/FA para. 183¹). Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contributions to the EWG should contact Ken Lowery (Ken.Lowery@usda.gov) by December 31, 2021. 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 the following email address: ccfa@cfsan.fda.gov by January 5, 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 Food Labelling (CCFL)

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, on the development of guidance on the sale of food through the means of e-commerce. Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contributions to the EWG should contact Kristen Hendricks (Kristen.hendricks@usda.gov) by December 13, 2021. 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 matthew.fewtrell@defra.gov.uk by December 31, 2021. As this EWG will operate on the Codex

¹ https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/sh-proxy/en/?lnk=1&url=https%253A%252F%252Fworkspace.fao.org%252Fsites%252Fcodex%252FMeetings%252FCX-804-08%252FREPORT%252FFinalReport%252FREP21_AMR08e.pdf

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.

Innovation –Use of Technology in Food Labelling: CCFL invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by Canada, working in English to address the gaps in the *General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods* (CXS1-1985) to enable the general principles to apply to food information provided through technology and to develop broad guidelines on the use of technology in food labelling. Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contributions to the EWG should contact Kristen Hendricks (Kristen.hendricks@usda.gov) by January 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 CCP to codex_canada@hc-sc.gc.ca with a copy to [Codex CFIA@inspection.gc.ca](mailto:Codex_CFIA@inspection.gc.ca) by January 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.

Requests for Comments

Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods (CCCF)

Guidance on Data Analysis: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2021/78-CF) requesting comments on the topics identified in relation to the guidance on data analysis for development of maximum levels and for improved data collection. 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 Doreen Chen-Moulec (doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov) by December 1, 2021. Comments by Member countries and Codex Observers should be submitted using the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS) (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by December 15, 2021.

Codex Committee on Food Hygiene (CCFH)

Decision Tree in the *General Principles of Food Hygiene*: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2021/62/OCS-FH) requesting comments at Step 3 on the proposed draft decision tree (revision of the *General Principles of Food Hygiene* (CXC 1-1969). 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 please send them to U.S. Delegate Jenny Scott (jenny.scott@fda.hhs.gov) with a copy to Andrew Yeung (andrew.yeung@fda.hhs.gov) and Marie Maratos Bhat (Marie.Maratosbhat@usda.gov) by December 8, 2021. Comments by Member countries and Codex Observers should be submitted using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by January 15, 2022.