



Codex News – December 1, 2020

Virtual Meetings

Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC)

The 43rd Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC43), which was conducted virtually for the first time in its history (on September 24-26; October 12 and 19, 2020) due to the Covid-19 pandemic, convened on November 5-6, 2020 for the adoption of the CAC43 draft report.

The final CAC43 report is currently available in English on the Codex Alimentarius website at the following link: <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CAC&session=43>.

Additionally, the U.S. Delegate Report for CAC 43 is now available on the USDA website at the following link:

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

Rescheduled Codex Committee Sessions

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

The 25th Session of CCRVDF is now rescheduled for July 12-16, 2021, in Cleveland, Ohio, United States. Documents related to the 25th Session of CCRVDF will be available at the following link:

<http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCRVDF&session=25>.

For additional information, please contact Ken Lowery (ken.lowery@usda.gov) of the U.S. Codex Office.

Requests for Comments

Codex Committee on Food Labelling (CCFL)

Internet Sales and E-Commerce: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2020/58/OCS-FL) requesting comments on the draft guidance on internet sales and e-commerce prepared by EWG members. The CL is available in English, French and Spanish at the following link: 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) by December 15, 2020. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted via their Codex Contact Point (CCP) using the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS) (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by January 8, 2021.

Innovation and Technology in Food Labelling: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2020/57/OCS-FL) requesting comments on a paper about innovation and technology in food, which will be used to explore new work for CCFL. The CL is available in English, French and Spanish at the following link: 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) by December 15, 2020.

Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted via their CCP to the CCP for

Canada (hc.codex.canada.sc@canada.ca) with a copy to the Codex Secretariat (codex@fao.org) by January 15, 2021.

Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling (CCMAS)

Measurement Uncertainty and Criteria for Typing: The Codex Secretariat has extended the deadline on the Circular Letter (CL 2020/31/OCS-MAS) requesting comments on: (i) the proposed revised Guideline on Measurement Uncertainty; (ii) Information document on procedures for the estimation of measurement uncertainty; and (iii) criteria to select Type II methods from multiple Type III methods. The CL is currently available in English, French and Spanish at the following link: www.fao.org/fao-whocodexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en. If you are interested in having your comments considered in the U.S. response, please send them to Heather Selig (Heather.Selig@usda.gov) by January 8, 2021. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted via their CCP using the Online Commenting System (OCS) (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by January 15, 2021.

Electronic Working Groups

Codex Committee on Fats and Oils (CCFO)

Request for Comments: CCFO is requesting comments for the electronic Working Group (EWG) working on the draft revision to the *Standard for Olive Oils and Olive Pomace Oils*. If you are interested in receiving the draft revision and having your comments considered in the U.S. response, please contact the U.S. Codex Office (USCO) (uscodex@usda.gov). The deadline for sending comments to the USCO is December 11, 2020. Other members of the EWG may submit comments through their CCP to EWG chair Juan Ramón Izquierdo (jjalvarez@mapa.es) by December 16, 2020.

Other

FAO Publications

The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations has released two new publications this week, including:

- [Joint FAO/WHO Expert Meeting on Tropane Alkaloids: Report](#)
- [FAO/IFIF publication - Good practices for the feed sector - Implementing the Codex Alimentarius Code of Practice on Good Animal Feeding](#)

Codex Trust Fund

Applications for support from the FAO/WHO Codex Trust Fund (Round 5) are now being accepted until December 15, 2020. All application documents and information resources - including eligibility - can be found at the following link: <https://www.who.int/initiatives/codex-trust-fund/support>.