



Codex News – December 13, 2022

### Upcoming Committee Meetings

#### ***FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for North America and South West Pacific (CCNASWP)***

The 16<sup>th</sup> Session of CCNASWP is scheduled to take place physically in Nadi, Fiji from January 30 to February 3, 2023. Remote participation (via Zoom) will also be possible for listening and verbal interventions. The provisional agenda and other working documents related to the 16<sup>th</sup> Session of the CCNASWP are available at the following link: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCNASWP&session=16>. 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 Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems (CCFICS)***

The 26<sup>th</sup> Session of CCFICS is scheduled to take place physically in Hobart, Tasmania, Australia from May 1-5, 2023. The provisional agenda and other working documents related to the 26<sup>th</sup> Session of the CCFICS will be made available at the following link: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCFICS&session=26>. For additional information, please contact Heather Selig ([heather.selig@usda.gov](mailto:heather.selig@usda.gov)) of the U.S. Codex Office.

### Electronic Working Groups (EWG)

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

**Group Standard for Dried Fruits and Berries:** CCSCH invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by the United States and co-chaired by India, Madagascar, and Mexico, working in English, on the proposed draft Group Standard for Spices derived from Dried Fruits and Berries. 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 January 15, 2023. 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 [dorian.lafond@usda.gov](mailto:dorian.lafond@usda.gov), [uscodex@usda.gov](mailto:uscodex@usda.gov) and [heather.selig@usda.gov](mailto:heather.selig@usda.gov) also by January 15, 2023. 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 Fats and Oils (CCFO)***

**Amendments to Acceptable Previous Cargoes:** The Codex Secretariat has issued a reminder on Circular Letter (CL 2021/95/OCS-FO) requesting proposals for amendments to Appendix 2: List of Acceptable Previous Cargoes of CXC 36-1987. 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 Doreen Chen-Moulec ([doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov](mailto:doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov)) of the U.S. Codex Office by February 13, 2023. Comments by

Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the Online Commenting System (OCS) (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by February 28, 2023.

**JECFA Assessments:** The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2022/81/OCS-FO) requesting comments on the recommendations of JECFA90 and JECFA91 on Assessment of substances proposed as previous cargoes. 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)) of the U.S. Codex Office by June 16, 2023. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by June 30 2023.

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

**Extrapolation of MRLS:** The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2022/76/RVDF) requesting comments on extrapolation of maximum residue limits for veterinary drugs to one or more species. The CL is currently available in English, 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 Ken Lowery ([ken.lowery@usda.gov](mailto:ken.lowery@usda.gov)) by January 13, 2023. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by January 30, 2023.

**Carryover of Veterinary Drugs:** The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2022/77/RVDF) requesting comments on criteria and procedures for the establishment of action levels for unintended and unavoidable carryover of veterinary drugs from feed to food of animal origin. The CL is currently available in English, 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 Ken Lowery ([ken.lowery@usda.gov](mailto:ken.lowery@usda.gov)) by January 13, 2023. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by January 30, 2023.

**Joint CCPR/CCRVDF EWG:** The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2022/78/RVDF) requesting comments on the recommendations arising from the Joint CCPR/CCRDVF EWG. The CL is currently available in English, 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 Ken Lowery ([ken.lowery@usda.gov](mailto:ken.lowery@usda.gov)) by January 13, 2023. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by January 30, 2023.

#### **New U.S. Delegate**

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

Mr. Aaron Niman, Senior Environmental Health Scientist with the Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), was recently confirmed as the new delegate to CCPR. He follows in the footsteps of Captain David Miller, who previously served as U.S. Delegate to CCPR for a number of years.

## Other

### **JECFA**

The Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA) published the following reports:

- Evaluation of certain food additives and contaminants: 91<sup>st</sup> report of the JECFA
- Evaluation of certain food additives: 92<sup>nd</sup> report of the JECFA

Both meeting reports may be found at the following link: [https://www.who.int/groups/joint-fao-who-expert-committee-on-food-additives-\(jecfa\)/publications/reports](https://www.who.int/groups/joint-fao-who-expert-committee-on-food-additives-(jecfa)/publications/reports).

### **FAO**

**Vacancy:** The vacancy announcement at FAO for an International Consultant (HABs and marine biotoxins) may be found at the following link: [https://jobs.fao.org/careersection/fao\\_external/jobdetail.ftl?job=2203192&tz=GMT%2B01%3A00&tzname=Europe%2FBerlin](https://jobs.fao.org/careersection/fao_external/jobdetail.ftl?job=2203192&tz=GMT%2B01%3A00&tzname=Europe%2FBerlin). The deadline to apply is December 23, 2022. For additional information, please contact [Esther.GarridoGamarro@fao.org](mailto:Esther.GarridoGamarro@fao.org).

**Survey:** FAO is conducting a survey to determine the most important topics that should be included in undergraduate training programmes in food safety. The survey also aims to identify any national or regional needs that may be beneficial to include in curricula because of issues or concerns of high importance in particular geographic regions. The survey is available at the following links for English (<https://mesydel.com/logon/fsc-dev/bEhYx59mN/en>) and for Spanish (<https://mesydel.com/logon/fsc-dev/bEhYx59mN/es>).