



Codex News – December 13, 2023

Requests for Comments

Codex Committee on Food Labelling (CCFL)

Added Sugars: The Codex Secretariat has recently issued a Circular Letter (CL 2023/94-FL) requesting comments or information on the establishment of a definition of added sugars. The CL is currently available in English, French, and Spanish 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 Alexandra Ferraro (alexandra.ferraro@usda.gov) by January 2, 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 January 16, 2024.

Codex Committee for Fats and Oils (CCFO)

Camellia Seed Oil: The Codex Secretariat has recently issued a Circular Letter (CL 2023/58/OCS-FO) requesting comments on the draft amendment/revision to the *Standard for Named Vegetable Oils* (CXS 210-1999) – Inclusion of Camellia seed oil. The CL is currently available in English 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) of the U.S. Codex Office by January 5, 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 January 19, 2024.

Sacha Inchi Oil: The Codex Secretariat has recently issued a Circular Letter (CL 2023/59/OCS-FO) requesting comments on the proposed amendment/revision to the *Standard for Named Vegetable Oils* (CXS 210-1999): Inclusion of Sacha inchi oil. The CL is currently available in English 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) of the U.S. Codex Office by January 12, 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 January 26, 2024.

High Oleic Acid Soybean Oil: The Codex Secretariat has recently issued a Circular Letter (CL 2023/60/OCS-FO) requesting comments on the proposed amendment/revision to the *Standard for Named Vegetable Oils* (CXS 210-1999): Inclusion of high oleic acid soybean oil. The CL is currently available in English 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) of the U.S. Codex Office by January 12, 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 January 26, 2024.

Acceptable Previous Cargoes: The Codex Secretariat has recently issued a Circular Letter (CL 2023/63/OCS-FO) requesting comments on the proposed revision to the list of acceptable previous cargoes – ([CXC 36-1987, Appendix 2](#)). The CL is currently available in English 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) of the U.S. Codex Office by January 5, 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 January 19, 2024.

Codex Committee for Pesticide Residues (CCPR)

National Registration: The Codex Secretariat has recently issued a Circular Letter (CL 2023/86-PR) requesting comments/data/information on national registration of pesticides. The CL is currently available in English, French, and Spanish 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 Marie Maratos Bhat (marie.maratosbhat@usda.gov) of the U.S. Codex Office by February 1, 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 February 15, 2024.

Electronic Working Groups (EWG)

Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems (CCFICS)

Sanitary Requirements: CCFICS invites members and observers to join an EWG chaired by Brazil with the assistance of Australia, New Zealand, Spain, and the United States, working in English, to prepare an updated discussion paper and project document on the standardization of sanitary requirements for further consideration at CCFICS27. Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contribution to the EWG should contact Heather Selig (heather.selig@usda.gov) by January 8, 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 Brazil at codexbrasil@inmetro.gov.br with a copy to Professor Vidal Melo at vidal.melo@usp.br by January 12, 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

Codex 2023 Magazine: The latest edition of the Codex Magazine may be found at the following link: <https://www.fao.org/3/cc8700en/cc8700en.pdf>

Food Additives: The summary report on the 97th Joint Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)/World Health Organization (WHO) Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA) meeting has been published and is available at the following links:

- FAO: <https://www.fao.org/3/cc8825en/cc8825en.pdf>
- WHO: [https://www.who.int/groups/joint-fao-who-expert-committee-on-food-additives-\(jecfa\)/publications/summary-reports](https://www.who.int/groups/joint-fao-who-expert-committee-on-food-additives-(jecfa)/publications/summary-reports)

Environmental Inhibitors: FAO has published the report: "Food safety implications from the use of environmental inhibitors in agrifood systems" and may be found at the following link: <https://www.fao.org/documents/card/en/c/cc8647en>

Food Sources and Production Systems: The summary conclusions of the Food Safety Foresight Technical Meeting on New Food Sources and Production Systems have been published and the summarization of the key conclusions of the meeting can be found at the following link: <https://www.fao.org/3/cc8832en/cc8832en.pdf>

AMR: FAO has launched a new brochure "How can Codex standards help tackle foodborne antimicrobial resistance (AMR)?" to explain how Codex standards help tackle foodborne antimicrobial resistance (AMR) and may be found at the following link: <https://www.fao.org/3/cc8716en/cc8716en.pdf>