



Codex News- December 17, 2019

## Requests for Comments

### ***Codex Committee on Food Additives (CCFA)***

**Food Additive Provision of the GSFA:** The Codex Secretariat issued a Circular Letter (CL 2019/40-FA) requesting proposals for new provisions and/or revisions of the Food Additive Provision of the General Standard for Food Additives (GSFA). The CL is available in English at the following link: [www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en](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 Ken Lowery ([ken.lowery@usda.gov](mailto:ken.lowery@usda.gov)) by January 3, 2020. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted via their Codex Contact Point (CCP) to [ccfa@cfsa.net.cn](mailto:ccfa@cfsa.net.cn) with a copy to [codex@fao.org](mailto:codex@fao.org) by January 15, 2020.

**Priority List of Substances:** The Codex Secretariat issued a Circular Letter (CL 2019/41-FA) requesting information and comments on the priority list of substances proposed for evaluation by the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA). The CL is available in English at the following link: [www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en](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 Ken Lowery ([ken.lowery@usda.gov](mailto:ken.lowery@usda.gov)) by January 3, 2020. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted via their CCP to [ccfa@cfsa.net.cn](mailto:ccfa@cfsa.net.cn) with a copy to [codex@fao.org](mailto:codex@fao.org) by January 15, 2020.

### ***Codex Committee on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables (CCFFV)***

**Kiwifruit:** The Codex Secretariat issued a Circular Letter (CL 2019/106/OCS-FFV) requesting comments at Step 8 on the draft standard for kiwifruit. The CL is available in English at the following link: [www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en](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](mailto:doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov)) by March 20, 2020. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted via their CCP using the Online Commenting System (OCS) ([ocs.codexalimentarius.org](http://ocs.codexalimentarius.org)) by March 31, 2020.

**Garlic:** The Codex Secretariat issued a Circular Letter (CL 2019/107/OCS-FFV) requesting comments at Step 8 on the draft standard for garlic. The CL is available in English at the following link: [www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en](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](mailto:doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov)) by March 20, 2020. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS ([ocs.codexalimentarius.org](http://ocs.codexalimentarius.org)) by March 31, 2020.

**Ware Potatoes:** The Codex Secretariat issued a Circular Letter (CL 2019/108/OCS-FFV) requesting comments at Step 8 on the draft standard for ware potatoes. The CL is available in English at the following link: [www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en](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](mailto:doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov)) by March 20, 2020. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS ([ocs.codexalimentarius.org](http://ocs.codexalimentarius.org)) by March 31, 2020.

**Yams:** The Codex Secretariat issued a Circular Letter (CL 2019/109/OCS-FFV) requesting comments at Step 8 on the draft standard for yam. The CL is available in English at the following link: [www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en](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](mailto:doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov)) by March 20, 2020. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS ([ocs.codexalimentarius.org](http://ocs.codexalimentarius.org)) by March 31, 2020.

#### ***Codex Committee on Food Hygiene (CCFH)***

**Food Allergen Management for Food Business Operators:** The Codex Secretariat issued a Circular Letter (CL 2019/110/OCS-FH) requesting comments at Step 8 on the draft Code of Practice on food allergen management for food business operators. The CL is available in English at the following link: [www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en](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 ([marie.maratos@usda.gov](mailto:marie.maratos@usda.gov)) by March 20, 2020. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS ([ocs.codexalimentarius.org](http://ocs.codexalimentarius.org)) by March 31, 2020.

**General Principles of Food Hygiene:** The Codex Secretariat issued a Circular Letter (CL 2019/111/OCS-FH) requesting comments at Step 5/8 on the proposed draft revision of the *General Principles of Food Hygiene*. The CL is available in English at the following link: [www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en](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 ([marie.maratos@usda.gov](mailto:marie.maratos@usda.gov)) by March 20, 2020. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS ([ocs.codexalimentarius.org](http://ocs.codexalimentarius.org)) by March 31, 2020.

**Management of Biological Foodborne Outbreaks:** The Codex Secretariat issued a Circular Letter (CL 2019/112/OCS-FH) requesting comments at Step 5 on the proposed draft guidance for the management of biological foodborne outbreaks. The CL is available in English at the following link: [www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en](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 ([marie.maratos@usda.gov](mailto:marie.maratos@usda.gov)) by March 20, 2020. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS ([ocs.codexalimentarius.org](http://ocs.codexalimentarius.org)) by March 31, 2020.

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

**Voluntary Third-Party Assurance Programs:** The Codex Secretariat issued a Circular Letter (CL 2019/93/OCS-FICS) requesting comments at Step 6 on the draft principles and guidelines for the assessment and use of voluntary Third-Party Assurance (v-TPA) programs. The CL is available in English at the following link: [www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en](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 Kristen Hendricks ([kristen.hendricks@usda.gov](mailto:kristen.hendricks@usda.gov)) as soon as possible. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS ([ocs.codexalimentarius.org](http://ocs.codexalimentarius.org)) by December 31, 2019.

***Codex Committee on Food Labelling (CCFL)***

**Innovation and Technology in Food Labelling:** The Codex Secretariat issued a Circular Letter (CL 2019/82-FL) requesting information for innovation and technology in food labelling. The CL is available in English at the following link: [www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en](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 Kristen Hendricks ([kristen.hendricks@usda.gov](mailto:kristen.hendricks@usda.gov)) by January 21, 2020. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted via their CCP to [hc.codex.canada.sc@canada.ca](mailto:hc.codex.canada.sc@canada.ca) with a copy to [codex@fao.org](mailto:codex@fao.org) by January 31, 2020.

**Labelling of Non-Retail Containers:** The Codex Secretariat issued a Circular Letter (CL 2019/85/OCS-FL) requesting comments at Step 6 on the draft guidance for the labelling of non-retail containers. The CL is available in English at the following link: [www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en](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 Kristen Hendricks ([kristen.hendricks@usda.gov](mailto:kristen.hendricks@usda.gov)) by May 20, 2020. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS ([ocs.codexalimentarius.org](http://ocs.codexalimentarius.org)) by May 30, 2020.

***Codex Committee on Fats and Oils (CCFO)***

**Request for Data and Information on Sunflowerseed Oil:** The Codex Secretariat issued a Circular Letter (CL 2019/53-FO) requesting data and information on refractive index, saponification value, iodine values, and relative density for sunflower seed oil. The CL is available in English at the following link: [www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en](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 Kristen Hendricks ([kristen.hendricks@usda.gov](mailto:kristen.hendricks@usda.gov)) by March 6, 2020. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted via their CCP to [codex@fao.org](mailto:codex@fao.org) with a copy to [codex@magyp.gov.ar](mailto:codex@magyp.gov.ar), [mlarre@magyp.gob.ar](mailto:mlarre@magyp.gob.ar), [codexbrasil@inmetro.gov.br](mailto:codexbrasil@inmetro.gov.br), and [ana.peretti@anvisa.gov.br](mailto:ana.peretti@anvisa.gov.br) by March 27, 2020.

**New Work and/or Amendments to Existing Codex Standards:** The Codex Secretariat issued a Circular Letter (CL 2019/54-FO) requesting proposals for new work and/or amendments to existing Codex standards. The CL is available in English at the following link: [www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en](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 Kristen Hendricks ([kristen.hendricks@usda.gov](mailto:kristen.hendricks@usda.gov)) by May 19, 2020. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted via their CCP to [sante-codex@ec.europa.eu](mailto:sante-codex@ec.europa.eu) with a copy to [ccpr@agri.gov.cn](mailto:ccpr@agri.gov.cn), [codex@fao.org](mailto:codex@fao.org), and [hermine.reich@efsa.europa](mailto:hermine.reich@efsa.europa) by May 29, 2020.

***Codex Committee on General Principles (CCGP)***

**Committees Working by Correspondence: Follow-up Formula:** The Codex Secretariat issued a Circular Letter (CL 2019/115/OCS-GP) requesting comments for procedural guidance for committees working by correspondence. The CL is available in English at the following link: [www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en](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 Ken Lowery ([ken.lowery@usda.gov](mailto:ken.lowery@usda.gov)) by February 6, 2020. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS ([ocs.codexalimentarius.org](http://ocs.codexalimentarius.org)) by February 16, 2020.

***Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling (CCMAS)***

**Measurement Uncertainty:** The Codex Secretariat issued a Circular Letter (CL 2019/80/OCS-MAS) requesting comments at Step 6 on the draft revised *Guidelines on Measurement Uncertainty*. The CL is available in English at the following link: [www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en](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](mailto:doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov)) by January 21, 2020. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS ([ocs.codexalimentarius.org](http://ocs.codexalimentarius.org)) by January 31, 2020.

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

**Follow-up Formula:** The Codex Secretariat issued a Circular Letter (CL 2019/113/OCS-NFSDU) requesting comments at Step 5 on the review of the *Standard for Follow-up Formula: Section B: proposed draft scope, description, and labelling*. The CL is available in English at the following link: [www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en](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 Kristen Hendricks ([kristen.hendricks@usda.gov](mailto:kristen.hendricks@usda.gov)) by March 20, 2020. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS ([ocs.codexalimentarius.org](http://ocs.codexalimentarius.org)) by March 31, 2020.

**Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Foods:** The Codex Secretariat issued a Circular Letter (CL 2019/114/OCS-NFSDU) requesting comments at Step 5 on the proposed draft guidelines for ready-to-use therapeutic foods. The CL is available in English at the following link:

[www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en](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 Kristen Hendricks ([kristen.hendricks@usda.gov](mailto:kristen.hendricks@usda.gov)) by March 20, 2020. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS ([ocs.codexalimentarius.org](http://ocs.codexalimentarius.org)) by March 31, 2020.

**Xanthum Gum and Pectins:** The Codex Secretariat issued a Circular Letter (CL 2019/116/OCS-NFSDU) requesting comments on provisions for xanthum gum and pectins in the *Standard for Infant Formula and Formulas for Special Medical Purposes Intended for Infants* (CXS 72-1981). The CL is available in English at the following link: [www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en](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 Kristen Hendricks ([kristen.hendricks@usda.gov](mailto:kristen.hendricks@usda.gov)) by March 20, 2020. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS ([ocs.codexalimentarius.org](http://ocs.codexalimentarius.org)) by March 31, 2020.

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

**Saffron:** The Codex Secretariat issued a Circular Letter (CL 2019/94/OCS-SCH) requesting comments at Step 6 on the draft standard for saffron. The CL is available in English at the following link: [www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en](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](mailto:doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov)) by March 20, 2020. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS ([ocs.codexalimentarius.org](http://ocs.codexalimentarius.org)) by March 31, 2020.

**Dried Floral Parts—Dried Cloves:** The Codex Secretariat issued a Circular Letter (CL 2019/95/OCS-SCH) requesting comments at Step 6 on the draft standard for dried floral parts—dried cloves. The CL is available in English at the following link: [www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en](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](mailto:doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov)) by March 20, 2020. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS ([ocs.codexalimentarius.org](http://ocs.codexalimentarius.org)) by March 31, 2020.

**Dried Leaves—Dried Basil:** The Codex Secretariat issued a Circular Letter (CL 2019/96/OCS-SCH) requesting comments at Step 6 on the draft standard for dried leaves—dried basil. The CL is available in English at the following link: [www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en](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](mailto:doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov)) by March 20, 2020. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS ([ocs.codexalimentarius.org](http://ocs.codexalimentarius.org)) by March 31, 2020.

**Dried Roots, Rhizomes, and Bulbs—Dried or Dehydrated Ginger:** The Codex Secretariat issued a Circular Letter (CL 2019/97/OCS-SCH) requesting comments at Step 6 on the draft standard for dried roots, rhizomes, and bulbs—dried or dehydrated ginger. The CL is available in English at the following link: [www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en](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](mailto:doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov)) by March 20, 2020. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS ([ocs.codexalimentarius.org](http://ocs.codexalimentarius.org)) by March 31, 2020.

**Oregano:** The Codex Secretariat issued a Circular Letter (CL 2019/98/OCS-SCH) requesting comments at Step 6 on the draft standard for dried oregano. The CL is available in English at the following link: [www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en](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](mailto:doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov)) by March 20, 2020. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS ([ocs.codexalimentarius.org](http://ocs.codexalimentarius.org)) by March 31, 2020.

**New Work:** The Codex Secretariat issued a Circular Letter (CL 2019/100-SCH) requesting proposals for new work for CCSC. The CL is available in English at the following link: [www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en](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](mailto:doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov)) by May 21, 2020. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted via their CCP to [codex-india@nic.in](mailto:codex-india@nic.in), [dinesh.bish899@nic.in](mailto:dinesh.bish899@nic.in), and [codex.sb-ker@gov.in](mailto:codex.sb-ker@gov.in), with a copy to [codex@fao.org](mailto:codex@fao.org) by May 31, 2020.

#### ***FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Africa (CAFRICA)***

**Cassava-Based Products:** The Codex Secretariat issued a Circular Letter (CL 2019/102/OCS-AFRICA) requesting comments at Step 8 on the draft standard for fermented cooked cassava-based products. The CL is available in English at the following link: [www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en](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 Ken Lowery ([ken.lowery@usda.gov](mailto:ken.lowery@usda.gov)) by March 20, 2020. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS ([ocs.codexalimentarius.org](http://ocs.codexalimentarius.org)) by March 31, 2020.

***Gnetum Spp:*** The Codex Secretariat issued a Circular Letter (CL 2019/103/OCS-AFRICA) requesting comments at Step 8 on the draft standard for fresh leaves of *Gnetum Spp*. The CL is available in English at the following link: [www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en](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 Ken Lowery ([ken.lowery@usda.gov](mailto:ken.lowery@usda.gov)) by March 20, 2020. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS ([ocs.codexalimentarius.org](http://ocs.codexalimentarius.org)) by March 31, 2020.

**Dried Meat:** The Codex Secretariat issued a Circular Letter (CL 2019/104/OCS-AFRICA) requesting comments at Step 5 on the draft standard for dried meat. The CL is available in English at the following link: [www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en](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 Ken Lowery ([ken.lowery@usda.gov](mailto:ken.lowery@usda.gov)) by March 20, 2020. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS ([ocs.codexalimentarius.org](http://ocs.codexalimentarius.org)) by March 31, 2020.

**Shea Butter:** The Codex Secretariat issued a Circular Letter (CL 2019/105/OCS-AFRICA) requesting comments on the proposed amendments to Sections 3.2.2 and 3.4 of the regional Standard for Shea Butter. The CL is available in English at the following link: [www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en](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 Ken Lowery ([ken.lowery@usda.gov](mailto:ken.lowery@usda.gov)) by March 20, 2020. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS ([ocs.codexalimentarius.org](http://ocs.codexalimentarius.org)) by March 31, 2020.

### **Calls for Data**

**Call for Candidates for Training of New JMPR Experts:** A call for candidates for training of new experts for the Joint FAO/WHO Meeting on Pesticide Residues (JMPR) has been issued. Experts interested in being selected to participate should send their application, including a curriculum vitae, to the WHO JMPR Secretariat by December 31, 2019. More information is available on the following website: [www.who.int/foodsafety/Call for candidates for training of new JMPR experts final.pdf?ua=1](http://www.who.int/foodsafety/Call%20for%20candidates%20for%20training%20of%20new%20JMPR%20experts%20final.pdf?ua=1).

**Call for Experts and Data:** A call for experts and data on microbiological risk assessment of *Listeria Monocytogenes* in ready-to-eat (RTE) food: attribution, characterization, and monitoring has been issued and is available on the following website: [www.fao.org/food/food-safety-quality/scientific-advice/calls-data-experts/en/](http://www.fao.org/food/food-safety-quality/scientific-advice/calls-data-experts/en/). The deadline for experts is January 20, 2020 and the deadline for data is February 29, 2020.

**Call for Data on (-)Hyoscyamine, (+)Hyoscyamine, and (-)Scopolamine:** A call for data has been issued and is available on the following websites: [www.who.int/activities/assessing-chemical-risks-in-food](http://www.who.int/activities/assessing-chemical-risks-in-food) and [www.fao.org/food/food-safety-quality/scientific-advice/calls-data-experts/en/](http://www.fao.org/food/food-safety-quality/scientific-advice/calls-data-experts/en/). The deadline for data is January 31, 2020.

**Call for Experts and Data:** A call for experts and data for work on STEC has been issued and is available on the following websites: [www.who.int/foodsafety/call-data/en/](http://www.who.int/foodsafety/call-data/en/) and [www.who.int/foodsafety/call-experts/en/](http://www.who.int/foodsafety/call-experts/en/). The deadline for experts passed, but the deadline for data is January 31, 2019.

**Call for Data:** A call for data of the Addendum to the 9<sup>th</sup> JECFA meeting for eight enzyme preparations has been issued and is available on the following websites:

[www.who.int/foodsafety/JECFA\\_89\\_Call\\_for\\_data\\_Oct\\_2019\\_enzymes.pdf?ua=1](http://www.who.int/foodsafety/JECFA_89_Call_for_data_Oct_2019_enzymes.pdf?ua=1) and [www.fao.org/3/ca6809en/ca6809en.pdf](http://www.fao.org/3/ca6809en/ca6809en.pdf). The deadline for data is February 15, 2020.

**Call for Experts and Data:** A call for experts and data for the *Ad hoc* Joint FAO/WHO Expert Consultation of the Risk Assessment of Food Allergens has been issued and is available on the following website: [www.fao.org/food/food-safety-quality/scientific-advice/calls-data-experts/en/](http://www.fao.org/food/food-safety-quality/scientific-advice/calls-data-experts/en/). The deadline for experts is February 29, 2020 and the deadline for data is May 31, 2020.

**Call for Data:** A call for data for the 90<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA) has been issued and is available on the following websites: [www.fao.org/food/food-safety-quality/scientific-advice/calls-data-experts/en/](http://www.fao.org/food/food-safety-quality/scientific-advice/calls-data-experts/en/) and [www.who.int/foodsafety/call-data/en/](http://www.who.int/foodsafety/call-data/en/). The deadline for data is April 15, 2020.

### Other

**Public Consultation:** JECFA/JMPR have drafted and updated Chapter 5 in Principles and Methods for the Risk Assessment of Chemical in Food, Environmental Health Criteria 240: Dose Response Assessment and Derivation of Health-Based Guidance Values. It is available on the following website: [www.who.int/news-room/articles-detail/public-consultation-on-the-jecfa-jmpr-update-of-chapter-5-\(ehc-240\)-\(deadline-by-31-january-2020\)](http://www.who.int/news-room/articles-detail/public-consultation-on-the-jecfa-jmpr-update-of-chapter-5-(ehc-240)-(deadline-by-31-january-2020)). The deadline for comments is January 31, 2020.