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**TO:** Codex Contact Points  
Contact Points of international organizations having observer status with Codex

**FROM:** Secretariat, Codex Alimentarius Commission,  
Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme

**SUBJECT:** **Request for comments, at Step 3, on the proposed draft consolidated Codex guidelines related to equivalence**

**DEADLINE:** 24 April 2023

## BACKGROUND

1. For the background information, please refer to document [CX/FICS 23/26/5](#).

## REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

2. Codex Members and Observers are invited to submit general comments at Step 3 on the [proposed draft consolidated Codex guidelines related to equivalence \(Appendix I\)](#), and specific comments to the questions highlighted in Appendix I. The document is uploaded on the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS): <https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org/>, and comments should be submitted as per the guidance below.

## GUIDANCE ON THE PROVISION OF COMMENTS

3. Comments should be submitted through the Codex Contact Points of Codex Members and Observers using the OCS.
4. Contact Points of Codex Members and Observers may login to the OCS and access the document open for comments by selecting "Enter" in the "My reviews" page, available after login to the system.
5. Contact Points of Codex Members and Observers organizations are requested to provide proposed changes and relevant comments/justifications on a specific paragraph and/or at the document level (general comments or summary comments). Additional guidance on the OCS comment categories and types can be found in the OCS [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#).
6. Other OCS resources, including the user manual and short guide, can be found at the following link: <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/ocs/en/>.
7. For questions on the OCS, please contact [Codex-OCS@fao.org](mailto:Codex-OCS@fao.org).