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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 on maximum levels for lead in certain food categories

**DEADLINE:** 25 March 2023

## BACKGROUND

1. For background information please refer to CX/CF 23/16/5 available on the CCCF16 webpage<sup>1</sup>.

## REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

2. Codex members and observers are invited to provide comments on the MLs for lead in certain food categories as presented in CX/CF 23/16/5, Appendix I, while taking into account the information provided in paragraphs 13-36 and the data/information presented/assessed in Appendix II of the said document. Appendix I is uploaded to the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS): <https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org/>. Comments provided through the OCS should follow the guidance provided in paragraphs 4-8.
3. Codex members and observers are encouraged to submit comments in reply to this CL<sup>2</sup> in order to facilitate the consideration of the MLs and its finalization at the upcoming CCCF.

## GUIDANCE ON THE PROVISION OF COMMENTS

4. Comments should be submitted through the Codex Contact Points of Codex members and observers using the OCS.
5. 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.
6. Contact Points of Codex members and observers organizations are requested to provide proposed changes and relevant comments/justifications on a specific paragraph (under the categories: editorial, substantive, technical and translation) 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)<sup>3</sup>.
7. Other OCS resources, including the user manual and short guide, can also be found on the Codex website<sup>4</sup>.
8. For questions on the OCS, please contact [Codex-OCS@fao.org](mailto:Codex-OCS@fao.org).

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCCF&session=16>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en/>  
<https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/committees/committee/related-circular-letters/en/?committee=CCCF>

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user\\_upload/codexalimentarius/doc/OCS/Codex\\_OCS\\_FAQs\\_2017-11-06.pdf](http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/codexalimentarius/doc/OCS/Codex_OCS_FAQs_2017-11-06.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/ocs/en/>