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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 the sampling plans for total aflatoxins in certain cereals and
cereal-based products including foods for infants and young children

DEADLINE: 25 March 2023

BACKGROUND

1. For background information, please refer to document CX/CF 23/16/7¹.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

2. Codex members and observers are invited to submit general and specific comments on the recommendations and the proposed sampling plans taking into account key points of discussion and conclusions in CX/CF 23/16/7, paragraphs 8-18 as well as the data/information presented/assessed in Appendix II of the said working document as follows:
 - (i) the adoption of 5 kg as laboratory sample size and 25 g as test portion size for maize grain, destined for further processing (CX/CF 23/16/7, paragraph 19).
 - (ii) the alignment of the sampling plans for sorghum, husked rice and polished rice with the proposed sampling plan for aflatoxins in maize grain (CX/CF 23/16/7, paragraph 19).
 - (iii) the alignment of the sampling plans for flour, meal, semolina and flakes derived from maize and cereal-based foods for infant and young children with DON and fumonisins sampling plans (CX/CF 23/16/7, paragraph 19).
 - (iv) proposed sampling plans for the selected food categories including their readiness to advance them in the Step Procedure or to submit them for final adoption by the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC46, 2023) (CX/CF 23/16/7, paragraph 19 et Appendix I)
 - (v) Other comments as appropriate
(i.e. *any other comments not considered in points i-v arising from the discussion in the EWG as summarized in paragraphs 8-18*)
3. The recommendations and Appendix I (sampling plans) are uploaded to the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS): <https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org/>. Comments provided through the OCS should follow the guidance provided in paragraphs 5-9.
4. Codex members and observers are encouraged to submit comments in reply to this CL² in order to facilitate the consideration of the recommendations and sampling plans at the upcoming CCCF.

GUIDANCE ON THE PROVISION OF COMMENTS

5. Comments should be submitted through the Codex Contact Points of Codex members and observers using the OCS.
6. 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.

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

² <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>

7. 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)³.
8. Other OCS resources, including the user manual and short guide, can also be found on the Codex website⁴.
9. For questions on the OCS, please contact Codex-OCS@fao.org.

³ http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/codexalimentarius/doc/OCS/Codex_OCS_FAQs_2017-11-06.pdf

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