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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 revision of the Classification of Food and Feed:
Class B – Primary food commodities of animal origin (all types) and
Class E - Processed foods of animal origin (all types)
The development of Tables on examples of selection of representative commodities for
Class B and Class E
Table 9 - Primary food commodities of animal origin
Table 10 - Processed foods of animal origin

DEADLINE: 31 May 2023

BACKGROUND

1. For background information please refer to CX/PR 23/54/6 and CX/PR 23/54/7 available on the CCPR54 webpage¹.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

2. Codex members and observers are invited to submit comments on the revised Class B and E of the *Classification of Food and Feed* (CXA 4-1989), as contained in Appendices I and II to CX/PR 23/54/6 and the respective tables on examples of selection of representative commodities as contained in Appendices I and II to CX/PR 23/54/7, which are uploaded to the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS): <https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org/>, as per the guidance in paragraphs 6-10.
3. In providing comments on Class B and E, Codex members and observers are invited to provide:
 - a. General comments on the overall approach to the revision of Class B and Class E and the tables of representative commodities;
 - b. Specific comments on Types/Groups/Subgroups of Class B and Class E and The respective Tables 9 and 10 on examples of selection of representative commodities; and
 - c. Guidance on whether the revised Class B and Class E and the corresponding Tables 9 and 10 of representative commodities are ready for final adoption by the 46th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission.
4. In providing comments on Class B and E, Codex members and observers are also invited to take into consideration the general agreements taken by CCPR in the revision of the *Classification of Food and Feed* and the tables of representative commodities as described in CX/PR 23/54/6, paragraphs 1-5.
5. It is noted that completion of revision of Class B and Class E and the respective Tables 9 and 10 on examples of selection of representative commodities will complete the revision of the *Classification of Food and Feed*. Codex members and observers are invited to submit comments with a view to finalize these classes and their respective tables of representative commodities at CCPR54.

¹ <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCPR&session=53>

GUIDANCE ON THE PROVISION OF COMMENTS

6. Comments should be submitted through the Codex Contact Points of Codex members and observers using the OCS.
7. 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.
8. Contact Points of Codex members and observer 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 \(FAQs\)](#).
9. 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/circular-letters/en/>.
10. For questions on the OCS, please contact Codex-OCS@fao.org.