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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 recommendations for follow-up risk management actions on pyrrolizidine alkaloids

DEADLINE: 30 September 2023

BACKGROUND

1. For background information, please refer to document CX/CF 23/16/11¹. This document is available in English only.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

2. Codex members and observers are invited to submit general and specific comments on the recommendations as described in CX/CF 23/16/11, Appendix I, paragraph 33, points (a) to (d), namely:
 - (i) Consider whether the discussion paper in Appendix I of CX/CF 23/16/11 provides sufficient data/information that support the recommendations in paragraph 33 in relation to the update of the *Code of practice for weed control to prevent and reduce pyrrolizidine alkaloids contamination in food and feed* (CXC 74-2014) and, if not, provide general and specific comments on additional points that should be considered in the discussion paper that could guide further work of the Electronic Working Group.
 - (ii) In case the discussion paper provides sufficient grounds to proceed with the new work:
 - (a) Review the proposal for new work in Appendix II and provide general/specific comments to improve the project document as appropriate;
 - (b) Indicate your agreement to establish an EWG to update the CoP for weed control to prevent and reduce PAs contamination in food and feed (CXC 74-2014) for consideration by CCCF17 (2024).
 - (iii) With regard to Recommendation (a), Codex members and observers are invited to provide input on minimum requirements to which occurrence data have to comply with to submit to GEMS/Food database that would enable the EWG to prepare a proposal for consideration by CCCF17. This would facilitate submission of data/information on the presence of pyrrolizidine alkaloids in food and feed.
3. The recommendations together with comments provided in Appendix I (discussion paper), Appendix II (project document – proposal for new work to update the CoP) 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 aid work progress in the EWG.

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.
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.

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>

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/>