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FROM: Secretariat,
Codex Alimentarius Commission, Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme
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SUBJECT: Request for information on commercial use of potassium diacetate (INS 261(ii)) in food

DEADLINE: 15 January 2015

COMMENTS: To:

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BACKGROUND

1. The 46th Session of the Codex Committee on Food Additives (CCFA46) agreed to: (i) request JECFA to revise the specifications monograph for potassium acetate to list INS 261(i); and (ii) clarify whether the group ADI for potassium acetates also include the potassium diacetate (INS 261(ii)).
2. CCFA46, while considering proposals for additions and changes to the Priority List of Substances proposed for evaluation by JECFA, agreed to the proposal that Codex Secretariat would request, through a Circular Letter, information on use of potassium diacetate (INS 261(ii)) in food before deciding whether this substance should be included in the Priority List.
3. CCFA46 also noted that if no information is received, CCFA47 will not consider potassium diacetate (REP14/FA paras 22 and 133).

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION AND COMMENTS

4. Members and interested International Organizations, as directed above, are invited to submit information on the commercial use of Potassium diacetate (INS 261(ii)) in food **before 15 January 2015.**