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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 Guidelines for compounds of low public health concerns that could be exempted from the establishment of Codex maximum residue limits or do not give rise to residues (at Step 3)**

DEADLINE: **25 June 2021**

BACKGROUND

1. For background information, please refer to CX/PR 21/52/12, Appendix I.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

2. Codex members and observers are invited to provide comments at Step 3 on the Guidelines for compounds of low public health concerns that could be exempted from the establishment of Codex MRLs (CXLs) or do not give rise to residues as per the following:
3. **General Comments** on overall structure and content of the Guidelines and its readiness for adoption at Step 5.
4. **Specific Comments** on the various sections of the Guidelines e.g. (i) whether the scope clearly reflect the intent of the guidelines; (ii) whether there is need for more definitions and/or the current definitions need further improvements; (iii) whether there is need for more criteria or the current criteria need further improvements; (iv) other comments that Codex members and observers may feel relevant to improve the current draft.
5. CX/PR 21/52/12, Appendix I, is uploaded to the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS): <https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org/>, as per the guidance below.

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 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 \(FAQs\)](#).
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