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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 proposed draft Standard for spices derived from dried fruits and berries (Allspice, Juniper berry, Star anise and Vanilla)

DEADLINE: 19 AUGUST 2022

BACKGROUND

1. CCSCH5 (2021) agreed to establish a EWG to start work to prepare a group standard for spices in the form of dried fruits and berries focusing on the following four spices - Allspice, Juniper berry, Star anise and Vanilla, chaired by the United States of America and co-chaired by India and working in English only.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

2. Codex members and observers are invited to submit comments, at Step 3, on the proposed draft Standard for spices derived from dried fruits and berries (Allspice, Juniper berry, Star anise and Vanilla), which is uploaded to the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS): https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org/, as per the guidance below.

GUIDANCE ON THE PROVISION OF COMMENTS

- 3. Comments should be submitted through the Codex Contact Points of Codex members and observers using the OCS.
- 4. 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.
- Contact Points of Codex members and observers organizations are requested to provide general comments at the document level. Additional guidance on the OCS comment categories and types can be found in the OCS <u>Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)</u>.
- 6. Other OCS resources, including the user manual and short guide, can be found at the following link: <u>http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/ocs/en/</u>.
- 7. For questions on the OCS, please contact Codex-OCS@fao.org.