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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 guidelines for the control of STEC in raw beef, fresh leafy vegetables, raw milk and raw milk cheeses, and sprouts

**DEADLINE:** 9 November 2022

## BACKGROUND

1. For background information, please refer to [CX/FH 22/53/5](#).

## REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

2. Codex members and observers are invited to submit comments on the proposed draft guidelines for control of Shiga Toxin-Producing *Escherichia coli* (STEC) in raw beef, fresh leafy vegetables, raw milk and raw milk cheeses, and sprouts, which are uploaded to the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS): <https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org/>, as per the guidance below.
3. In submitting comments on the above, Codex members and observers are invited to consider the summary of discussion, conclusions and recommendations in the report of the electronic working group (EWG) (paragraphs 9 – 16) in conjunction with Appendix I available in [CX/FH 22/53/5](#). In submitting comments on the proposed draft guidelines, members and observers are invited to reflect on the specific questions posed in the report of the EWG namely those related to the raw beef annex (paragraph 11); the fresh leafy vegetables annex (paragraph 12); the raw milk and raw milk cheeses annex (paragraph 13) and the sprouts annex (paragraph 14) and provide specific input on these questions.

## GUIDANCE ON THE PROVISION OF COMMENTS

4. Comments should be submitted through the Codex Contact Points of Codex members and observers using the OCS.
5. 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.
6. 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 \(FAQs\)](#).
7. 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/>.
8. For questions on the OCS, please contact [Codex-OCS@fao.org](mailto:Codex-OCS@fao.org).