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FROM: Secretariat,
Codex Alimentarius Commission, Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme
Viale delle Terme di Caracalla
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SUBJECT: **Request for information on commercial use of ortho-phenylphenol (INS 231) and sodium ortho-phenylphenol (INS 232) in food**

DEADLINE: **15 September 2022**

COMMENTS: **To:**

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BACKGROUND

- The 52nd Session of the Codex Committee on Food Additives (CCFA52)¹ agreed to request the Codex Secretariat distribute a Circular Letter collecting information on commercial use of ortho-phenylphenol (INS 231) and sodium ortho-phenylphenol (INS 232) in food as preservatives for consideration by CCFA53 in order to make further decisions e.g., whether to include them in the priority list for JECFA's re-evaluation or delete them from the *General Standard for Food Additives* (GSFA, CXS 192-1995).
- CCFA52² further agreed to retain ortho-phenylphenol (INS 231) and sodium ortho-phenylphenol (INS 232) on the JECFA Priority List.

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION AND COMMENTS

- Members and Observers are invited to submit information on the commercial use of ortho-phenylphenol (INS 231) and sodium ortho-phenylphenol (INS 232) in food **before 15 September 2022.**

¹ REP21/FA 7, para. 60(iii)

² REP21/FA 7, para. 220