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TO: Codex Contact Points  
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FROM: Secretary, Codex Alimentarius Commission  
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SUBJECT: **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR NEW WORK AND/OR REVISION OF EXISTING STANDARDS**

DEADLINE: **1 September 2022**

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## Background

1. The 51st Session of the Committee on Food Hygiene (CCFH51) agreed to request the Codex Secretariat to issue a circular letter requesting proposals for new work and to establish a Physical Working Group on CCFH Work Priorities, which would meet at CCFH52 (REP20/FH, para 120). CL 2020/32-FH was issued with a deadline on 30 September 2021.
2. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, CCFH52 had to be postponed and then met virtually with an abridged agenda, focussing on priority items, on 28 February to 9 March 2022. As a result, the Working Group on CCFH Work Priorities did not meet. However, CCFH52 recognized the need to plan strategically, starting immediately, for future sessions both in terms of potential new work and the need for scientific advice. CCFH52 reminded delegates that a circular letter requesting proposals for new work would be issued after CCFH52 and agreed to establish a working group on CCFH Work Priorities, chaired by the United States of America, to be held in conjunction with CCFH53, to consider any proposals for new work and update the committee's forward work plan. (REP22/FH, para 105).

## REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

3. Members are invited to propose new work for consideration by the above working group. In making submissions, members should keep in mind the "Forward workplan" (see REP20/FH, Appendix IV). Proposals should be made in accordance with the *Criteria for the Establishment of Work Priorities* (see Codex [Procedural Manual](#)) and in accordance with the "[Process by which the Codex Committee on Food Hygiene \(CCFH\) will undertake its work](#)", to the addresses indicated above by **1 September 2022**.