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TO: Codex Contact Points
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FROM: Secretariat, Codex Alimentarius Commission,
Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme

SUBJECT: Request for comments at Step 3 on proposed draft guidelines for the safe use and re-use of water in food production

DEADLINE: 9 November 2022

BACKGROUND

1. For background information, please refer to [CX/FH 22/53/6 Rev.](#)

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

2. Codex members and observers are invited to submit comments on the proposed draft guidelines for the safe use and re-use of water in food production, which is 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 discussions and conclusions of the electronic working group (paragraphs 10 – 17 of [CX/FH 22/53/6 Rev.](#)), and the recommendations (paragraph 18 – 20 of [CX/FH 22/53/6 Rev.](#)) and provide comments on the proposed draft Guidelines in appendix 1 of [CX/FH 22/53/6 Rev.](#) (paragraph 18i). In particular, members and observers are requested to provide inputs on the specific questions outlined in paragraph 18 ii, which relate to definitions in the general section of the proposed draft guidelines (paragraph 18iia); and the specific issues on which input is required for both the fresh produce (paragraph 18iib) and the fishery sector annexes (paragraph 18iic).

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.