



**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: NRVs-R FOR PERSONS AGED 6 – 36 MONTHS: REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON:**

- (i) **GENERAL PRINCIPLES FOR ESTABLISHING NUTRIENT REFERENCE VALUES (NRVs-R) FOR PERSONS AGED 6 – 36 MONTHS (Part A) (comments at Step 6)**
- (ii) **PROPOSALS FOR NRVs-R FOR PERSONS AGED 6 – 36 MONTHS, including the revised stepwise process (Part B) (comments at Step 3)**

**DEADLINE: 15 September 2024**

## BACKGROUND

1. For information, please refer to [CX/NFSDU 24/44/4, Part A](#) and [CX/NFSDU 24/44/4, Part B](#).<sup>1</sup>

## REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

2. Codex members and observers are invited to submit comments on:
  - a. the draft General principles for the establishment of NRVs-R for persons aged 6 – 36 months; and
  - b. to use Approach 1 when applying the Stepwise Process; and the proposals for NRVs-R for all nutrients for older infants, young children and the combined age range 6 – 36 months, .
3. The above-mentioned are uploaded to the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS): <https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org/>, as per the guidance below. In particular, members and observers are requested to:
  - a) review Appendix I to CX/CNFSDU 24/44/4, Part A and consider the proposed recommendations (para. 13 of CX/NFSDU 24/44/4, Part A), and the discussion paper in Appendix II of CX/NFSDU 24/44/4, Part A;
  - b) Review the stepwise process for establishing NRVs-R for persons aged 6 – 36 months and the NRVs-R for persons older infants and young children and for the combined age range of 6 – 36 months (Appendix I, CX/NFSDU 24/44/4, Part B). When providing comments, consideration should be given to the discussion of the EWG and conclusions and recommendations (paras 7 – 44, CX/NFSDU 24/44/4, Part B) and the tables summarizing the application of the stepwise process to all nutrients presented in Appendix II, CX/NFSDU 24/44/4, Part B.

## 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 method/provision 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).

<sup>1</sup> Document available at: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCNFSDU&session=44>