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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 7, on the draft standard for Saffron

**DEADLINE:** 26 AUGUST 2022

## BACKGROUND

1. CCSCH5 (2021) agreed to:
  - hold the draft standard for dried saffron at Step 7 and to return, for consideration at step 6 the Sections: 3.2.2 (Annex I and Annex II); 3.2.3 and Section 8.3 only, taking into account the comments made at and/or submitted to CCSCH5
  - re-establish an EWG, chaired by Iran and co-chaired by Greece, working in English only, to consider only the outstanding issues, namely sections "3.2.2 Chemical and physical characteristics", Annex I and Annex II, "3.2.3 Classification", and "8.3 Country of origin and country of harvest".
  - See [REP21/SCH Para 82-99](#)

## REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

2. Codex members and observers are invited to submit comments at Step 7 on the draft standard for dried Saffron (sections "3.2.2 Chemical and physical characteristics", Annex I and Annex II, "3.2.3 Classification", and "8.3 Country of origin and country of harvest"), which is uploaded to the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS): <https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org/>, as per the guidance below.

## GUIDANCE ON THE PROVISION OF COMMENTS

3. Comments should be submitted through the Codex Contact Points of Codex members and observers using the OCS.
4. 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.
5. Contact Points of Codex members and observers organizations are requested to provide general comments at the document level. Additional guidance on the OCS comment categories and types can be found in the OCS [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#).
6. 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/ocs/en/>.
7. For questions on the OCS, please contact [Codex-OCS@fao.org](mailto:Codex-OCS@fao.org).