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

SUBJECT: **Coordination of work between CCPR/CCRVDF:
Request for comments on harmonized definitions/terms for:
“edible offal” and other edible animal tissues i.e. “meat”/“muscle” and “fat”**

DEADLINE: 15 June 2022

BACKGROUND

1. For background information please refer to CX/PR 22/53/9 available on the CCPR53 webpage¹.
2. Note that this work relates to coordination of work between the Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR) and the Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods (CCRVDF): Class B – Primary food commodities of animal origin. Harmonization of meat mammalian maximum residue limits between CCPR and CCRVDF - Harmonized definition for edible offal and other edible tissues of animal origin.
3. In providing comments in reply to this circular letter, Codex members and observers are invited to take into account the ongoing revision of commodities of animal origin in the *Classification of Food and Feed (CXA 4-1989)*, in particular of Class B – Primary food commodities of animal origin under CL 2022/35-PR.
4. Codex members are invited to coordinate responses with their plant protection offices and veterinary offices in order to facilitate the establishment of single/harmonized MRLs for compounds with dual uses for edible tissues of animal origin.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

5. Codex members and observers are invited to submit comments on the definitions for “edible offal”, “meat”/“muscle” and “fats” as contained in Appendices I, II and III to CX/PR 22/53/9 which are uploaded to the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS): <https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org/>, as per the guidance in paragraphs 6-10.

GUIDANCE ON THE PROVISION OF COMMENTS

6. Comments should be submitted through the Codex Contact Points of Codex members and observers using the OCS.
7. 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.
8. 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 \(FAQs\)](#).
9. 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/>.
10. For questions on the OCS, please contact Codex-OCS@fao.org.

¹ <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCPR&session=53>