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TO: Codex Contact Points and
Contact Points of international organizations having observer status with Codex that
participated in CAC45

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

SUBJECT: **Request for comments from participating delegations of CAC45 on the CAC45 draft
report paragraphs 177-229 and draft Appendices II-VII and X**

DEADLINE: **13 January 2023 12 pm (noon) CET for first round of comments,
26 January 2023 for second round of comments**

Background

1. CAC45 during the virtual report adoption on 12 and 13 December 2022 adopted paragraphs 1-176 of the draft report (DRAFT REP22/CAC). Paragraphs 177-229 and Draft Appendices II-VII and X will be adopted by a written procedure as outlined below.
2. The written procedure will be implemented through the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS). It will consist of two rounds; a first round to seek any proposed corrections/revisions to the remaining paragraphs of the draft report and the appendices, and a second round to confirm adoption of the report. While only the English version will be uploaded in the OCS, proposed corrections/revisions can be made using any of the six official Codex languages.

Round 1

3. Round 1 will be open from 19 December 2022 to 13 January 2023, 12 pm (noon) CET.
4. Comments should focus on proposed correction/revision to existing text with the rationale for the proposed change.
5. In submitting any written proposals, Delegations should recall:
 - a. The final report is a concise, written, summary of the meeting capturing the decisions made and how they were reached.
 - b. Detailed positions, which delegations were strongly encouraged to submit using the comments mechanism and conference room documents, will not be repeated in the final report, but a reference to relevant written comments will be included where available.
6. It will be possible to also view the comments of other delegations. Therefore, delegations may express their views on the comments of others. Delegations can access and add comments to the said parts of the draft report at any time and on multiple occasions while the commenting period is open. Comments can also be withdrawn during this period.
7. Following closure of the commenting period, the Codex Secretariat in consultation with the Chairperson will review the text based on the comments provided with the aim of providing a revised text that is a balanced representation of the discussion and accurately captures the conclusions.

Round 2

8. The revised draft report paragraphs 177-229 will be uploaded in the OCS on 19 January 2023 for final adoption. The English version will be uploaded on the OCS, while all other languages will be published on the CAC45 webpage. Comments on the OCS may be provided in any of the six official Codex languages. The second round will be closed on 26 January 2023. An overview of the revisions and how they were addressed and his proposed conclusion for round 2 has been prepared by the Chairperson and is also available on the CAC45 webpage. As no comments were received on the draft Appendices II-VII and X, the Chairperson has proposed that these are adopted as written.

Request for comments

9. Codex Members and Observers that participated in CAC45 to date are invited to submit comments on the CAC45 draft report paragraphs 177-229 and draft Appendices II-VII and X, which are uploaded on the OCS: <https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org/>

Guidance on the provision of comments

10. Comments should be submitted through the Codex Contact Points of Codex Members and Observers using the OCS.
11. 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.
12. 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) (Round 1 only) and/or at the document level (general comments or summary comments) (Round 1 and 2). Additional guidance on the OCS comment categories and types can be found in the OCS Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
13. Other OCS resources, including the user manual and short guide, can be found at the following link: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/ocs/en/>.
14. For questions on the OCS, please contact Codex-OCS@fao.org