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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 on the discussion paper on sustainability labelling claims

**DEADLINE:** 14 April 2023

## BACKGROUND

1. For the background information, please refer to [CX/FL 23/47/12](#).

## REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

2. Codex members and observers are invited to submit comments on the recommendations in the "Discussion paper on sustainability labelling claims" as follows:
  - a. whether CCFL should initiate new work on sustainability-related labelling (*does the discussion paper provide sufficient information to support new work*);
  - b. that such work should be limited to high-level guidance and principles for developing sustainability-related labelling on food; and
  - c. any other comments to improve the associated project document - *Proposal for new work on sustainability-related labelling* (Appendix 1), which has been uploaded to the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS): <https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org/>, as per the guidance below.
3. The Comments on the project document (Appendix 1) should take into account Section II Elaboration of Codex Standards and Related Texts in the Codex Procedural Manual.

## 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 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/ocs/en/>.
8. For questions on the OCS, please contact [Codex-OCS@fao.org](mailto:Codex-OCS@fao.org).