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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 recommendations for the development of guidance on monitoring the stability of reference material purity of pesticides during prolonged storage

DEADLINE: 10 June 2023

BACKGROUND

1. For background information, please refer to document CX/PR 23/54/14¹.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

2. Codex members and observers are invited to submit general and specific comments on the recommendations as described in CX/PR 23/54/14, Appendix I, paragraph 15 namely:
 - (i) Consider whether the discussion paper in Appendix I provides sufficient data/information that support the development of guidance on monitoring the stability of reference material purity of pesticides during prolonged storage, if not, provide general comments on additional points that should be considered in the discussion paper, further improvements to current information, etc. that could guide the work of the Electronic Working Group if re-established by CCPR.
 - (ii) In case the discussion paper provides sufficient grounds to proceed with the new work:
 - (a) Review the proposal for new work in Appendix II and provide general/specific comments to improve the project document as appropriate;
 - (b) Review the outline for the proposed guidance in Appendix III and provide general comments on the format/structure and specific comments on risk management considerations that should be improved or included in the outline to guide further work on the document; and
 - (c) Indicate your agreement to establish an EWG to prepare guidance on monitoring the stability of reference material purity of pesticides during prolonged storage based on the outline provided in Appendix III for consideration by CCPR55 (2024).
3. The recommendations as well as Appendix I (discussion paper), Appendix II (project document – proposal for new work to develop guidance on monitoring the stability of reference material purity of pesticides during prolonged storage) and Appendix III (outline of the guidance) are uploaded to the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS): <https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org/>. Comments provided through the OCS should follow the guidance provided in paragraphs 5-9.

4. Codex members and observers are encouraged to submit comments in reply to this CL² in order to facilitate the consideration of the recommendations at the upcoming CCPR.

GUIDANCE ON THE PROVISION OF COMMENTS

5. Comments should be submitted through the Codex Contact Points of Codex members and observers using the OCS.
6. 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.

¹ <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCPR&session=54>

² <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en/>

<https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/committees/committee/related-circular-letters/en/?committee=CCPR>

7. 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)³.
8. Other OCS resources, including the user manual and short guide, can also be found on the Codex website⁴.
9. For questions on the OCS, please contact Codex-OCS@fao.org.

³ http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/codexalimentarius/doc/OCS/Codex_OCS_FAQs_2017-11-06.pdf

⁴ <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/ocs/en/>