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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 proposed draft revision of the *Code of practice to minimize and contain foodborne antimicrobial resistance (CXC 61-2005)* (at Step 3)

**DEADLINE:** 25 November 2019

## BACKGROUND

1. See CX/AMR 19/7/5<sup>1</sup>.

### REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

2. Codex members and observers are invited to submit comments at Step 3 on the proposed draft revision of the COP to minimize and contain foodborne AMR, which is uploaded to the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS)<sup>2</sup> as per the general guidance below.
3. In providing comments, Codex members and observers are invited to consider the following:
  - The decisions and recommendations made at the last session of the Task Force on the different sections of the COP as described in the report<sup>3</sup> of the plenary meeting.
  - The outstanding issues identified at the last session of the Task Force as described in the Terms of Reference<sup>4</sup> of the Electronic Working Group established by the Task Force for the further revision of the COP.
  - The points for comments and discussion at TFAMR07 as summarized in CX/AMR 19/7/5 in order to assist the Task Force in progressing this work at its plenary session, in particular as to those sections that may need further development or are identified as “substantive point”.
4. In addition to specific comments on the different sections of the COP, general comments on the overall revision of the COP are most welcome to facilitate discussion at the next session of the Task Force.

### GENERAL GUIDANCE FOR THE PROVISION OF COMMENTS THROUGH THE OCS

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.
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).
8. At the end of the commenting period, the Codex Secretariat will compile comments in a relevant working document using the system.
9. Additional guidance on the OCS can be found on the Codex website<sup>5</sup>.
10. For questions on the OCS, please contact [Codex-OCS@fao.org](mailto:Codex-OCS@fao.org).

<sup>1</sup> All working documents for TFAMR07 are available at:

<http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings-reports/detail/en/?meeting=TFAMR&session=07>

<sup>2</sup> <https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org/>

<sup>3</sup> REP19/AMR, paras. 18 - 83

<sup>4</sup> REP19/AMR, paras. 82 - 83

<sup>5</sup> <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/ocs/en/>

**Important Notice:**

- (1) When providing comments on paragraphs or bullets containing several sentences, it is advisable that the revision be made, if possible, in one go as opposed to introducing revisions at different times in the sentences pertaining to one paragraph or bullet point. Therefore, please do not close the system until such a time all the revisions pertaining to one paragraph or bullet point have been completed before addressing the next set of revisions to the next paragraph or bullet point.

This is to avoid the OCS produce several rows for each sentence revised of the same paragraph or bullet point which requires additional time to manually put all the revised sentences in different rows of the tabulated report produced by the OCS into one single row in order to reconstruct the paragraphs with all the revisions introduced by a Codex member or observer. This, in addition to be a time-consuming exercise, increase the possibility to mistakenly omit some revisions and delays the distribution of the comment papers but it is necessary to obtain the full view of the revision which will help the Codex Secretariat, the Chair of the Task Force and the Chairs of the EWGs to better address the comments in the plenary session to facilitate consensus building and decision making.

- (2) As the COP contains several provisions crossed-out (to indicate proposed deletions) or underlined (to indicate proposed additions) please indicated whether you agree or disagree with such proposals and if not, please provide a rationale.

In case you disagree with the proposed deletion or addition, please do not insert your changes directly in the cross-out or underline paragraph / sentence but rather provide a clean text with your alternative proposal. This will help to easily identify the proposed text provided by the Codex member or observer.