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**TO:** Codex Contact Points  
Interested International Organizations

**FROM:** Secretariat, Codex Alimentarius Commission  
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**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON ALLERGEN LABELLING**

i) Revision to the *General Standard for the Labelling of Pre-packaged Foods* (GSLPF) (CXS 1-1985): Provisions relevant to allergen labelling (comments at Step 6)

ii) Guidelines on the use of precautionary allergen labelling (PAL) (comments at Step 3)

**DEADLINE: 9 October 2024**

## BACKGROUND

1. For the background information, please refer to CX/FL 24/48/5 [Part A](#) and [Part B](#).

## REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

2. Codex Members and Observers are invited to submit comments on:
  - (i) the revision to the GSLPF in Appendix II of CX/FL 24/48/5 (Part A), in particular:
    - a. definition of 'food allergen' – two draft definitions are provided in Appendix II for CCFL consideration.
    - b. section 4.2.1.6 - Exemptions in relation to the scientific advice and proposed alternate text, and whether to provide a list of exemptions in the GSLPF (or elsewhere), or alternatively to reference the 'current accepted exemptions' as examples.
    - c. section 4.2.1.7 - Sulphite and proposed revised text which includes the option of 'food as offered to the consumer' and 'food as consumed'.
    - d. section 8.3 – Declaration of certain foods and ingredients and specifically the proposed revised text for sections 8.3.1, 8.3.2 and 8.3.2.1.
    - e. whether the text is ready for advancement to Step 8.
  - (ii) the guidelines on the use of PAL in Appendix II of CX/FL 24/48/5 (Part B), in particular:
    - a. purpose section in regard to determining if and how PAL thresholds can address cross contact from gluten containing cereals for consumers with coeliac disease.
    - b. principle 4.2 in regard to proposed alternative text on the types of risk assessment.
    - c. principle 4.3 and the table of reference doses in 4.3.1 particularly in relation to inclusion of gluten.
    - d. whether the text is ready for advancement to Step 5.
  - (iii) whether to provide further advice to CCFH to ensure consistency of the *Code of Practice on Allergen Management for Food Business Operators* (CXC 80-2020) with the revision to the GSLPF and the guidelines on the use of PAL.
3. When providing comments on the abovementioned, Members and Observers should review the summary of discussion, analysis and conclusions presented in Appendix I of CX/FL 24/48/5 (Part A) and Appendix I of CX/FL 24/48/5 (Part B).
4. All the above-mentioned are uploaded to the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS): <https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org/>, as per the guidance below.

## 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.

7. Contact Points of Codex Members and Observers 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 \(FAQs\)](#)
8. 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/>.
9. For questions on the OCS, please contact [Codex-OCS@fao.org](mailto:Codex-OCS@fao.org).