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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 at Step 5/8 on the Proposed Draft Regional Standard for Laver Products

**DEADLINE:** 15 June 2017

## BACKGROUND

1. The 20<sup>th</sup> Session of the FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Asia (CCASIA20) forwarded the proposed draft Regional Standard for Laver to CAC40 for adoption at Step 5/8 and noted that food additives, labelling and method of analysis provisions would be endorsed by CCFA, CCFL and CCMAS, respectively ([REP17/ASIA](#), para. 95 and Appendix IV).

## REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

2. Codex members and observers are invited to submit comments at Step 5/8 on the proposed draft Regional Standard for Laver Products, which is uploaded to the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS): <https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org/>, as per the general guidance below.

## GENERAL GUIDANCE FOR THE PROVISION OF COMMENTS

3. Comments should be submitted through the Codex Contact Points of Codex members and observers using the OCS.
4. 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.
5. 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).
6. At the end of the commenting period, the Codex Secretariat will compile comments in relevant working documents for CAC40 (2017) using the system.
7. Additional guidance on the OCS can be found on the Codex website: <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/ocs/en/>.
8. For questions on the OCS, please contact [Codex-OCS@fao.org](mailto:Codex-OCS@fao.org).