

# CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION



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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 standards and related texts submitted by the 55th Session of the Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues for adoption by the 47th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission

**DEADLINE:** 1 OCTOBER 2024

## BACKGROUND

1. The report of the 55th Session of the Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR) (REP24/PR55)<sup>1</sup> will be considered by the 47th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission.

## REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

2. Codex Members and Observers are invited to submit comments on the matters as follows:

### **Maximum residue limits (MRLs) for pesticide residues**

- i. **Adoption at Step 5/8:** Maximum residue limits for pesticides in food and feed, REP24/PR55, paragraph 222(i)(a), Appendix II

### **Guidelines**

- ii. **Adoption at Step 5:** Guidelines for monitoring the stability and purity of reference materials and related stock solutions of pesticides during prolonged storage, REP24/PR55, paragraph 230(i), Appendix IX
3. The above documents are uploaded to the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS)<sup>2</sup> per the guidance in paragraphs 7-11.
  4. Comments should address **whether the MRLs and Guidelines are ready for adoption**. If not, provide the rationale and proposals to facilitate adoption.
  5. Comments should be provided in compliance with the Procedure for the Elaboration of Codex Standards and Related Texts (Part 3—*Uniform Procedure for the Elaboration of Codex Standards and Related Texts*), Procedural Manual of the Codex Alimentarius Commission.<sup>3</sup>
  6. Codex Members and Observers are encouraged to submit comments in reply to this CL<sup>4</sup> to facilitate decision-making at CAC47.

## GUIDANCE ON THE PROVISION OF COMMENTS

7. Comments should be submitted through the Codex Contact Points of Codex Members and Observers using the OCS.
8. 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.
9. Contact Points of Codex Members and Observers are requested to provide general comments at the document level. Additional guidance on the OCS comment categories and types can be found in the OCS Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)<sup>5</sup>.
10. Other OCS resources, including the user manual and short guide, can also be found on the Codex website<sup>6</sup>.
11. For questions on the OCS, please contact [Codex-OCS@fao.org](mailto:Codex-OCS@fao.org).

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/pt/?meeting=CCPR&session=55>

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

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/publications/tr/>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en/>

<sup>5</sup> [http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user\\_upload/codexalimentarius/doc/OCS/Codex\\_OCS\\_FAQs\\_2017-11-06.pdf](http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/codexalimentarius/doc/OCS/Codex_OCS_FAQs_2017-11-06.pdf)

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/ocs/en/>