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TO Codex Contact Points
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FROM Secretariat,
Codex Alimentarius Commission,
Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme

SUBJECT Request for the comments on the food additive provisions for the GSFA

DEADLINE 10 June 2021

COMMENTS **To:** Secretariat
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BACKGROUND

- After publishing CX/FA 20/52/7, which is renamed as CX/FA 21/52/7, CCFA 52 has been rescheduled to September 2021 due to the Covid 19 pandemic. Based on the responses to CL 2020/34-FA, it was agreed that the Electronic Working Groups (EWG) on GSFA would be reconvened to continue their previous discussions and also start work with the extended terms of reference. The Report of the reconvened EWG has been developed as CX/FA 21/52/7 Add.1. Background information is available in CX/FA 21/52/7, CX/FA 21/52/7 Add.1, respectively.
- CX/FA 21/52/8 includes proposals for new and/or revision of food additive provisions in replies to CL 2019/40-FA and CL 2020/36-FA.
- A virtual Working Group meeting on GSFA scheduled from Monday 21 to Wednesday 23 June will consider the abovementioned documents i.e. CX/FA 21/52/7, CX/FA 21/52/7 Add.1. and CX/FA 21/52/8.
- Guidelines for comments is provided in Annex I.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

5. In order to facilitate the discussion of the virtual Working Group meeting on GSFA, Codex Members and Observers are invited to send their comments on:

- CX/FA 21/52/7 with the exception of¹:
 - Appendix 4: certain provisions in food categories 04.1.1.2 and 04.2.1.2 that are discussed in CX/FA 21/52/7 Add. 1, Appendix A;
 - Appendix 6:
 - Annex 2: provisions that are discussed in CX/FA 21/52/7 Add. 1, Appendix B,
 - Annex 3: certain provisions in food category 14.1.5 that are discussed in CX/FA 21/52/7 Add. 1, Appendix C
 - Appendix 7: Annex 2: certain provisions in food category 14.1.4 and its subcategories that are discussed in CX/FA 21/52/7 Add. 1, Appendix B;
- CX/FA 21/52/7 Add.1; and
- CX/FA 21/52/8

¹ Comments on these provisions should be provided on the appropriate Appendix in CX/FA 21/52/7 Add.1

6. It should be noted that all comments submitted within the EWG are either accessible through the hyperlinks contained in CX/FA 21/52/7 and CX/FA 21/52/7 Add.1 or directly included in these working documents. Codex Members and Observers are encouraged to provide comments which have not yet been considered by the EWG.

7. Comments should be submitted through the Codex Contact Point or recognized international organizations having granted observer status with the Codex Alimentarius Commission. Comments should be formulated in accordance with the relevant general guidelines and presented in a Word file for easy analysis and compilation.

GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR COMMENTS

1. In order to facilitate the collection of comments and to prepare a useful document with all of them, Members and Observers are kindly requested to submit comments under the following headings:

(I) General comments

(II) Specific comments

2. In specific comments, a reference to the provision of the document in question should be included.

3. Members and observers are requested, when proposing amendments to specific provisions, to accompany their proposed amendment with the appropriate technical basis.

4. In order to facilitate the work of the Secretariats, we kindly ask you to avoid texts with colors or shading, nor to use the change control, since the documents are printed in black and white, and the marks usually disappear when copying and pasting the comments in the compiled document.

5. Members and observers are requested to avoid reproducing the full document, but only those parts of the text in which changes and / or amendments are proposed.