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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**SUBJECT: Request for comments on the draft guidance for the labelling of non-retail containers**

**DEADLINE:** 7 August 2021

## BACKGROUND

1. The 43<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Committee on Food Labelling (CCFL45) agreed to start new work on guidance for the labelling of non-retail containers). This work was discussed in the 44<sup>th</sup> and 45<sup>th</sup> sessions of the committee and CCFL45 agreed to advance the guidance to Step 5 for adoption by CAC42<sup>1</sup>.
2. India (as the previous chair of the EWG) and the CCFL host secretariat took advantage of the additional time available due to the postponement of CCFL46 from 2020 to 2021 and prepared a revised proposal based on an analysis of the comments received at Step 6. The full analysis and revised proposal, showing the proposed amendments to the draft guidance based on consideration of the comments received, is presented in [CX/FL 21/46/5 Add.1](#).

## REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

3. Codex members and observers are kindly invited to:
  - a. Consider the revised draft guidance on labelling of non-retail containers taking into account the analysis provided in [CX/FL 21/46/5 Add.1](#) and to comment on whether it is ready to be advanced to Step 8 for adoption by CAC44 (see Annex I of [CX/FL 21/46/5 Add.1](#))
  - b. Consider whether the final document should be adopted as Standard or a Guideline keeping in view the clarification provided by the Codex secretariat at CCFL45 (see para. 3a of [CX/FL 21/46/5 Add.1](#)).
  - c. To consider the proposed draft amendment to the Procedural Manual for adoption by CAC44 (see Annex II of [CX/FL 21/46/5 Add.1](#)).
4. The aforementioned document and questions are uploaded to the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS): <https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org/>, as per the guidance below.

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<sup>1</sup> See full background in CX/FL 21/46/5 Add.1

**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. 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/circular-letters/en/>.
8. For questions on the OCS, please contact [Codex-OCS@fao.org](mailto:Codex-OCS@fao.org).