



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SUBJECT: Request for comments on the draft Guidance for the Management of Biological Foodborne Outbreaks

DEADLINE: 8 January 2022

BACKGROUND

1. The 51st Session of the Committee on Food Hygiene (CCFH51) advanced the Guidance for the Management of Biological Foodborne Outbreaks to Step 5.¹ The Guidance was adopted at Step 5 by CAC43 and advanced to Step 6². Comments were requested at Step 6 through Circular Letter, [CL 2021/04/OCS-FH](#).
2. Comments in response to the aforementioned CL are compiled in [CX/FH 22/52/5](#).
3. In view of the postponement of CCFH52 from 2021 to 2022, and to benefit from the additional time to continue to progress this work, Denmark, Chile and the European Union analysed and attempted to address the comments received and have accordingly prepared a revised draft Guidance for consideration and comment. For further background information and the revised draft Guidance, see [CX/FH 22/52/5 Add.1](#).

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

4. Codex members and observers are invited to provide comments on the revised draft Guidance provided in Appendix I of [CX/FH 22/52/5 Add.1](#) and consider whether it is ready to be advanced to Step 8 for adoption by CAC45.
5. When providing comments, consideration should be given to previous discussions and decisions by CCFH, comments previously provided and compiled in [CX/FH 22/52/5](#) and the analysis and consideration of comments provided in [CX/FH 22/52/5 Add.1](#).

GUIDANCE ON THE PROVISION OF COMMENTS

6. Comments should be submitted through the Codex Contact Points of Codex members and observers using the OCS.
7. 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.
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/circular-letters/en/>.
9. For questions on the OCS, please contact Codex-OCS@fao.org.

¹ REP20/FH, para. 103

² REP20/CAC, para. 76