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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 comments on the standards and related texts submitted by the 17th Session of the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods for adoption by the 47th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission

DEADLINE: 1 OCTOBER 2024

BACKGROUND

1. The report of the 17th Session of the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods (CCCF) (REP24/CF17)¹ 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:

MLs for contaminants in foods

- i. **Adoption at Step 5/8:** Lead in spices, dried aril; dried seeds (including a separate ML for celery seeds); dried rhizomes and roots; dried floral parts; and spices, dried fruit and berries (including separate MLs for Sichuan pepper, star anise, paprika, and sumac), REP24/CF17, paragraph 61(i)(a-d, f-i), Appendix II.
- ii. **Adoption at Step 5:** Lead in dried bark and dried culinary herbs, REP24/CF17, paragraph 61(i)(e, j), Appendix II.
- iii. **Adoption:** Lead and cadmium in quinoa, REP24/CF17, paragraph 119, Appendix VII.

Code of Practice

- i. **Adoption at Step 5/8:** Code of practice for the prevention and reduction of ciguatera poisoning, REP24/CF17, paragraph 97(i), Appendix V

Sampling Plans

- i. **Adoption at Step 5/8:** Sampling plan for methylmercury in fish as endorsed by the 43rd Session of the Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling, REP24/MAS43², paragraphs 12(i) and 20(i), Appendix II of REP24/MAS43.
 - ii. **Adoption at Step 5:** Sampling plan for total aflatoxins and ochratoxin A in certain spices (dried chili pepper and paprika, and nutmeg), REP24/CF17, paragraph 92(i), Appendix IV
3. The above documents are uploaded to the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS)³ per the guidance in paragraphs 7-11.
 4. Comments should address **whether the MLs, code of practice, and sampling plans 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.⁴
 6. Codex Members and Observers are encouraged to submit comments in reply to this CL⁵ to facilitate decision-making at CAC47.

¹ <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/pt/?meeting=CCCF&session=17>

² <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/pt/?meeting=CCMAS&session=43>

³ <https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>

⁴ <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/publications/pt/>

⁵ <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en/>

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)⁶.
10. Other OCS resources, including the user manual and short guide, can also be found on the Codex website⁷.
11. For questions on the OCS, please contact Codex-OCS@fao.org.

⁶ http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/codexalimentarius/doc/OCS/Codex_OCS_FAQs_2017-11-06.pdf

⁷ <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/ocs/en/>