



Codex News- January 14, 2020

Public Meetings

Codex Committee on Food Additives (CCFA)

The U.S. Codex Program is sponsoring a public meeting on January 21, 2020, from 9:00-12:00 EST to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items and draft U.S. positions to be discussed at the 52nd Session of the Codex Committee on Food Additives, in Lanzhou, China, on March 2-6, 2020. The public meeting will take place in Meeting Room 1A-001 and 1A-002 of the Wiley Auditorium of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Harvey H. Wiley Building, 5001 Campus Drive, College Park, MD 20740. Documents related to the 52nd Session of the Codex Committee on Food Additives will be accessible via the internet at the following address: www.codexalimentarius.org/meetings-reports/en.

- Dr. Paul Honigfort, U.S. Delegate to the 52nd Session of the Codex Committee on Food Additives, invites U.S. interested parties to submit their comments electronically to the following email address: paul.honigfort@fda.hhs.gov.
- Please register to attend by emailing uscodex@usda.gov by January 17, 2020. Early registration is encouraged because it will expedite entry into the building, for which attendees should bring photo identification and plan for adequate time to pass through federal building security screening systems.
- Attendees who are not able to attend in person, but who wish to participate, may do so by phone/conference call; please use the call-in number: 888-844-9904, participant code 5126092.

Codex Committee on General Principles (CCGP)

The U.S. Codex Program is sponsoring a public meeting on February 21, 2020, from 1:00-4:00 EST to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items and draft U.S. positions to be discussed at the 32nd Session of the Codex Committee on General Principles, in Bordeaux, France, on March 23-27, 2020. The public meeting will take place in Meeting Room 107-A of the Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Ave SW, Washington, DC 20250. Documents related to the 32nd Session of the Codex Committee on General Principles will be accessible via the internet at the following address: www.codexalimentarius.org/meetings-reports/en.

- Ms. Mary Frances Lowe, U.S. Delegate to the 32nd Session of the Codex Committee on General Principles, invites U.S. interested parties to submit their comments electronically to the following email address: maryfrances.lowe@usda.gov.
- Please register to attend by emailing uscodex@usda.gov by February 18, 2020. Early registration is encouraged because it will expedite entry into the building, for which attendees should bring photo identification and plan for adequate time to pass through federal building security screening systems.
- Attendees who are not able to attend in person, but who wish to participate, may do so by phone/conference call; please use the call-in number: 888-844-9904, participant code 5126092.

Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR)

The U.S. Codex Program is sponsoring a public meeting on February 27, 2020, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. EST to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items and draft U.S. positions to be discussed at the 52nd Session of the Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, in Guangzhou, People's Republic of China, March 30-April 4, 2020. The public meeting will take place at the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Room PYS-4370/80, One Potomac Yard South, 2777 South Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA 22202. Documents related to the 52nd Session of the CCPR will be accessible via the internet at the following address: www.codexalimentarius.org/meetings-reports/en.

- Captain David Miller, U.S. Delegate to the 52nd Session of the CCPR, invites U.S. interested parties to submit their comments electronically to the following email address: miller.davidj@epa.gov.
- Please register to attend by emailing Marie Maratos (marie.maratos@usda.gov) by February 26, 2020. Early registration is encouraged because it will expedite entry into the building, for which attendees should bring photo identification and plan for adequate time to pass through federal building security screening systems.
- Attendees who are not able to attend in person, but who wish to participate, may do so by phone/conference call; please use the call-in number: 1-888-844-9904, participant code 5126092.

Electronic Working Groups (EWG)

Codex Committee on Food Hygiene (CCFH) invites members and observers to join an EWG chaired by Chile and co-chaired by France, New Zealand and the United States, working in English, on the revision to the Guidelines for the Control of Shiga Toxin-Producing E. Coli (STEC) in Raw Beef, Fresh Leafy Vegetables, Raw Milk and Raw Milk Cheeses, and Sprouts. The specific terms of reference are:

- redraft the General Section, Raw Beef Annex, and Fresh Leafy Vegetables Annex of CX/FH 19/51/8 based on written comments submitted to CCH51;
- update the Raw Beef Annex in CX/FH 19/51/8 with any additional information on interventions relevant to control of STEC in raw beef and submit to JEMRA prior to June 2020;
- draft an annex on Raw Milk and Raw Milk Cheeses describing interventions relevant to control of STEC in these foods and submit to JEMRA prior to June 2020;
- based on JEMRA feedback, revise the Annexes, as necessary.

Individuals in the U.S. interested in working on U.S. contributions to the EWG should contact Marie Maratos (marie.maratos@usda.gov) by January 30, 2020. Other countries and observers should send their full contact details, including participant's name, official title or position, organization or country, and email address, via their CCP to constanza.vergara@achipia.gob.cl by January 31, 2020. Please note that when there is more than one expert, each country or observer organization shall designate one as the official representative to participate in the EWG.

Codex Committee on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables (CCFFV) invites members and observers to join an EWG chaired by India and co-chaired by Saudi Arabia, working in English, on the Proposed Draft Standard on Fresh Dates. Individuals in the U.S. interested in working on U.S. contributions to the EWG should contact Doreen Chen-Moulec (Doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov) by February 7, 2020. Other countries and observers should send their full contact details, including participant's name, official title or position, organization or country, and email address, via their CCP to agricommissioner@gmail.com and codex-india@nic.in by February 10, 2020. Please note that when there is more than one expert, each country or observer organization shall designate one as the official representative to participate in the EWG.

Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses (CCNFSDU) invites members and observers to join an EWG, chaired by Ireland and co-chaired by Costa Rica and the United States, working in English and Spanish, to develop general principles to guide the establishment of NRVs-R for persons aged 6 to 36 months that describe:

- the most appropriate approach to derive NRVs-R, based on an analysis of Dietary Intake Reference Values (DIRVs) from FAO/WHO and the 6 RASBs; and
- the purpose(s) of these NRVs-R for labelling and, if appropriate, for composition for Guidelines on Formulated Complementary Foods for Older Infants and Young Children

Individuals in the U.S. interested in working on U.S. contributions to the EWG should contact Kristen Hendricks (Kristen.hendricks@usda.gov) by January 22, 2020. Other countries and observers should send their full contact details, including participant's name, official title or position, organization or country, and email address, via their CCP to mflynn@fsai.ie and copied to olyons@fsai.ie and Ruairi.Colbert@agriculture.gov.ie by January 24, 2020.

Requests for Comments

Codex Committee on Food Additives (CCFA)

Specifications for the Identity and Purity of Food Additives: The Codex Secretariat issued a Circular Letter (CL 2019/118/OCS-FA) requesting comments at Step 3 on the proposed draft Specifications for the Identity and Purity of Food Additives arising from the 87th JECFA meeting. The CL is available in English at the following link: www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en. If you are interested in having your comments considered in the U.S. response, please send them to Ken Lowery (ken.lowery@usda.gov) by January 21, 2020. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted via their CCP using the Online Commenting System (OCS) (ocs.codexalimentarius.org) by January 31, 2020.

International Numbering System for Food Additives: The Codex Secretariat issued a Circular Letter (CL 2019/117/FA) requesting comments at Step 3 on the proposed changes and/or additions to the International Number System for Food Additives. The CL is available in English at the following link: www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en. If

you are interested in having your comments considered in the U.S. response, please send them to Ken Lowery (ken.lowery@usda.gov) by January 21, 2020. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted via their CCP to ccfa@cfsa.net.cn with a copy to codex@fao.org by January 31, 2020.

Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems (CCFICS)

National Food Control Systems: The Codex Secretariat issued a Circular Letter (CL 2020/02/OCS-FICS) requesting comments at Step 3 on the Proposed Draft Guidelines on recognition and maintenance of equivalence of National Food Control Systems (NFCS). The CL is available in English at the following link: www.fao.org/fao-whocodexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en. If you are interested in having your comments considered in the U.S. response, please send them to Kristen Hendricks (kristen.hendricks@usda.gov) by March 3, 2020. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (ocs.codexalimentarius.org) by March 13, 2020.

Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR)

Priority List: The Codex Secretariat issued a Circular Letter (CL 2020/05/OCS-PR) requesting comments and information on the Priority list and schedules of pesticides for evaluation by JMPR. The CL is available in English at the following link: www.fao.org/fao-whocodexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en. If you are interested in having your comments considered in the U.S. response, please send them to Marie Maratos (marie.maratos@usda.gov) by February 10, 2020. Comments by other observers and countries should be sent to Karina Budd (karina.budd@agriculture.gov.au) with a copy to the CCPR Secretariat (ccpr@agri.gov.cn) and the Codex Secretariat (codex@fao.org) by February 20, 2020.

JMPR evaluations: The Codex Secretariat issued a Circular Letter (CL 2020/06/OCS-PR) requesting comments on MRLs for pesticides arising from JMPR evaluations. The CL is available in English at the following link: www.fao.org/fao-whocodexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en. If you are interested in having your comments considered in the U.S. response, please send them to Marie Maratos (marie.maratos@usda.gov) by February 18, 2020. Comments by other observers and countries should be sent to the CCPR Secretariat (ccpr@agri.gov.cn) with a copy to the Codex Secretariat (codex@fao.org) by February 28, 2020.

Coordinating Committee for Near East (CCNEA)

The Codex Secretariat issued a Circular Letter (CL 2020/07/OCS-NE) requesting comments at Step 8 on the draft regional standard for mixed zaatar. The CL is available in English at the following link: www.fao.org/fao-whocodexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en. If you are interested in having your comments considered in the U.S. response, please send them to Ken Lowery (ken.lowery@usda.gov) by March 21, 2020. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (ocs.codexalimentarius.org) by March 31, 2020.

Task Force on Antimicrobial Resistance (TFAMR)

Code of Practice: The Codex Secretariat issued a Circular Letter (CL 2020/04/OCS-PR) requesting comments at Step 5 on the proposed draft revised Code of practice to contain and minimize AMR. The CL is available in English at the following link: www.fao.org/fao-whocodexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en. If you are interested in having your comments considered in the U.S. response, please send them to Marie Maratos (marie.maratos@usda.gov) by March 20, 2020. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (ocs.codexalimentarius.org) by March 28, 2020.