



Codex News – October 6, 2020

Requests for Comments

Codex Committee on Food Hygiene (CCFH)

Critical Control Points Decision Tree and Irradiated Foods: The Codex Secretariat issued a Circular Letter (CL 2020/55-FH) requesting comments on CCFH's proposed decision trees for identification of critical control points and a background paper on the methods of analysis for irradiated foods. The CL is available in English at the following link: www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters. 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 October 30, 2020. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted via their Codex Contact Point (CCP) to the CCPs for Brazil, Ligia Lindner Schreiner (ligia.schreiner@anvisa.gov.br) and Carolina Araujo Vieira (carolina.vieira@anvisa.gov.br), with a copy to the Codex Secretariat (codex@fao.org) by November 13, 2020.

Codex Committee on Food Labelling (CCFL)

Front-of-Pack Nutrition Labelling: The Codex Secretariat issued a Circular Letter (CL 2020/54/OCS-FL) requesting comments on the EWG's report on front-of-pack nutrition labelling, which provides update and information on FOPNL work. The CL is available in English, French, and Spanish at the following link: www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters. 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 October 16, 2020. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted via their Codex Contact Point (CCP) using the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS) (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by October 31, 2020.

FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Latin America and the Caribbean (CCLAC)

Alignment of Food Additive Provisions and Alignment Plan for Regional Standards: The Codex Secretariat issued a Circular Letter (CL 2020/56-LAC) requesting comments on the alignment of food additive provisions and alignment plan for regional standards developed by CCLAC. The CL is available in English and Spanish at the following link: www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters. 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 17, 2021. Comments by other observers and countries should be submitted via their Codex Contact Point (CCP) to the Codex Secretariat (codex@fao.org) by March 31, 2021.

Electronic Working Groups

Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods (CCRVDF)

Parallel Review of a New Veterinary Drug: The EWG chaired by Canada has published updates for the discussion paper on the parallel review of a new veterinary drug by JECFA and national

regulatory agencies (CX/RVDF 20/25/10) ahead of CCRVDF25. The updates on this item can be found directly on the CCRVDF25 web page at the following link: <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCRVDF&session=25>.

Database on Countries' Needs for MRLs: The EWG chaired by the United States and co-chaired by Costa Rica has published updates for the database on countries' needs for maximum residues limits (MRLs) for veterinary drugs in foods (CX/RVDF 20/25/11) ahead of CCRVDF25. The updates on this item can be found directly on the CCRVDF25 web page at the following link: <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCRVDF&session=25>.

Other

FAO/WHO Codex Trust Fund

Applications for Support from the Codex Trust Fund: The FAO/WHO Codex Trust Fund is now accepting applications for country support. The list of eligible countries for support can be found at the following link: https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/food-safety/codex-trust-fund/ctf-eligiblecountries-2020.pdf?sfvrsn=700605d7_2. Please note that the United States is a donor to the Codex Trust Fund and is not eligible to receive support.

Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA)

Call for Data on Methylmercury and Total Mercury (Additional Fish Species): JECFA has issued a call for data on methylmercury and total mercury in additional fish species, with a deadline of December 15, 2020. The call for data on methylmercury, which is relevant to work in the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods, can be found at the following link: <http://www.fao.org/food-safety/scientific-advice/calls-for-data-and-experts/en/>

Call for Data Ahead of JECFA 92 Meeting: JECFA has issued a call for data ahead of the 92nd meeting of JECFA, scheduled for June 2021. This call for data has a deadline of December 31, 2020. The list of topics covered by this call for data and other submission information can be found at the following link: <https://www.who.int/news-room/articles-detail/call-for-data---jecfa-92-meeting>

Call for Data on Cadmium in Food: JECFA has issued a call for data on cadmium in all food categories, with a deadline of December 1, 2020. The call for data on cadmium, which is relevant to work in the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods, can be found at the following link: www.fao.org/food-safety/scientific-advice/calls-for-data-and-experts/en/

Call for Data on Lead in Food: JECFA has issued a call for data on lead in food for infants and young children (spices and aromatic herbs; eggs; sugars and confectionary (excluding cocoa)), with a deadline of November 21, 2020. The call for data on lead, which is relevant to work in the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods, can be found at the following link: <https://www.who.int/foodsafety/call-data/en/>