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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 INFORMATION TO HELP INFORM DISCUSSION PAPERS FOR CCFL45**

DEADLINE: **29 June 2018**

COMMENTS: **See questionnaire (Annexes 1 – 6)**

BACKGROUND

The Committee on Food Labelling at its 43rd Session (2016) (CCFL43) noted that there was a need to investigate the future direction and of work of CCFL and agreed that Canada would prepare a paper that summarized previous, current and potential work for the Committee.¹

CCFL44 discussed the paper prepared by Canada and noted broad support for topics identified in the paper, and in particular for the following:

- internet sales/e-commerce;
- allergen labelling;
- innovation – use of technology in food labelling;
- alcoholic beverages labelling;
- criteria for the definition of ‘high in’ nutritional descriptors for fats, sugars and sodium; and
- labelling of food in multipack format.

The Committee agreed to develop discussion papers on these topics and further agreed that information would be sought through a circular letter (CL) on current practices, issues and any potential role in the areas identified or in the case of alcoholic beverages labelling and allergen labelling, where some Codex provisions already exist, any potential further role for CCFL.²

In order to gather information as described above, six questionnaires on the above-mentioned topics have been developed by the lead countries for the respective discussion papers. (Attached as annexes 1 - 6).

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

Codex members and observers are invited to respond to this information gathering exercise to assist lead countries to develop their respective discussion papers as follows:

(Note: to access the annexes, please click on the links)

- [Annex 1 – internet sales / e-commerce labelling;](#)
- [Annex 2 – allergen labelling;](#)
- [Annex 3 – innovation, use of technology in food labelling;](#)
- [Annex 4 – labelling of alcoholic beverages;](#)
- [Annex 5 – criteria for the definition of ‘high in’ nutritional descriptors for fats, sugars and sodium;](#) and

¹ REP16/FL, para 71

² REP 18/FL, paras 53 - 60

- [Annex 6 – labelling of food in joint presentation and multipack formats.](#)

Where information or evidence is available to support answers, Codex members and observers are encouraged to attach this information to the Annex or to provide a link to this information.

Please note: i) **completed annexes must be sent directly to the respective lead country Codex Contact Point as specified at the top of each individual annex**; ii) you can respond to one or more annexes.