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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 proposed draft Guidelines for Front of Pack Nutrition Labelling

DEADLINE: 1 September 2021

BACKGROUND

1. The 44th Session of the Committee on Food Labelling (CCFL45) agreed to start new work on guidance front of pack nutrition labelling (FOPNL). This work was approved by the CAC41¹.
2. CCFL45 discussed the proposed draft Guidelines and noted the general support for the work and its purpose. CCFL45 further agreed to continue its work on the guidance on FOPNL through an electronic working group (EWG) chaired by Costa Rica and co-chaired by New Zealand. The report of this EWG is presented in [CX/FL 21/46/6](#) and should be considered when providing comments on the proposed draft Guidelines.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

3. Codex members and observers are kindly invited to
 - a. provide general and specific comments on the proposed draft Guidelines (Appendix II of CX/FL 21/46/6),
 - b. consider if the Guidelines are ready to advance to Step 5/8 or 5; and
 - c. consider whether the Guidelines will be part of section 5 "*supplementary nutrition information*", an annex to the *Guidelines on Nutrition Labelling* (CXG 2-1985), or a stand-alone document.
4. The aforementioned document and questions are uploaded to the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS): <https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org/>, as per the guidance below.

¹ REP18/CAC, Appendix VI

GUIDANCE ON THE PROVISION OF COMMENTS

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