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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 discussion paper on revision of the *Guidelines on the Application of General Principles of Food Hygiene to the Control of Viruses in Food* (CXG 79-2012)

DEADLINE: **31 October 2022**

BACKGROUND

1. For the background information, please refer to CX/FH 22/53/8.
2. Codex members and observers are invited to submit comments on the discussion paper on the revision of the *Guidelines on the Application of General principles Of Food Hygiene to the Control of Viruses in Food* (CXG 79-2012), and in particular, the Recommendations, indicating the possible priorities for scientific advice in order to take a decision on the possible revision of the Guidelines. The Guidelines are uploaded to the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS): <https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org/>, as per the guidance below.

GUIDANCE ON THE PROVISION OF COMMENTS

3. Comments should be submitted through the Codex Contact Points of Codex members and observers using the OCS.
4. 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.
5. Contact Points of Codex members and observers organizations 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. 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/ocs/en/>.
7. For questions on the OCS, please contact Codex-OCS@fao.org.