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**TO:** Codex Contact Points  
Contact Points of international organizations having observer status with Codex

**FROM:** Secretariat, Codex Alimentarius Commission,  
Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme

**SUBJECT:** Request for comments on food allergen labelling:

- (i) proposed draft revisions to the GSLP: provisions relevant to allergen labelling
- (ii) proposed draft guidelines on precautionary allergen labelling

**DEADLINE:** 19 April 2023

## BACKGROUND

1. For the background information, please refer to [CX/FL 23/47/5](#).

## REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

2. Codex members and observers are invited to submit comments on:
  - (i) the proposed draft revision to the GSLPF in Appendix II of CX/FL 23/47/5
  - (ii) the proposed draft guidelines for the use of PAL in Appendix III of CX/FL 23/47/5, including:
    - a. the proposed location as an annex to the GSLPF (i.e. whether the guidelines should be incorporated as an annex to the GSLPF to ensure consistency with the GSLPF); and
    - b. the need to seek advice on standardised analytical methods and sampling from CCMAS (i.e. whether there is agreement to seek advice on appropriate methods for undertaking risk assessments, taking into account information provided within FAO/WHO scientific advice reports)
  - (iii) whether to provide any advice to CCFH to ensure consistency with the *Code of Practice on Allergen Management for Food Business Operators* (CXC 80-2020).
3. When providing comments on the abovementioned, members and observers should review the summary of discussion, analysis and conclusions presented in Appendix I of CX/FL 23/47/5.
4. All the above-mentioned are uploaded to the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS): <https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org/>, as per the guidance below.

## 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. Contact Points of Codex members and observers organizations are requested to provide proposed changes and relevant comments/justifications on a specific paragraph and/or at the document level (general comments or summary comments). Additional guidance on the OCS comment categories and types can be found in the OCS [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#).
8. 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/>.
9. For questions on the OCS, please contact [Codex-OCS@fao.org](mailto:Codex-OCS@fao.org).