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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 on the use of technology to provide food information

DEADLINE: 14 April 2023

BACKGROUND

1. For the background information, please refer to [CX/FL 23/47/7](#).

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

2. Codex members and observers are invited to submit comments on:
 - a) The Proposed Draft *Guidelines on the use of technology to provide food information* (Appendix II of CX/FL 23/47/7), and in particular to provide comments on whether:
 - i. the proposed definition of “food information” should align with the same term used in the CCFL EWG on e-commerce/internet sales;
 - ii. Sections 4(1) and 4(2) cover the intent of item (a) in Project Document for this work ([REP 21/FL, Appendix V](#)) and that the GSLPF would not require revisions;
 - iii. a reference to “purchasers” is needed, or if “consumers” is sufficient; and
 - iv. the criteria in Section 5 of the Proposed Draft Guidelines in Appendix II of CX/FL 23/47/7 address items 3 (b)(i) and (ii) of the Project Document for this work.
 - b) Whether the Proposed Draft Guidelines are ready to advance to Step 5 in the Codex step procedure.
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 23/47/7.
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.