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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 at Steps 8 and 5/8 on draft and proposed draft food additive provisions of the General Standard for Food Additives and on the revised food additives provisions of the GSFA related to the alignment of the EDTA provision**

DEADLINE: 15 June 2017

BACKGROUND:

1. The Forty-Ninth Session of the Codex Committee on Food Additives (CCFA49) agreed to forward: i) the draft and proposed draft food additive provisions of the *General Standard for Food Additives*; and ii) the revised food additives provisions of the GSFA related to the alignment of the EDTA provision for adoption at Steps 8 and 5/8.¹ Further details can be found in REP17/FA: paras 72, 108(i), 55(i), point c, d, e.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

2. Codex members and observers are invited to submit their comments on the drafts and proposed draft provisions of the GSFA as indicated in para. 1 above. Comments should be provided through the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS) <https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org/>, where the drafts and proposed draft provisions (including revisions) indicated in para. 1 above have been posted.
3. Comments should be provided as per the general guidance below.

GENERAL GUIDANCE FOR THE PROVISION OF COMMENTS

4. Comments should be submitted through the Codex Contact Points of Codex members and observers using the OCS.
5. 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.
6. Contact Points of Codex members and observers organizations are requested to provide proposed changes and relevant comments/justifications on a specific paragraph (under the categories: editorial, substantive, technical and translation) and/or at the document level (general comments).
7. At the end of the commenting period, the Codex Secretariat will compile comments in a relevant working document using the system.
8. Additional guidance on the OCS can be found on the Codex website: <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/ocs/en/>.
9. For questions on the OCS, please contact Codex-OCS@fao.org.

¹ [REP17/FA](#), p. 50 - 84, Appendix VI