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 the amendments to the procedural manual

DEADLINE: 15 June 2017

BACKGROUND:
1. The 38th Session of the Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling (CCMAS38) agreed to forward the revised Note 2 to the Working Instructions for the Implementation of the Criteria Approach in Codex for adoption by the 40th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS
2. Codex members and observers are invited to submit comments on the proposed amendment, which is uploaded to the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS): https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org/, as per the general guidance below.

GENERAL GUIDANCE FOR 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 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).
6. At the end of the commenting period, the Codex secretariat will compile comments in a relevant working document using the system.
8. For questions on the OCS, please contact Codex-OCS@fao.org.