TO: Codex Contact Points
Interested International Organizations

FROM: Secretary, Codex Alimentarius Commission
FAO, Viale delle Terme di Caracalla, 00153 Rome, Italy

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR COMMENTS AT STEP 3 ON THE PROPOSED DRAFT REVISION OF THE GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF FOOD HYGIENE (CAC/RCP 1-1969) AND ITS HACCP ANNEX

DEADLINE: 30 September 2017

COMMENTS: To: Ms Barbara McNiff
Senior International Issues Analyst
Food Safety and Inspection Service,
US Department of Agriculture
Email: Barbara.McNiff@fsis.usda.gov / ccfh@fsis.usda.gov

Copy to: The Codex Secretariat
Codex Alimentarius Commission
FAO
Viale delle Terme di Caracalla
00153 Rome, Italy
E-mail: codex@fao.org

Background
1. The 48th Session of the Committee on Food Hygiene (CCFH48) agreed to establish an EWG, hosted by the United Kingdom and co-hosted by France, Ghana, India, Mexico and the United States of America to continue the work on the revision of the General Principles of Food Hygiene. The Report of the EWG has been posted on the Codex website as CX/FH 17/49/5.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS
2. Member Governments are invited to provide comments on:
   • the proposed draft revision of the General Principles of Food Hygiene (CAC/RCP1-1969) and its HACCP Annex (CX/FH 17/49/5, Appendix I); and
   • the points raised in paragraphs 8 and 9 of the EWG report (CX/FH 17/49/5).
GENERAL GUIDANCE FOR THE PROVISION OF COMMENTS

In order to facilitate the compilation and prepare a more useful comments’ document, Members and Observers, which are not yet doing so, are requested to provide their comments under the following headings:

(i) General Comments
(ii) Specific Comments

Specific comments should include a reference to the relevant section and/or paragraph of the document that the comments refer to.

When changes are proposed to specific paragraphs, Members and Observers are requested to provide their proposal for amendments accompanied by the related rationale. New texts should be presented in *underlined/bold font* and deletion in *strikethrough font*.

In order to facilitate the work of the Secretariats to compile comments, Members and Observers are requested to refrain from using colour font/shading as documents are printed in black and white and from using track change mode, which might be lost when comments are copied / pasted into a consolidated document.

In order to reduce the translation work and save paper, Members and Observers are requested not to reproduce the complete document but only those parts of the texts for which any change and/or amendments is proposed.