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FROM: Secretariat, Codex Alimentarius Commission,
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SUBJECT: **Request for information on the monitoring of the application of the Standard for Fish Oils**

DEADLINE: **31 August 2018**

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BACKGROUND

The 25th Session of the Committee on Fats and Oils (CCFO25) discussed the difficulties associated with using only the fatty acid ranges of Table 1 as a measure to determine compliance of a fish oil with Section 2.1 of the Standard on Fish Oil. Specifically, the positive verification of the fish species used as raw material may not always be unequivocal. It was agreed that current practice to refer to supplementary information from traceability and certification systems could assist stakeholders (industry, control authorities). CCFO25 agreed that a CL should be sent out after the adoption of the standard¹ encouraging members to monitor the application of the standard with respect to the conformity of named fish oils with the requirements (especially the fatty acid profile), its effect on trade and to submit this information to CCFO26. Based on that data the Committee will evaluate whether a revision of the fatty acid profiles for named fish oils is necessary and whether other aspects such as additional complementary criteria are needed.²

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

1. Codex members and observers are invited to submit information and data in relation to the application of the Standard on Fish Oil, as directed above.
2. Comments should be submitted through the Codex Contact Point or recognized international organizations having observer status with the Codex Alimentarius Commission. Comments should be in accordance with the general guidance for the provision of comments (Annex I) and presented in Word file to facilitate their analysis and compilation.

¹ CAC40 adopted the standard (REP17/CAC, para 44-49 and Appendix III)

² REP17/FO, para 16-28

