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TO: Codex Contact Points
Interested International Organizations

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

SUBJECT: **REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON EMERGING ISSUES / FUTURE WORK**

DEADLINE: **30 November 2018**

COMMENTS: **To:** National Codex Contact Point of India
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Background

1. The 43rd Session of the Codex Committee on Food Labelling (CCFL43) noted that there was a need to investigate future direction and work for CCFL and agreed that Canada would prepare a paper summarizing some of the previously identified work that had not gone forward in the Committee; the currently ongoing work; and emerging issues.
2. At CCFL44, Canada presented the paper and the Committee agreed to develop six discussion papers on items identified by the paper.¹
3. CCFL44 further recalled the decision of CCFL43 that the future work paper would be kept current at each session with a different delegation taking on responsibility each time; and that a prioritization approach could be considered.²
4. The Committee agreed that:
 - India would update the paper and develop a prioritization approach
 - members and observers would be requested to provide information on issues for inclusion in the paper; and
 - matters raised earlier in the Committee, e.g. consumer preference claims and flavours/flavourings could be part of the paper.³

¹ REP18/FL, para.58

² REP18/FL, para.61

³ REP18/FL, para.63

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

5. Member Governments and observers are invited to provide information on emerging issues relevant to the work of CCFL to the addresses indicated above by **30 November 2018**.
6. In identifying emerging issues, the members are requested to keep in view the issues identified for consideration as future work in the last session of the Committee.¹
7. In making submissions, the members are requested to indicate whether the emerging issue, if taken up as new work proposal, in accordance with the Criteria for the Establishment of Work Priorities (see Codex Procedural Manual), would likely lead to preparation of a new standard/guideline or revision of an existing standard/guideline.