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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 PROPOSALS FOR NEW WORK AND EMERGING ISSUES**

DEADLINE: **31 March 2021**

COMMENTS: **To:** Alina Steinert
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Background

1. The 41st Session of the Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses (CCNFSDU 41) considered a paper, CX/NFSDU 19/41/10, prepared by Germany, as host Secretariat of CCNFSDU on a prioritization mechanism to better manage the work of the Committee. The paper put forward proposals for CCNFSDU to better manage its work: a uniform approach on submission of work proposals; additional prioritization criteria besides what is set out in the Procedural Manual; use of a circular letter to collect new work proposals; and establishing an ad hoc working group to review submitted work proposals.
2. The Committee agreed to the proposed prioritization mechanism (REP20/NFSDU, Appendix IX) and to start it on a pilot basis to assess its usefulness; and to request the Codex Secretariat to issue a Circular Letter requesting emerging issues and proposals for new work.ⁱ
3. A physical working group to be held immediately prior to CCNFSDU42 will conduct a case-by-case review of the proposals submitted in response to this Circular Letter.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

4. Member Governments and observers are invited to provide information on emerging issues or proposals for new work relevant to CCNFSDU to the addresses indicated above by **31 March 2021**.
5. In identifying emerging issues and/or proposals for new work, members and observers should provide information in line with the proposed prioritization mechanism (paras 4 – 6 of Appendix IX, REP20/NFSDU) as follows:
 - a) new work proposals should be submitted as a discussion paper together with a project document according to the [Procedural Manual](#) (see Section II: Elaboration of Codex Texts: *Proposals to undertake New Work or to Revise a Standard*) and address also the additional criteria outlined in [Appendix IX REP20/NFSDU](#) ;
 - b) the criteria highlighted under paragraph 2 of [Appendix IX, REP20/NFSDU](#), should be addressed in a self-assessment and should include a detailed rationale. Pertinent references should accompany the assessment;
 - c) the rationale of the criteria “impact on public health”, “impact on food safety” and “impact on fair trade practices” includes a rating, whether the appropriate impact is high, medium or low. The choice of the respective impact level has to be justified.

ⁱ REP20/NFSDU, para. 176