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**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:**  
**(i) methods of analysis / performance criteria;**  
**(ii) The revised Guidelines on Measurement Uncertainty (CXG54-2004) (at Step 8); and**  
**(iii) The General Guidelines for Sampling (CXG50-2004) (at Step 5)**

**DEADLINE: 10 September 2021**

## BACKGROUND

1. See REP21/MAS, paras 24(i), 42(i), 70(i) and 110(i), and Appendices II, III and IV.

## REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

2. Codex members and observers are invited to submit comments on:
  - a. Methods of analysis / performance criteria (Appendix II);
  - b. the draft revised *Guidelines on Measurement Uncertainty* (CXG54–2004) (Appendix III) (at Step 8); and
  - c. the proposed draft revised *General Guidelines on Sampling* (CXG 50-2004) (Appendix IV) (at Step 5).
3. All the above-mentioned are uploaded to the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS): <https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org/>, as per the guidance below
4. Comments should address **whether the methods of analysis / texts are ready for adoption or not**; and if not, provide the rationale and proposals to facilitate adoption. Comments should be provided in conformity with the *Procedure for the Elaboration of Codex Standards and Related Texts (Part 3 – Uniform Procedure for the Elaboration of Codex Standards and Related Texts*, Procedural Manual of the Codex Alimentarius Commission.

## GUIDANCE ON THE PROVISION OF COMMENTS

5. Comments should be submitted through the Codex Contact Points of Codex members and observers using the OCS.
6. 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.
7. Contact Points of Codex members and observers organizations are requested to provide general comments at the document level. Additional guidance on the OCS comment categories and types can be found in the OCS [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#).
8. Other OCS resources, including the user manual and short guide, can be found at the following link: <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/ocs/en/>.
9. For questions on the OCS, please contact [Codex-OCS@fao.org](mailto:Codex-OCS@fao.org).