Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme

Codex Committee on Fats and Oils

Twenty-Sixth Session

Virtual, 18 – 22 October 2021 and 26 October 2021

Proposals for New Work

(Replies to CL 2019/54-FO)

Codex Members and Observers wishing to submit comments, on the proposed project documents for new work, should do so as instructed in CL 2021/36/OCS-FO available on the Codex webpage/Circular Letters 2021: http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en/

1. The 26th Session of the Codex Committee for Fats and Oils discussed how it could better manage its work and agreed to:

   (i) Continue to use the existing project document for submission of proposals for new work and or amendments to existing fats and oils standards.

   (ii) Request the Codex Secretariat to issue a CL to call for proposals for new work including amendments to existing standards well in advance of each session of CCFO and with a specific deadline within which proposals should be submitted. Submissions in response to the CL should include both a discussion paper and proposed project document. Submissions received after the deadline would not be considered by that session but by the following session of the Committee.

   (iii) Establish an in-session working group at each session of the CCFO.

Proposals

2. The Circular Letter CL 2019/54-FO, was issued in July 2019 with a deadline of December 2020 and in response to the aforementioned CL the following five (5) proposals together with discussion papers were submitted:

   a) Amendment/revision to the Standard for Named Vegetable Oils (CXS 210-1999)
      
      - To include camellia seed oil – suof document fo27_07ebmitted by the People's Republic of China (Part I)
      
      - To include mahua seed oil – Submitted by India (Part II)
      
      - To include sacha inchi oil - submitted by Peru (Part III)

   b) Amendment/revision to the Standard for fat spreads and blended spreads (CXS 256-2007) – submitted by the European Margarine Association (IMACE) (Part IV)

   c) Amendment/revision to the Standard for fish oils (CXS 329-2017) - Inclusion of Calanus oil – Submitted by Norway (Part V)

3. Circular Letter CL 2021/36-FO has been issued in June 2021 with a deadline of August 2021 to request for comments on the above mentioned five (5) proposals for new work and or amendment/revision to existing Codex Standards. Comments received in reply to the CL will be compiled in document CX/FO 21/27/8 Add.1.