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**TO:** - Codex Contact Points  
- Interested International Organizations

**FROM:** Secretary, Codex Alimentarius Commission, Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme, FAO, Viale delle Terme di Caracalla, 00100 Rome, Italy.

**SUBJECT:** **Request for Proposals for Additions or Amendments to the Priority List of Food Additives and Contaminants for Evaluation or Re-evaluation by JECFA**

**DEADLINE:** **15 JANUARY 2000**

**COMMENTS:**

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1. As discussed at the 31<sup>st</sup> Session of the CCFAC (ALINORM 99/12A, paras. 140-143), proposals are being requested for additions or amendments to the Priority List of Food Additives and Contaminants for evaluation or re-evaluation by the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA).
2. There are two Annexes to this Circular Letter:
  - ◆ **Annex I** outlines the selection criteria established by the JECFA for inclusion of additives and/or contaminants in the Codex Priority List; and
  - ◆ **Annex II** is the form in which information has to be provided. In completing Annex II, only brief information is required. The form may be retyped if more space is needed under any one heading provided that the general format is maintained.

**CRITERIA FOR THE INCLUSION OF ADDITIVES AND/OR CONTAMINANTS  
IN THE PRIORITY LIST**

In order to be placed on the JECFA priority list the candidate additive or contaminant should meet the following criteria:

**For ADDITIVES:**

1. Use of the compound in accordance with the general principles for the use of food additives (technological justification and need shall be indicated);
2. Commodities in which the compound will be used are in international trade and represent a significant portion of the diet;
3. Use of the compound will have potential to cause public health and/or trade problems;
4. The compound is commercially available; and
5. Commitment that a (full) dossier will be available for evaluation by the JECFA.

**For CONTAMINANTS:**

1. Commodities containing the compound are in international trade and represent a significant portion of the diet;
2. The occurrence of the compound in commodities will have potential to cause public health and/or trade problems;
3. Commitment that a dossier (as complete as possible) will be available for evaluation by the JECFA.

**INFORMATION ON THE ADDITIVE/CONTAMINANT TO BE EVALUATED BY JECFA**

1. Proposal for inclusion submitted by:
2. Name of compound:
3. Trade name(s) (additives only):
4. Chemical names:
5. Names and addresses of basic producers (additives only):
6. Justification for use (additives only):
7. Food products in which the compound is used (additives only):
8. Has the compound been registered in 2 or more countries (additives only)?:
9. Has the manufacturer made a commitment to provide data (additives only)?:
10. List of data (toxicology, metabolism, specifications) available:
11. Date on which data could be submitted to JECFA: