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TO: Codex Contact Points
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FROM: Secretariat, Codex Alimentarius Commission,
Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme

SUBJECT: **Request for Comments at Step 6 on the Draft Revision of the *General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods: Date marking***

DEADLINE: 15 June 2017

BACKGROUND:

1. The 43rd Session of the Committee on Food Labelling (CCFL43) advanced the proposed draft revision of the *General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods: date marking* to Step 5 for adoption by the 39th Session of the Commission (CAC39) (REP16/FL, para. 49, Appendix II).
2. The CAC39 adopted the proposed draft revision at Step 5 (REP16/CAC, para. 79, Appendix IV).

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

3. Codex members and observers are invited to submit comments at Step 6 on the draft revision of the *General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods: date marking*, as per the general guidance below.
4. The draft standard is uploaded to the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS): <https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org/>.

GENERAL GUIDANCE FOR 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 proposed changes and relevant comments/justifications on a specific paragraph (under the categories: editorial, substantive, technical and translation) and/or at the document level (general comments).
8. At the end of the commenting period, the host country secretariat (Canada) will compile comments in a relevant working document using the system.
9. Additional guidance on the OCS can be found on the Codex website: <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/ocs/en/>.
10. For questions on the OCS, please contact Codex-OCS@fao.org.