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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) draft and proposed draft food additive provisions of the General Standard for Food Additives at Steps 8 and 5/8; and ii) the revised food additives provisions of the GSFA related to the alignment of the annexes on canned mangoes, canned pears and canned pineapples of the *Standard for Certain Canned Fruits (CXS 319-2015)* and 14 standards for fish and fish products**

**DEADLINE:** 15 June 2018

## BACKGROUND:

1. See [REP 18/FA](#), paras 30(ii), 48(i) points c and d, 111(i), 121(iii) and Appendix V.

## REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

2. Codex members and observers are invited to submit their comments on the drafts and proposed draft provisions of the GSFA, which is uploaded to the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS): <https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org/>, as per the guidance below. Comments should address whether the food additive provision is 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)*.

## GENERAL GUIDANCE FOR THE PROVISION OF COMMENTS

3. Comments should be submitted through the Codex Contact Points of Codex members and observers using the OCS.
4. 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.
5. Contact Points of Codex members and observers organizations are requested to provide general comments of substantive nature. Additional guidance on the OCS comment categories and types can be found in the OCS [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#).
6. 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/circular-letters/en/>.
7. For questions on the OCS, please contact [Codex-OCS@fao.org](mailto:Codex-OCS@fao.org).