CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION



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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 proposed revised food additives sections of various Codex commodity standards
- DEADLINE: 15 June 2018

BACKGROUND:

1. See <u>REP 18/FA</u>, paras 30(ii), 48(i) points (a) and (b), and Appendix IV.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

2. Codex members and observers are invited to submit their comments on the proposed revised food additives sections, which is uploaded to the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS): https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org/, as per the guidance below. Comments should address whether the revised food additives section 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.
- 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 <u>Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)</u>.
- 6. Other OCS resources, including the user manual and short guide, can be found at the following link: <u>http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en/</u>.
- 7. For questions on the OCS, please contact Codex-OCS@fao.org.