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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 the new methods of analysis for endorsement by CCMAS:
PROPOSED REVISION TO THE STANDARD FOR OLIVE OILS AND OLIVE POMACE OILS (CXS 234-1999), SECTION 8. THE METHODS OF ANALYSIS AND SAMPLING (Replacement of obsolete methods)

DEADLINE: 19 APRIL 2019

BACKGROUND

1. CCFO26¹ noted the need to update the methods of analysis for the determination of five of the composition and quality factors in the Standard for Olive oils and Olive Pomace Oils (CXS-33-1981) which were obsolete and withdrawn by IOC.
2. A list of new methods to replace the obsolete and withdrawn methods was presented and it was proposed that the proposed replacement methods be forwarded for endorsement by CCMAS 40 (scheduled in May 2019); and subsequent updating of the corresponding methods in CXS 234.
3. The Committee noted the urgency of this matter, and agreed:
 - i. to request the Codex Secretariat to issue the CL requesting comments on the new methods (Appendix IV- part B) with a deadline of 6 weeks within the date of issue;
 - ii. to forward the methods to CCMAS for endorsement provided there were no concerns expressed in response to the CL; and should there be concerns expressed, the methods would then be forwarded to the EWG on Olive Oils for further consideration.
4. Further information see [REP19/FO](#) paras. 141-145, and Appendix IV, Part B).

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

5. Codex members and observers are invited to submit comments on the new methods, which is uploaded to the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS): <https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org/>, as per the guidance below.
6. Comments should address **whether the methods are suitable** to forward to CCMAS for endorsement, if possible specific comments or proposals on the **PRINCIPLE** and **TYPING** of each method.

GUIDANCE ON THE PROVISION OF COMMENTS

7. Comments should be submitted through the Codex Contact Points of Codex members and observers using the OCS.
8. 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

¹ REP19/FO para 141-145 and Appendix IV

login to the system.

9. Contact Points of Codex members and observers organizations are requested to provide general comments at the document level. Additional guidance on the OCS comment categories and types can be found in the OCS [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#).
10. 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/ocs/en/>.
11. For questions on the OCS, please contact Codex-OCS@fao.org.