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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 on the proposed draft revised Code of Practice to Contain and Minimize Foodborne Antimicrobial Resistance (CXC 61-2005) at Step 5**

DEADLINE: **31 March 2020**

BACKGROUND

1. See [REP20/AMR](#), Appendix II, paragraphs 13-127.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

2. Codex members and observers are invited to submit comments on the proposed draft revised Code of Practice to Contain and Minimize Foodborne Antimicrobial Resistance at Step 5 as presented in REP20/AMR, Appendix II which is uploaded to the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS): <https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org/>, as per the guidance below.
3. Comments should address whether the proposed draft revised Code of Practice is ready for adoption at Step 5 or not; and if not, provide the rationale and proposals to facilitate its adoption by the 43rd Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC43) and finalization by the 8th Session of the Ad Hoc Codex Intergovernmental Task Force on Antimicrobial Resistance (TFAMR08).
4. In submitting comments as requested in paragraph 3, Codex members and observers are kindly reminded to take into account the agreements made at TFAMR07 (December 2019) on the various sections of the proposed draft revised Code of Practice.
5. 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*.

GUIDANCE ON THE PROVISION OF COMMENTS

6. Comments should be submitted through the Codex Contact Points of Codex members and observers using the OCS.
7. 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.
8. Contact Points of Codex members and observer 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 \(FAQs\)](#).
9. 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/>.
10. For questions on the OCS, please contact Codex-OCS@fao.org.