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**FROM** Secretariat,  
Codex Alimentarius Commission,  
Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme

**SUBJECT** **Revision of the Classification of Food and Feed (CXA 4-1989)**  
**Class D: Processed Foods of Plant Origin**  
**Request for comments at Step 3**

**DEADLINE** **15 September 2020**

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## BACKGROUND

1. See CX/PR 20/52/7<sup>1</sup>.
2. The revised Class D should be considered in conjunction with the revised Class C (Agenda Item 7a), the corresponding examples of representative commodities for the revised Class C and Class D (Agenda Item 7c), the impact of the revision of Class C and Class D on existing CXs (Agenda Item 7d). Consequently, there should be close synchronization between comments submitted in reply to CLs 2020/10-PR, CL 2020/11-PR and CL 2020/12-PR.
3. In addition, the following should be considered when providing comments in reply to this CL<sup>2</sup>:
  - The policies, practices and decisions agreed by CCPR on the revision of the Classification as described in CX/PR 20/52/6, paragraphs 1-9.
  - The guiding principles and the criteria for crop grouping of the Classification as indicated in the Annex to this CL.
  - The decisions taken in relation to the revision of Class D at CCPR51 (2019)<sup>3</sup>.
  - The supporting information summarizing the transfer of commodities from Class D to Class C (CX/PR 20/52/7, Appendix II).

## REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

4. Codex members and observers are invited to submit comments, through their Contact Points, on Class D, all types (CX/PR 20/52/7, Appendix I) and Recommendations 1-7 while taking into account the points raised in paragraphs 2-3 above.
5. Comments should be submitted in writing in conformity with the Uniform Procedure for the Elaboration of Codex Standards and Related Texts (see Procedural Manual of the Codex Alimentarius Commission) preferably in word file to facilitate their compilation and analysis.

<sup>1</sup> Working documents for CCPR52 are available on the CCPR52 webpage at:

<http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCPR&session=52>

<sup>2</sup> Circular letters are available on the Codex webpage/Circular Letters and can also be accessed from the CCPR website (related circular letters): <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en>

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<sup>3</sup> REP19/PR, para. 151

### **ANNEX**

The Classification of Food and Feed (CXA 4-1989) includes food commodities and animal feedstuffs for which Codex maximum residue limits will not necessarily be established. The Classification is intended:

- to be a listing of food commodities in trade as complete as possible, classified into groups on the basis of the commodity's similar potential for pesticide residues;
- primarily to ensure the use of uniform nomenclature and secondarily to classify foods into groups and/or sub-groups for the purpose of establishing group maximum residue limits for commodities with similar characteristics and residue potential;
- to promote harmonization of the terms used to describe commodities which are subject to maximum residue limits and of the approach to grouping commodities with similar potential for residue for which a common group maximum residue limit can be set.

**Characteristics for crop grouping are:**

1. Commodity's similar potential for pesticide residues;
2. Similar morphology;
3. Similar production practices, growth habits, etc;
4. Edible portion;
5. Similar GAP for pesticide uses;
6. Similar residue behavior;
7. To provide flexibility for setting (sub) group tolerances.

The Criteria for the selection of representative commodities include:

1. A representative commodity is most likely to contain the highest residues;
2. A representative commodity is likely to be major in terms of production and/or consumption;
3. A representative commodity is most likely similar in morphology, growth habit, pest problems and edible portion to the related commodities within a group or subgroup.