



CL 2020/30-NFSDU  
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TO: Codex Contact Points  
Interested International Organizations

FROM: Secretary, Codex Alimentarius Commission  
FAO, Viale delle Terme di Caracalla, 00153 Rome, Italy

SUBJECT: **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR NEW WORK AND EMERGING ISSUES**

DEADLINE: **30 September 2022**

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## Background

1. The 41<sup>st</sup> Session of the Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses (CCNFSDU 41) considered a paper, CX/NFSDU 19/41/10, prepared by Germany, as host Secretariat of CCNFSDU on a prioritization mechanism to better manage the work of the Committee. The paper put forward proposals for CCNFSDU to better manage its work: a uniform approach on submission of work proposals; additional prioritization criteria besides what is set out in the Procedural Manual; use of a circular letter to collect new work proposals; and establishing an ad hoc working group to review submitted work proposals.
2. The Committee agreed to the proposed prioritization mechanism (REP20/NFSDU, Appendix IX) and to start it on a pilot basis to assess its usefulness; and to request the Codex Secretariat to issue a Circular Letter requesting emerging issues and proposals for new work.<sup>i</sup>
3. A physical working group to be held immediately prior to CCNFSDU42 will conduct a case-by-case review of the proposals submitted in response to this Circular Letter.

## REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

4. Member Governments and observers are invited to provide information on emerging issues or proposals for new work relevant to CCNFSDU to the addresses indicated above by **31 March 2021**.
5. In identifying emerging issues and/or proposals for new work, members and observers should provide information in line with the proposed prioritization mechanism (paras 4 – 6 of Appendix IX, REP20/NFSDU) as follows:
  - a) new work proposals should be submitted as a discussion paper together with a project document according to the [Procedural Manual](#) (see Section II: Elaboration of Codex Texts: *Proposals to undertake New Work or to Revise a Standard*) and address also the additional criteria outlined in [Appendix IX REP20/NFSDU](#) ;
  - b) the criteria highlighted under paragraph 2 of [Appendix IX, REP20/NFSDU](#), should be addressed in a self-assessment and should include a detailed rationale. Pertinent references should accompany the assessment;
  - c) the rationale of the criteria “impact on public health”, “impact on food safety” and “impact on fair trade practices” includes a rating, whether the appropriate impact is high, medium or low. The choice of the respective impact level has to be justified.

<sup>i</sup> REP20/NFSDU, para. 176