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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 at Step 3 on the revision of the *Recommended Methods of Analysis and Sampling (CXS 234 - 1999)*: preamble and structure**

**DEADLINE** **30 April 2019**

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## BACKGROUND

1. See [CX/MAS 19/40/5](#).

## REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

2. Codex members and observers are invited to submit comments, through their Contact Points, on the proposed draft revised revision as presented in [CX/MAS 19/40/5](#) to facilitate their consideration by CCMAS.
3. Comments should focus on the introduction, preamble and structure as presented in CX/MAS 19/40/5.
4. 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). Guidance on submitting comments is attached as an Annex to this Circular Letter.

**Annex****GENERAL GUIDANCE FOR THE PROVISION OF COMMENTS**

In order to facilitate the compilation and prepare a more useful comments' document, Members and Observers, which are not yet doing so, are requested to provide their comments under the following headings:

- (i) General Comments
- (ii) Specific Comments

Specific comments should include a reference to the relevant section and/or paragraph of the document that the comments refer to.

When changes are proposed to specific paragraphs, Members and Observers are requested to provide their proposal for amendments accompanied by the related rationale. New texts should be presented in **underlined/bold font** and deletion in ~~strike through font~~.

In order to facilitate the work of the Secretariats to compile comments, Members and Observers are requested to refrain from using colour font/shading as documents are printed in black and white and from using track change mode, which might be lost when comments are copied / pasted into a consolidated document.

In order to reduce the translation work and save paper, Members and Observers are requested not to reproduce the complete document but only those parts of the texts for which any change and/or amendments is proposed.