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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SUBJECT: **Request for Comments, at Step 3, on the Proposed Draft Guidance on Paperless use of electronic certificates – (Revision of the Guidelines for Design, Production, Issuance and Use of Generic Official Certificates – CXG 38-2001)**

DEADLINE: 30 April 2021

BACKGROUND

1. For the background information, please refer to document [CX/FICS 21/25/5](#).

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

2. Codex members and observers are invited to submit comments at Step 3 on the **Proposed Draft Guidance on Paperless use of Electronic Certificates, (Revision to CXG 38-2001)** (Appendix I and its Annexes) which is uploaded to the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS): <https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org/>, as per the guidance below.
3. The Comments should take into account the conclusions and recommendations set out under paragraph 17-22 of [CX/FICS 21/25/5](#).
4. Comments are requested only to the revised text that is in *Italics* and Underlined.

GUIDANCE ON THE PROVISION OF COMMENTS

5. Comments should be submitted through the Codex Contact Points of Codex members and observers using the OCS.
6. 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.
7. Contact Points of Codex members and observers organizations are requested to provide proposed changes and relevant comments/justifications on a specific paragraph (under the categories: editorial, substantive, technical and translation) and/or at the document level (general comments or summary comments). Additional guidance on the OCS comment categories and types can be found in the OCS [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#).
8. 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/>.
9. For questions on the OCS, please contact Codex-OCS@fao.org.