## CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION







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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 Annex II on Fish and Fishery Products, Annex III on

the Production of Milk and Milk Products and the proposed Annex IV on Technologies for recovery and treatment of water for reuse for inclusion in the *Guidelines for the Safe* 

Use and Re-use of Water in Food Production and Processing (CXG 100-2023)

**DEADLINE:** 11 February 2024

## **BACKGROUND**

1. For background information, please refer to CX/FH 24/54/7.

## **REQUEST FOR COMMENTS**

- 2. Codex Members and Observers are invited to submit comments at Step 3 on the proposed draft annexes to the *Guidelines for the safe use and re-use of water in food production and processing* (CXG100-2023), which are uploaded to the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS): <a href="https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org/">https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org/</a>, as per the guidance below.
- 3. In submitting comments on the above, Codex Members and Observers are invited to consider the summary of discussions and conclusions of the electronic working group (paragraphs 10 16 of CX/FH 24/54/7), and the recommendations (paragraph 17-18 of CX/FH 24/54/7) and provide comments on the proposed draft Annexes in appendix 1 of CX/FH 24/54/7 (paragraph 17i). In particular, Members and Observers are requested to provide inputs on the specific questions outlined in paragraph 17ii, which relate to appropriateness of the proposed new Annex IV (paragraph 17iia); and the specific issues on which input is required for a cross-reference to this new Annex IV (paragraph 17iib).

## **GUIDANCE ON THE PROVISION OF COMMENTS**

- Comments should be submitted through the Codex Contact Points of Codex Members and Observers using the OCS.
- 5. 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.
- 6. 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 <a href="Frequently Asked Questions">Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)</a>.
- 7. Other OCS resources, including the user manual and short guide, can be found at the following link: <a href="http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en/">http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en/</a>.
- 8. For questions on the OCS, please contact Codex-OCS@fao.org.