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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 5/8 on the Proposed Draft Regional Standard for  
Yacon

**DEADLINE:** 15 June 2017

## BACKGROUND

1. The 20<sup>th</sup> Session of the FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Latin America and the Caribbean (CCLAC20) forwarded the proposed draft Regional Standard for Yacon to CAC40 for adoption at Step 5/8 and noted that food additives and labelling provisions would be endorsed by CCFA and CCFL, respectively ([REP17/LAC](#), para. 121 and Appendix III).

## REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

2. Codex members and observers are invited to submit comments at Step 5/8 on the proposed draft Regional Standard for Yacon, which is uploaded to the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS): <https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org/>, as per the general guidance below.

## GENERAL GUIDANCE FOR THE PROVISION OF COMMENTS

3. Comments should be submitted through the Codex Contact Points of Codex members and observers using the OCS.
4. 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.
5. 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).
6. At the end of the commenting period, the Codex Secretariat will compile comments in relevant working document for CAC40 (2017) using the system.
7. Additional guidance on the OCS can be found on the Codex website: <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/ocs/en/>.
8. For questions on the OCS, please contact [Codex-OCS@fao.org](mailto:Codex-OCS@fao.org).