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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 on the proposed draft revision of the *General Guidelines on Sampling (CXG 50-2004)***

DEADLINE: **28 April 2021**

BACKGROUND

1. For information, please refer to document [CX/MAS 21/41/9](#).

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

2. Codex members and observers are invited to submit comments on the proposed draft revision of the *General Guidelines on Sampling (CXG 50-2004)*, and the supporting documents: guide to the selection and design of sampling plans and e-book, which are uploaded to the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS): <https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org/>, as per the guidance below.
3. General comments are also requested on:
 - a. Support for presenting the revised Guidelines as part of a package, i.e. the revised proposed draft Guidelines, and the 2 supporting documents: the guide to the selection and design of sampling plans and the e-book;
 - b. the readiness of the proposed draft revised *General Guidelines on Sampling (CXG 50-2004)* (Appendix I of CX/MAS 21/4/9) to be advanced to Step 5;
4. In submitting comments on the above, Codex members and observers are invited to consider the background information, the key features identified in paragraph 13 and the conclusions and recommendations in paragraph 15 and conclusions provided in CX/MAS 21/41/9.

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/circular-letters/en/>.
9. For questions on the OCS, please contact Codex-OCS@fao.org.