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 on the proposed draft maximum levels for lead in selected commodities

DEADLINE: 31 March 2020

BACKGROUND

1. For background information, please refer to document CX/CF 20/14/8.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

2. Codex members and observers are invited to submit comments on the proposed draft MLs for lead in selected food categories which is uploaded to the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS): https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org/, as per the guidance below.

3. In submitting comments, Codex members and observers are invited to consider the proposed MLs for the prioritized food categories as well as the proposals made in relation to the establishment of MLs for lead in food for infant and young children and sugar and confectionery, taking into account the information provided in paragraphs 5-11 and Appendix II of CX/CF 20/14/8.

GUIDANCE ON THE PROVISION OF COMMENTS

4. 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 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs).

7. 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/.

8. For questions on the OCS, please contact Codex-OCS@fao.org.