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TO: Codex Contact Points
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FROM: Secretariat, Codex Alimentarius Commission,
Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme

SUBJECT: Information document: *General Guidelines on Sampling (CXG 50-2004)*

DEADLINE: 22 April 2024

BACKGROUND

1. For information, please refer to CX/MAS 24/43/7.¹

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

2. Codex members and observers are invited to submit comments on the draft information document and the additional questions which are uploaded to the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS): <https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org/>, as per the guidance below. In particular, members and observers are requested to review Appendix I to CX/MAS 24/43/7 and consider the proposed recommendations (para. 9 of CX/MAS 24/43/7), and the additional questions (para. 7 of CX/MAS 24/43/7) to assist with the further development of the information document.

GUIDANCE ON 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 method/provision 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 \(FAQs\)](#).
6. 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/>.
7. For questions on the OCS, please contact Codex-OCS@fao.org.

¹ Document available at: fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/sh-proxy/en/?lnk=1&url=https%253A%252F%252Fworkspace.fao.org%252Fsites%252Fcodex%252FMeetings%252FCX-715-43%252FWorking%2Bdocuments%252Fma43_07e.pdf