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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 from Members and Observers on the proposed changes to Section 2 Elaboration of Codex standards and related texts, Procedures for the elaboration of Codex standards and related texts, Part 7 Guide to the procedure for the amendment and revision of Codex standards and related texts, and related paragraphs

DEADLINE: **2 September 2024**

BACKGROUND

1. The 33rd Session of the Committee on General Principles (CCGP33), following its discussion on the proposed update to the Codex Procedural Manual's Guide to the procedure for the amendment and revision of Codex standards and related texts, requested the Codex Secretariat to prepare a Circular Letter (CL) for distribution to all Members and Observers to collect comments on the proposed amendments included in Appendix III of REP23/GP, for consideration by CCGP34.
2. For further background, see [REP23/GP](#), paragraphs 37- 69 and Appendix III.
3. Please refer to the 28th version of the [Codex Procedural Manual](#), specifically Section 2 Elaboration of Codex standards and related texts, Procedures for the elaboration of Codex standards and related texts.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

4. Codex Members and Observers are invited to review the proposed updates to Section 2 Elaboration of Codex standards and related texts, Part 7 on Procedures for the elaboration of Codex standards and related texts, and any related paragraphs, and provide comments on:
 - The appropriateness and clarity of the revisions
 - Whether there are any other parts of the text of Part 7 that would benefit from revision for clarity
 - Whether Part 7 could be further simplified
5. Comments are also requested on the proposed updates to the related paragraphs in the PM as follows:
 - Section 2 Elaboration of Codex standards and related texts, Introduction, paragraph 8
 - Section 2 Elaboration of Codex standards and related texts, Part 2. Critical Review, paragraph 12
6. Are there other texts of the PM that would need to be updated in light of the proposed updates to Section 2?
7. Comments should be submitted via the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS): <https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org/>, as per the guidance below.

GUIDANCE ON THE PROVISION OF COMMENTS

8. Comments should be submitted through the Codex Contact Points of Codex Members and Observers using the OCS.

9. Contact Points of Codex Members and Observers may log in to the OCS and access the document open for comments by selecting “Enter” in the “My reviews” page, available after logging into the system.
10. 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/ocs/en/>.
11. For any query on OCS, please contact Codex-OCS@fao.org.