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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 draft standards and related texts submitted by 54th Session of the Codex Committee on Food Additives for adoption by the 47th Session of the Commission

DEADLINE: 1 October 2024

BACKGROUND

1. The report of the 54th Session of the Codex Committee on Food Additives (CCFA) ([REP24/FA](#)) will be considered by the 47th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Geneva, Switzerland, 25 - 30 November 2024).

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

2. Codex Members and Observers are invited to submit comments on the following matters for adoption by the Commission, which have been uploaded to the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS): <https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org/>, as per the guidance below.
 - 2.1 Proposed draft specifications for the identity and purity of food additives for inclusion in the *List of Codex Specifications for Food Additives* (CXA 6-2023), paragraphs 48, 133 and Appendix III
 - 2.2 Revisions to the *General Standard for Food Additives* (GSFA, CXS 192-1995), Appendix VI
 - 2.2.1 Draft and proposed draft food-additive provisions of the GSFA and revisions to adopted provisions, paragraph 103i and Appendix VI, Part B
 - 2.2.2 Revisions to the descriptors to the Annex B of the GSFA preamble (FC 01.4.3) and Annex C of the GSFA preamble, paragraph 66iii and Appendix VI, Part A.1.1
 - 2.2.3 Revised food additive provisions of the GSFA in relation to the alignment of two standards from CCMMP, four standards from CCPFV, two standards from CCNE, two standards from CCASIA and one standard from CCLAC, paragraph 66iii and Appendix VI, Parts A.1.2, A.1.3, A.1.4, A.2, A.3
 - 2.2.4 Consequential amendments to the Tables 1, 2 and 3 of the GSFA, due to the change of INS number for gellan gum to INS 418 (i), paragraph 123ii and Appendix VI, Part C
 - 2.3 Proposed draft revision of the *Class Names and the International Numbering System for Food Additives* (CXG 36-1989), paragraph 122 and Appendix X
 - 2.4 Revisions to the food additive sections of various commodity standards, Appendix V
 - 2.4.1 Revised food additive sections of two standards from CCMMP, one standard from CCPFV, one standard from CCASIA and one standard from CCLAC, paragraph 66i and Appendix V, Parts B1, B3, B4, B5, B6
 - 2.4.2 Revisions to the food additives provisions to the *Standards for Pickled Cucumbers* (Cucumber Pickles) (CXS 115-1981); and *Jams, Jellies and Marmalades* (CXS 296-2009), paragraph 22i and Appendix V, Part A
 - 2.4.3 Editorial corrections to the *General Standard for Cheese* (CXS 283-1978), paragraph 66ii and Appendix V, Part B2
 - 2.4.4 Consequential amendments to the *Standard for Aqueous Coconut Products – Coconut Milk and Coconut Cream* (CXS 240-2003) due to the change of INS number for gellan gum to INS 418(i), paragraph 123i and Appendix V, Part D

3. Comments should address **whether the amendments/revision to the above-mentioned texts are ready for adoption or not**; and if not, provide the rationale and proposals to facilitate adoption. Comments should be provided in conformity with the *Procedure for the elaboration of Codex standards and related texts* (Part 3 – *Uniform procedure for the elaboration of Codex standards and related texts*), Procedural Manual of the Codex Alimentarius Commission.

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 general comments at the document level. 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/ocs/en/>.
8. For questions on the OCS, please contact Codex-OCS@fao.org.