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FROM Secretariat,
Codex Alimentarius Commission,
Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Program

SUBJECT **Request for data and information on risk management measures to prevent or reduce acrylamide contamination in foods**

DEADLINE **31 October 2024**

BACKGROUND

1. The 17th Session of the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods (CCCF17, 2023) noted general support for the revision of the *Code of Practice for the Reduction of Acrylamide in Foods* (CXC 67-2009)¹ if supported by further work to assess the availability of additional or new mitigation measures which could be included in a revised discussion paper for consideration by CCCF18 (2024). The Committee, therefore, agreed to collect information on risk management measures to prevent or reduce acrylamide in foods.
2. The data/information submitted in reply to this circular letter (CL)² will be considered by the Electronic Working Group (EWG), established by CCCF17, chaired by India, and co-chaired by Saudi Arabia, to develop the discussion paper further to support the revision of the aforesaid Code of Practice (CoP) and, based on the data/information submitted in reply to this CL, attach a proposed revised CoP for consideration by CCCF18.³

REQUEST FOR DATA AND INFORMATION ON RISK MANAGEMENT MEASURES TO PREVENT OR REDUCE ACRYLAMIDE CONTAMINATION IN FOODS

3. Codex members and observers are kindly invited to provide data and information on risk management measures to prevent or reduce acrylamide contamination in foods along the food production/supply chain which are:
 - effective and readily available;
 - proven to be cost-effective;
 - applicable widely across regions; and
 - applicable at all scales of production (especially at medium, small, and micro businesses)
4. To guide the submission of the requested risk management measures, the following points could be considered:
 - The optimal agricultural practices to prevent or reduce acrylamide formation in foods.
 - The optimal processing conditions to prevent or reduce acrylamide formation in foods.
 - The critical control points and associated mitigation measures along the food chain/supply that would assist in preventing/reducing acrylamide in foods.
 - Any other relevant data/information that could further complement data and information on prevention or reduction measures requested above.

¹ <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/committees/committee/related-standards/en/?committee=CCCF>

² <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/committees/committee/related-circular-letters/en/?committee=CCCF>
<https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en/>

³ REP24/CF17, paras. 110-114
<https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCCF&session=17>

5. To assist the review of the CoP, information on key intervention points along the food chain/supply and the associated mitigation measures should be provided to:
 - strengthen current provisions in the CoP or
 - include additional provisions, given new developments in science and technology, such as good agricultural and manufacturing practices (GAPs, GMPs), etc.
6. References supporting the proposed risk management measures should be provided for all proposals, as described in paragraphs 3-5.

Publications available online can be provided via a link directly in the OCS.

Publication available as attachments can be sent to the Codex Secretariat at codex@fao.org with a copy to the Codex Contact Point of India at codex-india@nic.in. Word files are preferred to facilitate the EWG's analysis and incorporation into the CoP.

GUIDANCE ON THE PROVISION OF COMMENTS

7. Comments should be submitted through the Codex Contact Points of Codex Members and Observers using the OCS.
8. 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.
9. Contact Points of Codex Members and Observers 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)⁴.
10. Other OCS resources, including the user manual and short guide, can also be found on the Codex website⁵.
11. For questions on the OCS, please contact Codex-OCS@fao.org.

⁴ http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/codexalimentarius/doc/OCS/Codex_OCS_FAQs_2017-11-06.pdf

⁵ <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/ocs/en/>