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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 on the standards and related texts submitted by the 48th Session of the Codex Committee on Food Labelling (CCFL48) for adoption by the 47th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission

DEADLINE: 20 NOVEMBER 2024

BACKGROUND

1. The report of the 48th Session of the Codex Committee on Food Labelling (REP24/FL)¹ will be considered by the 47th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

2. Codex Members and Observers are invited to submit comments on the matters as follows.

For adoption at Step 8:

- (i) Revision to the *General standard for the labelling of pre-packaged foods* (CXS 1-1985): Provisions relevant to allergen labelling
- (ii) Guidelines on the provision of food information for pre-packaged foods to be offered via e-commerce
- (iii) Guidelines on the use of technology to provide food information in food labelling

For adoption at Step 5:

- (i) Annex to *General standard for the labelling of pre-packaged foods* (CXS 1-1985): Guidelines on the use of precautionary allergen labelling
3. The above documents are uploaded to the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS)² per the guidance in paragraphs 7-11.
 4. Comments should address **whether the revisions, the guidelines and annex are ready for adoption.** If not, provide the rationale and proposals to facilitate adoption.
 5. Comments should be provided in compliance 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.
 6. Codex Members and Observers are encouraged to submit comments in reply to this CL³ to facilitate decision-making at CAC47.

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

¹ [meeting-detail | CODEXALIMENTARIUS FAO-WHO](#)

² <https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>

³ <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en/>

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/>