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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 information on ISO 1871 (determination of protein in quinoa)

DEADLINE: 31 March 2025

BACKGROUND

1. The 43rd Session of the Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling (CCMAS43) endorsed ISO 1871 for the determination of protein in quinoa as a Type IV method¹.
2. CCMAS43 noted that the typing could be reconsidered if more information were provided. Seven (7) countries had provided validation data for ISO 1871 for determination of protein in quinoa. Based on the data, the method could be retyped. However, additional information is required.
3. Normally protein methods are endorsed as Type I or Type IV. The ISO 1871 had been validated for quinoa (a pseudocereal) and the validation data was not in question. However, to reconsider the typing, additional information would be required.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

4. Codex Members and Observers are invited to submit information on:
 - the specific chemicals used for the catalysts;
 - the different reagents and their concentrations that were used; and
 - what conditions for the method were used corresponding to the validation data provided.

GUIDANCE ON THE PROVISION OF COMMENTS

5. Information should be submitted through the Codex Contact Points of Codex Members and Observers using the OCS.
6. 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.
7. 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)².
8. Other OCS resources, including the user manual and short guide, can also be found on the Codex website³.
9. For questions on the OCS, please contact Codex-OCS@fao.org.

¹ REP24/MAS, paragraph 22(ii) and Appendix II, Part 1.2

² http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/codexalimentarius/doc/OCS/Codex_OCS_FAQs_2017-11-06.pdf

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