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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 at Step 6 on the Draft NRV-R for Vitamin E

DEADLINE: 30 September 2016

BACKGROUND

1. CCNFSDU37 agreed to forward the NRV-R for Vitamin E for adoption at Step 5/8 by CAC39 while the conversion factor and dietary equivalents for Vitamin E was returned to Step 3 for comments ([REP16/NFSDU](#) Appendix II, Part I and Part III, respectively).
2. At the 39th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC39), views were expressed that work on NRV-R for Vitamin E should proceed in a logical order and that the first task should be to adopt the conversion factor for vitamin E before proceeding to adopt the NRV.¹
3. The Chairperson of CCNFSDU clarified that at the last session of the Committee, the NRV had been extensively discussed and that CCNFSDU had agreed to submit the NRV for adoption while noting reservations from three countries. CCNFSDU had also agreed to postpone discussion on the conversion factor and dietary equivalents. However, noting the concerns expressed and that the conversion factor should be agreed first before finalising the NRV, the Chairperson proposed that the NRV be adopted at Step 5 as a compromise. The next session of CCNFSDU would then consider Vitamin E dietary equivalents and conversion factor and in this context could consider if there was an effect on the NRV value
4. CAC39 adopted the proposed draft NRV-R for Vitamin E at Step 5² and advanced it to Step 6.
5. CCNFSDU38 will consider the NRV-R for Vitamin E together with the conversion factor and dietary equivalents.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

6. Codex members and observers are invited to submit comments at Step 6 on the draft NRV-R for Vitamin E, as per the general guidance below.
7. The draft NRV-R for Vitamin E is uploaded to the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS): <https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org/>.

GENERAL GUIDANCE FOR 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 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.
10. Contact Points of Codex members and observers organizations are requested to provide proposed changes and relevant comments/justifications on the NRV-R for Vitamin E.
11. At the end of the commenting period, the host country secretariat (Germany) will compile comments in a relevant working document using the system.
12. Additional guidance on the OCS can be found on the Codex website: <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/ocs/en/>.
13. For questions on the OCS, please contact Codex-OCS@fao.org.

¹ See full discussion in REP16/CAC, paras 40 – 44.

² [REP16/CAC](#), Appendix IV