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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 3 on the Code of practice for the prevention and reduction of cadmium contamination in cocoa beans

DEADLINE: 22 April 2021

BACKGROUND

1. For background information, please refer to document [CX/CF 21/14/7](#)

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

2. Codex members and observers are invited to submit comments on the Code of practice, as contained in Appendix I to CX/CF 21/14/7, which is uploaded to the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS): <https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org/>, as per the guidance below.
3. In providing comments on the CoP, Codex members and observers are invited to provide:
 - a. General comments on the overall format and content of the CoP,
 - b. Specific comments on provisions that may require further development and
 - a. Guidance on whether the CoP is ready for adoption at Step 5 by CAC44 (2021)

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 proposed changes and relevant comments/justifications on a specific paragraph (under the categories: editorial, substantive, technical and translation) and/or at the document level (general comments or summary comments). 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/circular-letters/en/>.
8. For questions on the OCS, please contact Codex-OCS@fao.org.