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 proposed draft principles for the establishment of NRVs for persons aged 6 – 36 months

DEADLINE: 29 October 2021

BACKGROUND
1. For background information, please refer to document CX/NFSDU 21/42/7.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS
2. Codex members and observers are invited to submit comments on the draft principles for the establishment of NRVs for persons aged 6 – 36 months which are uploaded to the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS): https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org/, as per the guidance below.

3. In addition, comments are requested on:
   a. Whether the principles should be integrated into Annex I of The Guidelines on Nutrition Labelling (CXG 2 – 1985) or remain as a separate text (Recommendation 2 in Appendix I of CX/NFSDU 21/42/7);
   b. Whether sodium should be included in the list of nutrients for the establishment of labelling NRVs and the type of NRV for sodium and potassium (i.e. NRV-R or NRV-NCD; Recommendation 5 in Appendix I of CX/NFSDU 21/42/7).

4. In submitting comments on the above, Codex members and observers are invited to consider the summary of discussions Appendix I of CX/NFSDU 21/42/7.

GUIDANCE ON THE PROVISION OF COMMENTS
5. Comments 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 observer 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).

8. 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/.

9. For questions on the OCS, please contact Codex-OCS@fao.org.