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 proposed draft guidelines for the safe use and re-use of water in food production

DEADLINE: 15 January 2022

BACKGROUND
1. For background information, please refer to CX/FH 22/52/8.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS
2. Codex Members and Observers are invited to submit comments on the proposed draft guidelines for the safe use and re-use of water in food production and its annexes which are uploaded to the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS): https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org/, as per the guidance below.

3. In submitting comments on the above, Codex Members and Observers are invited to consider the summary of discussion and conclusions (paragraphs 9-15), the recommendations outlined in paragraph 16 i.e. to provide comments on the proposed draft Guidelines, and to provide inputs on specific questions outlined in paragraph 16 ii (a – c).

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.