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FROM: Secretariat,
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SUBJECT: Request for information on commercial use of ortho-phenylphenol (INS 231) and sodium ortho-phenylphenol (INS 232) in food

DEADLINE: 15 September 2022

BACKGROUND

1. The 52nd Session of the Codex Committee on Food Additives (CCFA 52)\(^1\) agreed to request the Codex Secretariat distribute a Circular Letter collecting information on commercial use of ortho-phenylphenol (INS 231) and sodium ortho-phenylphenol (INS 232) in food as preservatives for consideration by CCFA 53 in order to make further decisions e.g., whether to include them in the priority list for JECFA’s re-evaluation or delete them from the General Standard for Food Additives (GSFA, CXS 192-1995).

2. CCFA 52\(^2\) further agreed to retain ortho-phenylphenol (INS 231) and sodium ortho-phenylphenol (INS 232) on the JECFA Priority List.

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION AND COMMENTS

3. Members and Observers are invited to submit information on the commercial use of ortho-phenylphenol (INS 231) and sodium ortho-phenylphenol (INS 232) in food before 15 September 2022.

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\(^1\) REP21/FA 7, para. 60(iii)
\(^2\) REP21/FA 7, para. 220