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Contact Points of international organizations having observer status with Codex  
FROM: Secretariat, Codex Alimentarius Commission,  
Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme  
SUBJECT: Request for the submission of data on Levels of tocopherols and tocotrienols in avocado oil from authentic samples (mg/kg)  
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DEADLINE: 30 September 2022  

BACKGROUND  
1. The 27th Session of the Codex Committee for Fats and Oils (CCFO27) agreed to forward the proposed draft revision to the Standard for Named Vegetable Oils (CXS 210-1999) – inclusion of avocado oil, for adoption at Step 5 by CAC45.  
2. CCFO27 also agreed:  
   a) to establish an EWG, chaired by Mexico, and co-chaired by the USA, working in English and Spanish to consider proposed values/texts in square brackets; to consider the comments submitted at Step 5/6  
   b) request the Codex Secretariat to issue a circular letter calling for submission of data on Table 4 for levels of tocopherols and tocotrienols in avocado oil.  
3. The report of the EWG will be submitted to the Codex Secretariat, at least 3 months in advance of CCFO28. (REP22/FO, para. 82).  

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS  
4. Codex Members and Observers, as directed above, are invited to submit data and information only on the proposed values for the Table 4: Levels of tocopherols and tocotrienols in crude vegetable oils from authentic samples (mg/kg) (See REP22/FO, Page 38 - Appendix IV).  
5. In order to facilitate the work of the EWG, we kindly request you to use the tables included in the Annex when submitting your data. Please also note that the tables can be expanded if there is not enough space to fill in the data.  
6. It is highly recommended that statistics and parameters shared are as up to date as possible and come from government and/or academic organizations, from internationally recognized testing laboratories accredited in ISO/IEC 17025:2017 standards, or from producers whose data were obtained using laboratories accredited in ISO/IEC 17025:2017 accredited by any accreditation body in your country.
Data collected from (Country name): …………………………………………………………….

Table 4: Levels of tocopherols and tocotrienols in crude vegetable oils from authentic samples (mg/kg)

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Recommended Methods of Analysis*: ISO 9936; or AOCS Ce 8-89 (Source: CXS 234 – 1999 Recommended Methods of Analysis and Sampling)

(*) In case another method of analysis was employed, specify and support suitability of used method.

Please indicate source of data.

(i) SOURCE OF DATA: ____________________________

(ii) If data comes from a laboratory testing, please indicate the source of the sample:
Producer ( ) Commercial sample ( ) Research Organization ( ) Other ( ) Specify: _____

(iii) If your data come from sample testing from an accredited laboratory, please indicate the following:

   The laboratory is accredited under ISO / IEC 17025: 2017   YES ( ) NO ( )

1. The test method for obtaining the tocopherols and tocotrienols is accredited by the national accreditation body of your country

   YES ( ) NO ( )