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 maximum levels for cadmium in cocoa powder (100% total cocoa solids on a dry matter basis)

DEADLINE: 28 April 2022

BACKGROUND
1. For background information please refer to CX/CF 22/15/5 available on the CCCF15 webpage¹.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS
2. Codex members and observers are invited to provide comments on the MLs for the cocoa powder category (100% total cocoa solids on a dry matter basis) ready for consumption, and their readiness for final adoption, as shown in Appendix I, while taking into account the recommendation of CCCF14², the background information relevant to cocoa powder described in paragraphs 1-15, the conclusions presented in paragraphs 16-19 and the data analysis contained in Appendix II of CX/CF 22/15/5, which is uploaded to the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS): https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org/, as per the guidance below.

GUIDANCE ON THE PROVISION OF COMMENTS
3. Comments should be submitted through the Codex Contact Points of Codex members and observers using the OCS.
4. 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.
5. Other OCS resources, including Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ), as well as the user manual and short guide, can be found at the following link: http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en/.
6. For questions on the OCS, please contact Codex-OCS@fao.org.

¹ https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCCF&session=15
² REP21/CF14, para. 52, available from at the CCCF14 website: https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/ip/?meeting=CCCF&session=14