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 6 on the Guidelines for the recognition of active substances or 
authorized uses of active substances of low public health concern that are considered exempted 
from the establishment of Maximum Residue Limits or do not give rise to residues

DEADLINE:    15 June 2022

BACKGROUND
1. For background information please refer to CX/PR 22/53/11 available on the CCPR3 webpage1.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS
2. Codex members and observers are invited to submit comments on the Guidelines, as contained in Appendix I 
to CX/PR 22/53/11, which is uploaded to the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS): 
https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org/, as per the guidance in paragraphas 4-8.
3. In providing comments on the Guidelines, Codex members and observers are invited to provide:
   a. General comments on the overall content of the Guidelines;
   b. Specific comments on provisions that may require further development; and
   a. Guidance on whether the Guidelines is ready for final adoption at Step 8 by CAC45 (2022)

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

1 https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCPR&session=53