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 on the recommendations for the management of unsupported compounds without public health concern scheduled for periodic review

DEADLINE: 31 May 2023

BACKGROUND

1. For background information please refer to CX/PR 23/54/11 available on the CCPR54 webpage.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

2. Codex members and observers are invited to submit comments on the recommendations for the management of unsupported compounds without public health concern scheduled for periodic review, which are uploaded to the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS): https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org/, as per the guidance in paragraphs 5-9.

3. Codex members and observers are invited to provide:

   Section 1 – Approach for the management of unsupported compounds without public health concern scheduled for periodic review

   a. General comments on the readiness of the approach to be adopted by CCPR54 and specific comments on possible improvements to the existing provisions or additional provisions, as necessary, for completeness, in order to finalize the approach at CCPR54.

   Section 2 – Options for efficient data support that could be addressed by Codex, FAO/WHO, JMPR, governments and industry to further assist countries in implementing the proposed management approach

   b. General comments on the various options available to the different stakeholders to implement the approach and specific comments on existing or possible additional provisions as necessary, for completeness, in order to finalize the options at CCPR54.

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 observer 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.

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