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TO: Codex Contact Points
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FROM: Secretariat,
Codex Alimentarius Commission, Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme
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SUBJECT: Request for proposals for new and/or revision of food additive provisions of the GSFA

DEADLINE: 15 January 2026

COMMENTS: **To:**
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BACKGROUND

1. CCFA46 agreed that the Circular Letter (CL) requesting proposal for new and/or revision of food additive provisions in the GSFA would include a form for the submission of proposals, which would clearly identify the seven criteria for initiation of work as outlined in the Procedure for Consideration of the Entry and Review of Food Additives Provisions in the GSFA (Ref. REP14/FA para. 98).
2. CCFA49 agreed to include in the form for the submission of proposals for new and/or revision of food additive provisions two additional questions: (i) whether the proposal is related to a FC with corresponding commodity standards; and (ii) whether the proposal is also intended to revise the products covered by the commodity standards (Ref. REP17/FA paras. 61 and 62).
3. CCFA50 agreed on the revision of Annex 1 to clarify if the revision of the provision in the GSFA applies to Table 1 and 2 or Table 3 (Ref. REP18/FA para. 63).
4. Replies to this CL, will be compiled, by the CCFA Secretariat, in a working document to be considered by the Physical Working Group on the GSFA, which will make recommendations on their inclusion in the GSFA at Step 2.

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION AND COMMENTS

5. Members and Observers are invited to submit proposals for:
 - a. new food additives provisions in the GSFA; and
 - b. revision of adopted food additives provisions in the GSFA.
6. Proposals should be submitted by using the attached form (**Annex 1**) before 15th January 2026.

**FORM FOR THE SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS FOR NEW AND/OR REVISION OF
ADOPTED FOOD ADDITIVE PROVISIONS IN THE GSFA**

In completing this form, only brief information is required. However, responsive information is required for each field. The form may be retyped if more space is needed under any one heading provided that the general format is maintained. A separate table should be completed for each food additive.

THE PROPOSAL IS SUBMITTED BY:			
IDENTITY OF THE FOOD ADDITIVE:			
Name of the Additive <i>As listed in Class Names and the International Numbering System for Food Additives (CXG 36-1989)</i>			
INS Number			
Functional Class <i>As listed in Class Names and the International Numbering System for Food Additives (CXG 36-1989)</i>			
PROPOSED USE(S) OF THE FOOD ADDITIVE (1): <i>The rows below may be copied as many times as needed.</i>		The proposal for: <input type="checkbox"/> a new provision; or <input type="checkbox"/> revising an existing provision in Tables 1 and 2 of the GSFA; or <input type="checkbox"/> revising an existing provision in Table 3 of the GSFA (skip to "Is the proposal intended to revise products covered by the commodity standard").	
Food Category No. (2)	Food Category Name (2)	Maximum Use Level (3)	Comments (4)
Is the proposal related to a FC with corresponding commodity standards? <i>(if yes indicate the relevant FC)</i>			
Is the proposal also intended to revise the products covered by the commodity standards? <i>(if yes indicate the relevant commodity standards)</i>			
EVALUATION BY JECFA:			
Evaluation by JECFA <i>Reference to the JECFA evaluation (including year and JECFA session of evaluation; full ADI (numerical or "not specified"); specifications monograph).</i>			

JUSTIFICATION:	
<p>Justification for use and technological need</p> <p><i>Supporting information based on the criteria in Section 3.2 of the Preamble of the General Standard for Food Additives (i.e. has an advantage, does not present an appreciable health risk, serves a technological function).</i></p>	
<p>Safe use of additive: Dietary intake assessment</p> <p><i>(as appropriate)</i></p>	<p>Table 3 additive:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No (Please provide information on dietary intake assessment below)</p>
<p>Justification that the use does not mislead consumer</p>	

- (1) For proposed revisions of adopted provisions, the current adopted provision should be provided, with deletions noted in ~~strike through~~ text, and changes or additions noted in **bold** font.
- (2) Food category number and name, as listed in Annex B of the GSFA.
- (3) For consistency, the maximum use level should be reported on the same basis as the ADI. A numerical use level should be provided for a food additive assigned a numerical ADI. GMP or a numerical use level may be provided for a food additive assigned a non-numerical ADI (e.g. "not-specified").
- (4) Comments on specific restrictions on the use of the food additive to be included as Notes (e.g. limitation of use to specific products in a food category).