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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 monitoring the purity and stability of reference materials and related stock solutions of pesticides during prolonged storage

DEADLINE: 25 August 2025

BACKGROUND

1. For background information, please refer to document CX/PR 25/56/8¹.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

2. Codex members and observers are invited to consider the proposed guidelines as set out in CX/PR 25/56/8 Appendix I and provide general and specific comments on the document (as a whole and on the different sections) including its readiness for advancement Step 8 for final adoption by the 48th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (November 2025).
3. In providing comments, Codex members and observers are kindly encouraged to focus their attention on those key points of discussion as described in CX/PR 25/56/8, paragraph 9, particularly the refinements to Approach 1 and Approach 2, and the inclusion of provisions to address mixtures of pesticide standard solutions (Approach 3) and related provisions (e.g., general criteria for the stability of mixtures of reference materials, definition for mixtures of RMs, etc.)
4. Appendix I is uploaded to the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS): <https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org/>. Comments provided through the OCS should follow the guidance provided in paragraphs 6-10.
5. Codex members and observers are encouraged to submit comments in reply to this CL² in order to facilitate the consideration of the proposed guidelines at the upcoming CCPR.

GUIDANCE ON THE PROVISION OF COMMENTS

6. Comments should be submitted through the Codex Contact Points of Codex members and observers using the OCS.
7. 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.
8. 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)³.
9. Other OCS resources, including the user manual and short guide, can also be found on the Codex website⁴.
10. 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=56>

² <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en/>
<https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/committees/committee/related-circular-letters/en/?committee=CCPR>

³ http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/codexalimentarius/doc/OCS/Codex_OCS_FAQs_2017-11-06.pdf

⁴ <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/ocs/en/>