

# CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION



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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 on recommendations for the development of a Code of practice for the prevention and reduction of tropane alkaloids contamination in food and feed**

**DEADLINE:** **30 May 2025**

## BACKGROUND

1. For background information, please refer to CX/CF 25/18/14, available on the CCCF18 webpage<sup>1</sup>.

## REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

2. Codex members and observers are invited to provide comments on recommendations as per paragraphs 16-17 of CX/CF 25/18/14, which are reproduced below for convenience:
3. CCCF is invited to consider if new work should be proposed on the development of a code of practice for the prevention and reduction of tropane alkaloids contamination in food and feed and, in the affirmative, to consider the points below based on the data/information provided in Appendix I of CX/CF 25/18/14:
  - (i) Review the project document in Appendix II of CX/CF 25/18/14 and make any necessary adjustments to ensure it provides a robust rationale for the development of a CoP in order to forward the proposal to the 48<sup>th</sup> Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC48, 2025) for approval as new work.
  - (ii) Review the proposed revised CoP as presented in Appendix III of CX/CF 25/18/14 and provide general comments on the structure and overall content of the CoP to guide the EWG in further developing the CoP following approval of new work by CAC48, and specific comments as to whether:
    - (a) Improvements could be made, e.g., addition of new sections, further development of revised sections, etc.
    - (b) Data/information to support such revisions is available for consideration by the EWG in further developing the CoP.
4. If the discussion paper needs further development, CCCF is invited to identify gaps and data/information that should be further developed to guide the EWG's work, for consideration by CCCF19.
5. Indicate whether there is support for re-establishing the Electronic Working Group to develop further the CoP (3) or the discussion paper (4) based on the guidance provided by CCCF, for consideration by CCCF19.
6. In providing comments on point 3(ii), note that risk management measures for inclusion in Codex codes of practice should be readily available, applicable worldwide, and proven to be effective across different production scales, including small- and medium-sized businesses.
7. Codex members and observers are encouraged to submit comments in reply to this CL<sup>2</sup> to facilitate the decision on new work to revise the Code of Practice, ensure that the project document provides a clear and sufficient rationale for the proposal, and provide general guidance that can assist the EWG in further developing the CoP.

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/pt/?meeting=CCCF&session=18>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en/>

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

8. The project document is uploaded to the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS)<sup>3</sup>. Comments provided through the OCS should follow the guidance in paragraphs 9-13.

**GUIDANCE ON THE PROVISION OF COMMENTS**

9. Comments should be submitted through the Codex Contact Points of Codex members and observers using the OCS.
10. 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.
11. 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)<sup>4</sup>.
12. Other OCS resources, including the user manual and short guide, can also be found on the Codex website<sup>5</sup>.
13. For questions on the OCS, please contact [Codex-OCS@fao.org](mailto:Codex-OCS@fao.org).

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<sup>3</sup> <https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org/>

<sup>4</sup> [http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user\\_upload/codexalimentarius/doc/OCS/Codex\\_OCS\\_FAQs\\_2017-11-06.pdf](http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/codexalimentarius/doc/OCS/Codex_OCS_FAQs_2017-11-06.pdf)

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/ocs/en/>