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TO: Codex Contact Points
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FROM: Secretariat, Codex Alimentarius Commission,
Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme

SUBJECT: Request for comments at Step 3 on the proposed draft revision of the *Guidelines on the application of general principles of food hygiene to the control of viruses in food (CXG 79-2012)*

DEADLINE: 24 November 2025

BACKGROUND

1. For the background information, please refer to [CX/FH 25/55/7](#).

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

2. Codex Members and Observers are invited to submit comments on the on the proposed draft revision of the *Guidelines on the application of general principles of food hygiene to the control of viruses in food (CXG 79-2012)*, which is uploaded to the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS): <https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org/>, as per the guidance below.
3. In submitting comments on the above, Codex Members and Observers are invited to consider the summary of discussions and conclusions of the electronic working group (paragraphs 8-13 of CX/FH 25/55/7), and provide their input
 - the proposed draft revision of the *Guidelines on the application of general principles of food hygiene to the control of viruses in food (CXG 79-2012)*, including the new annex on Control of Hepatitis E Virus (HEV) in pork and wild game meat (Annex III) as presented in Appendix I and provide suggestions and comments for further revision as appropriate; and.
 - noting the two options provided for the definition of Frozen produce, provide input on the most appropriate definition for this document.

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 general comments at the document level. 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/ocs/en/>.
8. For questions on the OCS, please contact Codex-OCS@fao.org.