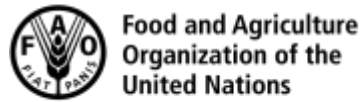


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TO: Codex Contact Points
Contact Points of international organizations having observer status with Codex

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

SUBJECT: **Request for information on risk management practices and other data or information to support the revision of the *Code of practice for the reduction of aflatoxin B1 in raw materials and supplemental feedingstuffs for milk-producing animals (CXC 45-1997)***

DEADLINE: **31 October 2025**

BACKGROUND

1. The 18th Session of the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods (CCCF18, 2025) agreed to start new work to revise the *Code of practice for the reduction of aflatoxin B1 in raw materials and supplemental feedingstuffs for milk-producing animals (CXC 45-1997)*, subject to approval by CAC. To undertake this work, CCCF18 agreed to re-establish the EWG, chaired by Canada, co-chaired by Saudi Arabia, to further revise the code of practice (CoP) for consideration by CCCF19.¹
2. CCCF18 also agreed to request that the Codex secretariat issue a circular letter requesting information on risk management practices and other data or information that could support the further development of the CoP.²

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

3. Codex members and observers are invited to provide information and data on existing risk management practices that mitigate the formation of AFB1 in raw materials and supplemental feedingstuffs for milk-producing animals.³
 - i. These measures should be in addition to those presented to CCCF18⁴ and provided in related documents.⁵
 - ii. The risk management and mitigation measures should be readily available, applicable worldwide, and proven to be effective across different production scales, including small- and medium-sized businesses.
4. Topics or areas identified as requiring additional information include, but are not necessarily limited to:
 - i. Information on safe and effective methods of disposal of aflatoxin-contaminated feed, including any high-temperature treatments or conditions that have proven effective in destroying aflatoxins.⁶
 - ii. Methods to manage quality control and traceability along the feed value chain.⁷
 - iii. Contributions from regions that are underrepresented in the most recent draft of the CoP⁴ and contributions from low and middle-income countries.⁸
5. References supporting the proposed risk management measures should be provided for all proposals. Publications available online can be provided via a link directly in the OCS. Publications available as attachments

¹ [REP25/CF18](#), para. 102 (i-iii)

² [REP25/CF18](#), para. 102 (iv)

³ Detailed information on risk assessment, training and capacity building, consumer education as well as sampling, monitoring and compliance are outside the scope of the CoP

⁴ [CX/CF 25/18/13](#)

⁵ [CX/CF 25/18/13-Add.1](#) and CRDs (11, 17, 18, 20-25, 28, 29, 33-38) posted to the [CCCF18 website](#)

⁶ Member country comment on 2nd draft discussion paper posted to Codex Forum in advance of CCCF18 (2025)

⁷ CRDs (18, 20, 28, 29, 34) posted to the [CCCF18 website](#)

⁸ CRDs (20, 28, 29, 34) posted to the [CCCF18 website](#)

can be sent to the Codex Secretariat at codex@fao.org with a copy to the Codex Contact Point of Canada at codex_canada@hc-sc.gc.ca. Word files are preferred to facilitate the EWG's analysis and incorporation into the CoP.

GUIDANCE ON THE PROVISION OF COMMENTS / DATA / INFORMATION

6. Comments, data and information 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 data / information as outlined in OCS. Additional guidance on the OCS comment categories and types can be found in the OCS Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)⁹.
9. Other OCS resources, including the user manual and short guide, can also be found on the Codex website¹⁰.
10. For questions on the OCS, please contact Codex-OCS@fao.org.

⁹ http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/codexalimentarius/doc/OCS/Codex_OCS_FAQs_2017-11-06.pdf

¹⁰ <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/ocs/en/>