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**CL 2025/77-NFSDU**  
**November 2025**

**TO:** Codex Contact Points  
Interested International Organizations

**FROM:** Secretariat, Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme,  
Codex Alimentarius Commission  
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**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR NEW WORK AND EMERGING ISSUES**

**DEADLINE: 01 June 2026**

**COMMENTS:**

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## Background

1. The 41st Session of the Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses (CCNFSDU41) agreed to the proposed prioritization mechanism (REP20/NFSDU, Appendix IX) and to start its implementation on a pilot basis with a view to assess its usefulness; and to request the Codex Secretariat to issue a Circular Letter requesting emerging issues and proposals for new work.
2. CCNFSDU42 postponed reviewing the proposals for new work and continued revising the prioritization mechanism.
3. At CCNFSDU43, the prioritization mechanism was piloted, and an EWG was established for further revisions.
4. At CCNFSDU44, the *Guideline for the preliminary assessment to identify and prioritize new work for CCNFSDU* (hereinafter referred to as the Guideline) was subsequently agreed upon and published on the Codex website as an information document (available [here](#)).
5. CCNFSDU44 also agreed to request the Codex Secretariat to issue a Circular Letter requesting for proposals for new work and emerging issues for consideration by CCNFSDU45 and that an ad hoc WG, chaired by Germany and co-chaired by Canada with the TOR as set out in paragraph 13 of the Guideline might be convened prior to the Session.
6. The WG which will meet prior to CCNFSDU45 will consider and assess the new work proposals submitted in reply to this CL following the process for prioritizing new work proposals outlined in paragraphs 12 – 17 of the Guideline and using the decision tree as a tool to classify new work proposals.

## REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

7. Member Governments and observers are invited to provide proposals for new work in accordance with the process for submitting proposals for new work (paragraphs 3 – 8 of the Guideline) relevant to CCNFSDU to the email addresses indicated above by **01 June 2026**.