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**CONVERSION OF THE *REGIONAL STANDARD FOR LAYER PRODUCTS (ASIA)* (CXS 323R-2017)
INTO A WORLDWIDE STANDARD (STEP 4)**

(Prepared by the Codex Secretariat)

Codex Members and Observers wish to submit comments at Step 3 on the draft standard for laver products should do so as instructed in CL 2026/16-FFP available on the Codex webpage/Circular Letters 2026: <http://www.codexalimentarius.org/circular-letters/en/>.

Background

1. The 23rd Session of the FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Asia (CCASIA23, 2025) forwarded the project document on conversion of the *Regional standard for laver products (Asia)* (CXS 323R-2017) into a worldwide standard to the 48th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC48, 2025) for approval and requested CAC to consider assigning the appropriate committee to carry out this work.
2. Considering CCASIA23's request, CAC48:
 - (i) requested the Codex Committee on Fish and Fishery Products (CCFFP) to undertake the work;
 - (ii) noted that procedurally, the regional standard would enter the uniform procedure at Step 3, where Members and Observers could share their views in response to a circular letter (CL) for comments on the content of the standard for CCFFP's consideration;
 - (iii) noted that in case there was any need for a change to the scope of the standard, CCFFP could report back to CAC for its consideration and approval; and
 - (iv) encouraged that the work be undertaken in a timely manner.
3. Accordingly, the Codex Secretariat has prepared and distributed CL 2026/16-FFP to collect comments from Members and Observers on the draft standard for laver products at Step 3.
4. The comments received in response to CL 2026/16-FFP will be published as CX/FFP 26/37/2 Add.1.

Recommendations

5. CCFFP37 is invited to review the comments received on the draft standard for laver products with a view to convert the regional standard into a worldwide, taking into account comments received in response to CL 2026/16-FFP.