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TO: Codex Contact Points
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FROM: Secretariat,
Codex Alimentarius Commission, Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme
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SUBJECT: Request for comments on the proposed amendments to the descriptors of FCs 14.1.4.2 and 14.1.5

DEADLINE: 15 September 2018

COMMENTS: To: Secretariat
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BACKGROUND

1. CCFA50¹ considered the proposal by the Codex Secretariat for editorial amendments to the descriptors of FCs 14.1.4.2 and 14.1.5 of the GSFA in order to clarify under which FC the ready-to-drink coffee or tea beverages belong.
2. The Committee noted the need to clarify the appropriate Food Categories for ready-to-drink coffee and tea beverages and also noted the views that the proposed amendments to FCs 14.1.4.2 and 14.1.5: (i) might impact the food additives permitted in the products, meaning further work should be undertaken; (ii) were consistent with the previous responses provided by the Codex Secretariat; and (iii) reflected disagreement as to whether the proposal would limit or expand the use of the food additives permitted.
3. The Committee agreed to seek comments on the proposed amendments via circular letter and to consider the matter at CCFA51.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

4. Codex members and observers are invited to submit comments, through the Codex Contact Points, on the proposed amendments to the descriptors of FCs 14.1.4.2 and 14.1.5.
5. Comments submitted in response to this Circular Letter will be considered by CCFA51 (see REP18/FA, para.15)

¹ [CX/FA 18/50/2](#) Appendix I and [REP18/FA](#) paras 14 and 15.