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

SUBJECT: **Review of methods in CXS 234 - 1999: Request for comments on the cereals, pulses and legumes workable package**

DEADLINE: **24 May 2023**

BACKGROUND

1. For information, please refer to [CX/MAS 23/42/5](#).

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

2. Codex members and observers are invited to submit comments on the recommendations in CX/MAS 23/42/5 as follows:
 - a. whether the methods in Appendix I of CX/MAS 23/42/5 can be endorsed;
 - b. consider “items for further consideration” (para. 21 of CX/MAS 23/42/5)
 - i. provide guidance on the approach to identifying the need for moisture methods listed to establish other provisions
 - c. consider whether methods listed in Appendix II and Appendix III of CX/MAS 23/42/5 should be reviewed at a future WG on methods endorsement.
3. When providing comments on the abovementioned, members and observers should review the report of the EWG, in particular the outcomes of the EWG (CX/MAS 23/42/5, paras 16 – 20).
4. All the above-mentioned are uploaded to the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS): <https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org/>, as per the guidance below.

GUIDANCE ON THE PROVISION OF COMMENTS

5. Comments should be submitted through the Codex Contact Points of Codex members and observers using the OCS.
6. 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.
7. Contact Points of Codex members and observers organizations are requested to provide proposed changes and relevant comments/justifications on a specific method/provision and/or at the document level (general comments or summary comments). Additional guidance on the OCS comment categories and types can be found in the OCS [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#).
8. 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/circular-letters/en/>.
9. For questions on the OCS, please contact Codex-OCS@fao.org.