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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 comments on the revision of the *General Guidelines on Sampling (CXG 50-2004)***

**DEADLINE:** **31 May 2023**

## **BACKGROUND**

1. For information, please refer to [CX/MAS 23/42/8](#).

## **REQUEST FOR COMMENTS**

2. Codex members and observers are invited to submit comments on:
  - a. the revised *General Guidelines on Sampling* (Appendix I of CX/MAS 23/42/8); and
  - b. its readiness to be advanced to Step 8 for adoption by CAC46.
3. When providing comments on the abovementioned, members and observers should review the report of the EWG (CX/MAS 23/42/8).
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](mailto:Codex-OCS@fao.org).