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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 Code of practice for the prevention and reduction of mycotoxin contamination in cassava and cassava-based products

DEADLINE: 25 March 2023

BACKGROUND

1. For background information please refer to CX/CF 23/16/6 available on the CCCF16 webpage¹.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

2. Codex members and observers are invited to submit comments on the Code of practice, as contained in Appendix I to CX/CF 23/16/6, which is uploaded to the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS): <https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org/>. Comments provided through the OCS should follow the guidance provided in paragraphs 5-9.
3. In providing comments on the CoP, Codex members and observers are invited to provide:
 - (i) General comments on the overall approach of the CoP (i.e. content generally addresses measures that have proven to be effective to prevent/reduce mycotoxin contamination in cassava and cassava-based products and are applicable on a worldwide basis);
 - (ii) Specific comments on provisions that may require further development (e.g. for completeness, further clarity, etc.) or additional provisions not currently addressed in the CoP to further enhance the content of the document; and
 - (iii) Guidance on whether the CoP is ready for advancement to Step 8 for final adoption by the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC46, 2023).
4. Codex members and observers are encouraged to submit comments in reply to this CL² in order to facilitate the consideration of the CoP and its finalization at the upcoming CCCF.

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 paragraph (under the categories: editorial, substantive, technical and translation) 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)³.
8. Other OCS resources, including the user manual and short guide, can also be found on the Codex website⁴.
9. For questions on the OCS, please contact Codex-OCS@fao.org.

¹ <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCCF&session=16>

² <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en/>

³ <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/committees/committee/related-circular-letters/en/?committee=CCCF>

³ http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/codexalimentarius/doc/OCS/Codex_OCS_FAQs_2017-11-06.pdf

⁴ <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/ocs/en/>