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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 recommendations for the prevention or reduction of ciguatera poisoning

**DEADLINE:** 25 March 2023

## BACKGROUND

1. For background information, please refer to document CX/CF 23/16/10<sup>1</sup>.

## REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

2. Codex members and observers are invited to submit general and specific comments on the recommendations as described in paragraph 37 of CX/CF 23/16/10 namely:
  - (i) Consider if new work should be proposed on a code of practice or if the EWG should revise the discussion paper for consideration by CCCF17 (*i.e. whether the discussion paper provides sufficient data/information that supports the development of a CoP*)
  - (ii) Review the proposal for new work in Appendix I (*i.e. in case the discussion paper provides a sound basis for the development of a CoP, provide comments and/or revisions to the project document to further improve the the proposal*)
  - (iii) Review the outline for the proposed COP in Appendix II (*i.e. provide general comments on the format/structure and specific comments on risk management considerations that should be improved or include in the outline to guide further work on the CoP*)
  - (iv) Establish an EWG to prepare a proposed COP for the prevention and reduction of ciguatera poisoning based on the outline provided in Appendix II for consideration by CCCF17 (*i.e. whether there is support to establish an EWG to proceed with this work*)
  - (v) Other comments as appropriate (*i.e. any other comments not considered in points i-iv*)
3. The recommendations as well as Appendices I (discussion paper), II (project document – proposal for new work to develop a Code of practice to prevent/reduce ciguatera poisoning) and III (outline of the CoP) are 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.
4. Codex members and observers are encouraged to submit comments in reply to this CL<sup>2</sup> in order to facilitate the consideration of the recommendations 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.

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

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

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

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)<sup>3</sup>.
8. Other OCS resources, including the user manual and short guide, can also be found on the Codex website<sup>4</sup>.
9. For questions on the OCS, please contact [Codex-OCS@fao.org](mailto:Codex-OCS@fao.org).

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<sup>3</sup> [http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user\\_upload/codexalimentarius/doc/OCS/Codex\\_OCS\\_FAQs\\_2017-11-06.pdf](http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/codexalimentarius/doc/OCS/Codex_OCS_FAQs_2017-11-06.pdf)

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