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

SUBJECT: **Sampling plans for bulk materials/heterogenous lots including mycotoxins**

DEADLINE: **28 FEBRUARY 2026**

BACKGROUND

1. For information, please refer to CX/MAS 26/45/11.¹

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

2. Codex Members and Observers are invited to provide comments on the recommendations presented in paragraph 18 of CX/MAS 26/45/11 concerning (a) the appropriateness and timeliness of developing general guidance on acceptance sampling plans for bulk materials from inhomogeneous lots, with particular emphasis on mycotoxins; and (b) where such guidance should appropriately reside.
3. To further strengthen the discussion paper, Members and Observers are encouraged to submit general comments on the proposed acceptance sampling plans for bulk materials from inhomogeneous lots (e.g. whether the content and structure offer a sound basis for continued development). In particular, input is sought on areas that may require further clarification, expansion, or the inclusion of additional provisions to enhance completeness and coherence (CX/MAS 26/45/11 Appendix 1).
4. The recommendations and the guidance (Appendix I of the said working document) are available in the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS) at <https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org/>. Comments should be submitted in line with the guidance provided 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 Observer 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.

¹Document available at: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCMAS&session=45>