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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 proposed draft Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Arsenic Contamination in Rice (at Step 5/8)

DEADLINE: 15 June 2017

BACKGROUND

1. The 11th Session of the Committee on Contaminants (April 2017) agreed to forward the proposed draft COP for the Prevention and Reduction of Arsenic Contamination in Rice for adoption at Step 5/8 (with omission of Steps 6 and 7) by the 40th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission.¹

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

2. Codex members and observers are invited to submit comments on the proposed draft COP, which is uploaded to the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS): <https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org/>, as per the general guidance below.

GENERAL GUIDANCE FOR THE PROVISION OF COMMENTS

3. Comments should be submitted through the Codex Contact Points of Codex members and observers using the OCS.
4. 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.
5. 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).
6. At the end of the commenting period, the Codex Secretariat will compile comments in a relevant working document using the system.
7. Additional guidance on the OCS can be found on the Codex website: <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/ocs/en/>.
8. For questions on the OCS, please contact Codex-OCS@fao.org.

¹ REP17/CF, paras 100-103, Appendix III. The report is available on the Codex webpage as follows:
<http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings-reports/en/>