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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 proposed sampling plans and performance criteria for total aflatoxins in certain cereals and cereal-based products including foods for infants and young children**

DEADLINE: **25 March 2021**

BACKGROUND

1. For background information, please refer to document CX/CF 20/14/10-Part II available on the Codex website¹.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

2. Codex members and observers are invited to submit comments on these proposed sampling plans and performance criteria in certain cereals and cereals-based products including foods for infants and young children as also uploaded onto the Codex Online Commenting System² (OCS), as per the guidance below.
3. Comments are requested on:
 - (a) if a sampling plan for total aflatoxins in AFT; AFB1 + AFB2 + AFG1 + AFG2) in cereals grains (maize and sorghum destined for further processing; polished and husked rice); in flour, semolina and flakes derived from maize; and in cereal-based products including foods for infants and young children should be developed;
 - (b) the proposed draft sampling plan for total aflatoxins in AFT; AFB1 + AFB2 + AFG1 + AFG2) in cereals grains (maize and sorghum destined for further processing; polished and husked rice); in flour, semolina and flakes derived from maize; and in cereal-based products including foods for infants and young children as presented in Appendix I of CX/CF 20/14/10-Part II.

GUIDANCE ON THE PROVISION OF COMMENTS

4. Comments should be submitted through the Codex Contact Points of Codex members and observers using the OCS.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. Other OCS resources, including the user manual and short guide, can also be found on the Codex website⁴.
8. For questions on the OCS, please contact Codex-OCS@fao.org.

¹ <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCCF&session=14>

² <https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org/>

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

⁴ <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en/>