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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 at Step 3 on the revision of the Classification of Food and Feed:  
Class B – Primary Food Commodities of Animal Origin (All Types) and  
Class E - Processed Foods of Animal Origin (All Types)**

**DEADLINE:** 15 June 2022

## BACKGROUND

1. For background information please refer to CX/PR 22/53/7 and CX/PR 22/53/8 available on the CCPR53 webpage<sup>1</sup>.

## REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

2. Codex members and observers are invited to submit comments on the revised Class B and E of the Classification of Food and Feed, as contained in Appendix I to CX/PR 22/53/7 and Appendix I to CX/PR 22/53/8, which are uploaded to the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS): <https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org/>, as per the guidance in paragraphs 5-9.
3. In providing comments on Class B and E, Codex members and observers are invited to provide:
  - a. General comments on the overall approach to the revision of Class B and Class E;
  - b. Specific comments on Types/Groups/Sub-Groups of Class B and Class E that may require further development; and
  - c. Guidance on whether the revised Class B and Class E are ready for advancement in the Step Procedure.
4. In providing comments on Class B and E, Codex members and observers are also invited to take into consideration the issues raised under CL 2022/36-PR on a harmonized definition/terminology for “edible offal” and other edible tissues of animal origin i.e. “meat” / “muscle” and “fat” for the purposes of the establishment of single/harmonized MRLs for compounds with dual uses for edible animal tissues (including edible offal).

## 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 \(FAQs\)](#).
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](mailto:Codex-OCS@fao.org).

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCPR&session=53>