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SUBJECT: Request for comments on the future work for CCFA

DEADLINE: 15 September 2025

BACKGROUND

1. CCFA55 considered a discussion paper on future works for CCFA and noted the following views among other issues - the work of the GSFA should remain a priority; a review of the GSFA's food category descriptors for consistency was necessary; a systematic approach drawing from experiences from other Committees should be established; discussions on outstanding topics should be reinitiated etc. It was agreed that Codex Secretariat issue a CL requesting topics for future work, systematic approach to deal with these topics, and comments to CRD07.
2. Please refer to [REP25/FA](#) paragraph 176-188.

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION AND COMMENTS

3. Codex Members and Observers are invited to consider and provide emerging global issues and trends that may affect the future of food additives and consumer protection, and how this might influence CCFA standards needed in the future.
4. When providing the emerging global issues and trends that may affect the future of food additives and consumer protection the following questions need to be addressed:
 - (i) What specific topics should be considered for future work by CCFA, with a view to addressing emerging food safety issues and supporting the objectives of protecting consumer health and ensuring fair practices in the food trade?
 - (ii) What structured methodologies could CCFA consider adopting to support the systematic identification, assessment, and prioritization of new and emerging topics when undertaking new work based on the new topics?
 - (iii) Are there specific comments or proposed revisions to [FA55/CRD07](#) that would improve its relevance and applicability in guiding CCFA's approach to the identification and prioritization of future work?
5. Based on the comments and information submitted in reply to this Circular Letter, the host secretariat of CCFA (China) will prepare a discussion paper for consideration by CCFA56.

GUIDANCE ON THE PROVISION OF COMMENTS

6. Comments should be submitted through the Codex Contact Points of Members and Observers using the OCS.
7. 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.
8. Contact Points of Codex Members and Observers 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 \(FAQs\)](#).
9. 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/ocs/en/>.
10. For questions on the OCS, please contact Codex-OCS@fao.org.