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

SUBJECT: Request for comments on the methods of analysis / performance criteria / sampling plan and annex on nitrogen to protein conversion factors submitted by the 44th Session of the Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling for adoption by the 48th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission

DEADLINE: 15 SEPTEMBER 2025

BACKGROUND

1. The report of the 44th Session of the Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling (CCMAS) (REP25/MAS)¹ will be considered by the 48th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

2. Codex Members and Observers are invited to submit comments on the matters as follows:

Methods of Analysis / performance criteria

- i. **Adoption:** methods of analysis / performance criteria / sampling plan for provisions in Codex standards, REP25/MAS, paragraphs 19, 27, 45, 59(i) and 86(i), Appendix II, Part 1.

Annex on Nitrogen to protein conversion factors

- ii. **Adoption:** inclusion of "Nitrogen to protein conversion factors" as an Annex to the *Recommended methods of analysis and sampling* (CXS 234-1999), REP25/MAS, paragraph 11(vi), Appendix III.
3. The above documents are uploaded to the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS)² per the guidance in paragraphs 7-11.
 4. Comments should address **whether the methods of analysis, performance criteria, sampling plan and annex on nitrogen to protein conversion factors are ready for adoption.** If not, provide the rationale and proposals to facilitate adoption. Please note that the annex contains nitrogen to protein conversion factors that have been agreed by relevant committees and were either referenced in commodity standards or in the *Recommended methods of analysis and sampling* (CXS 234-1999)³. The nitrogen to protein conversion factors are not in question and have been collated so that the Nx are housed in a single annex to CXS 234 for ease of reference by analysts.
 5. Comments should be provided in compliance with the Procedure for the Elaboration of Codex Standards and Related Texts (Part 3—*Uniform Procedure for the Elaboration of Codex Standards and Related Texts*), Procedural Manual of the Codex Alimentarius Commission.⁴
 6. Codex Members and Observers are encouraged to submit comments in reply to this CL⁵ to facilitate decision-making at CAC48.

¹ <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/pt/?meeting=CCMAS&session=44>

² <https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>

³ REP25/MAS paragraph 9

⁴ <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/publications/pt/>

⁵ <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en/>

GUIDANCE ON THE PROVISION OF COMMENTS

7. Comments should be submitted through the Codex Contact Points of Codex Members and Observers using the OCS.
8. 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.
9. Contact Points of Codex Members and Observers are requested to provide general comments at the document level. Additional guidance on the OCS comment categories and types can be found in the OCS Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)⁶.
10. Other OCS resources, including the user manual and short guide, can also be found on the Codex website⁷.
11. For questions on the OCS, please contact Codex-OCS@fao.org.

⁶ http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/codexalimentarius/doc/OCS/Codex_OCS_FAQs_2017-11-06.pdf

⁷ <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/ocs/en/>