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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 at Step 3 on Annexes II and IV for inclusion in the *Guidelines for the safe use and re-use of water in food production and processing (CXG 100-2023)* as well as on the corresponding amendments to the General Section, and Annexes I and III of the Guidelines

DEADLINE: 24 November 2025

BACKGROUND

1. For the background information, please refer to [CX/FH 25/55/5](#).

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

2. Codex Members and Observers are invited to submit comments at Step 3 on the proposed draft annexes to the *Guidelines for the safe use and re-use of water in food production and processing (CXG100-2023)*, which is uploaded to the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS): <https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org/>, as per the guidance below.
3. In submitting comments on the above, Codex Members and Observers are invited to consider the summary of discussions and conclusions of the electronic working group (CX/FH 25/55/5), and as described in CX/FH 25/55/5 paragraph 18, provide their input on.
 - a. the proposed Annex II to the Guidelines on ‘Fish and Fishery Products’, and provide their inputs; in particular on the following matters
 - if they support the paragraph 11;
 - which option they prefer in Section 6; and
 - which option they prefer for Figure 4;
 - b. the proposed Annex IV to the guidelines on ‘Water fit-for-purpose assessment, safety management, and technologies for recovery and treatment of water for reuse’ and provide their inputs, noting that no additional examples of new technologies were provided; and
 - c. the proposed changes to the General Section of the Guidelines and Annexes I and III as outlined in the conclusions of the report of the EWG (paragraph 17).

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 general comments at the document level. Additional guidance on the OCS comment categories and types can be found in the OCS [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#).
7. 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/>.
8. For questions on the OCS, please contact Codex-OCS@fao.org.