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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 standards and related texts submitted by the 8th Session of the Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs (CCSCH8) for adoption by the 49th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC49)

DEADLINE: 31 MARCH 2026

BACKGROUND

1. The report of the 8th Session of the Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs (CCSCH) [REP25/SCH](#) will be considered by the 49th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission to be held from 6 to 10 July 2026.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

2. Codex Members and Observers are invited to submit comments on the following matters:
Standards for adoption at Step 8 and 5/8
 - a) The Standard for spices in the form of dried fruits and berries - Requirements for vanilla (Step 8), See [REP25/SCH](#), in paragraph 61(i) Appendix III.
 - b) The Standard for spices in the form of dried fruits and berries - Requirements for large cardamom (Step 5/8), See [REP25/SCH](#), paragraph 74(i) Appendix IV
 - c) The Standard for spices in the form of dried seeds - Requirements for coriander (Step 5/8), See [REP25/SCH](#), paragraph 104 (i) Appendix V.
Standard for adoption at Step 5
 - d) The Standard for culinary herbs - Requirements for sweet marjoram ((Step 5), See [REP25/SCH](#), paragraph 122 (i) Appendix VI.
3. Comments should address **whether the draft standard is ready for adoption or not**; and if not, provide the rationale and proposals to facilitate adoption. Comments should be provided in conformity 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. The above documents are uploaded to the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS) as per the guidance in paragraphs 6-10 below.
5. Codex Members and Observers are encouraged to submit comments in reply to this CL to facilitate decision making at CAC49.

GUIDANCE ON THE PROVISION OF COMMENTS

6. Comments should be submitted through the Codex Contact Points of Codex 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 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 \(FAQs\)](#).
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.