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

SUBJECT: **Review of methods of analysis in commodity standards (fish and fishery products, fats and oils, cereals, pulses and legumes and derived products)**

DEADLINE: 15 February 2026

BACKGROUND

1. For information, please refer to CX/MAS 26/45/4.¹

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

2. Codex Members and Observers are invited to submit comments on the recommendations on review of methods of analysis in commodity standards (fish and fishery products, fats and oils, cereals, pulses and legumes and derived products) which is uploaded to the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS): <https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org/>, as per the guidance below. In particular, Members and Observers are requested to review CX/MAS 26/45/4 and to comment on the following:
 - a. the recommendations presented in Appendix I and whether these changes can be endorsed by CCMAS or provide alternative proposals for consideration by the PWG on endorsement; and
 - b. an approach to address the methods listed in Appendix III; and
 - c. the issues listed in paragraphs 16-17.

GUIDANCE ON THE PROVISION OF COMMENTS

3. Comments should be submitted through the Codex Contact Points of Codex Members and Observers using the OCS.
4. 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.
5. Contact Points of Codex Members and Observers organizations are requested to provide proposed changes and relevant comments/justifications on a specific method/provision 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 \(FAQs\)](#).
6. 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/>.
7. For questions on the OCS, please contact Codex-OCS@fao.org.

¹ Document available at: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCMAS&session=45>