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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 proposal for alignment of the Codex texts developed by CCFH with the *General Principles of Food Hygiene* (CXC 1-1969)

DEADLINE: 17 February 2024

BACKGROUND

1. For background information, please refer to [CX/FH 24/54/10](#).

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

2. Codex Members and Observers are invited to submit comments on the proposed options for alignment of the Codex texts developed by CCFH with the *General Principles of Food Hygiene* (CXC 1-1969). The discussion paper has been uploaded to the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS): <https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org/>, as per the guidance below.
3. In submitting comments, Codex Members and Observers are invited to consider the three options proposed namely i) simple alignment (e.g. approach taken in CX/FH 25/54/8) ii) full structural alignment (example presented in appendix C of CX/FH 24/54/10) and iii) full structural and technical alignment (example of approach presented in Appendix D of CX/FH 24/54/10) with CXC 1-1969, in section 3 of the paper and provide their views on these options as well as the related eight questions in Appendices C and D. Members and Observers are also requested to provide comments on how the alignment work may be taken forward in the future both in terms of prioritization and working modality (see section 4 of the paper and questions 9 and 10 in Appendix D).

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 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 \(FAQs\)](#).
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/circular-letters/en/>.
8. For questions on the OCS, please contact Codex-OCS@fao.org.