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**TO:** Codex Contact Points  
Contact Points of international organizations having observer status with Codex

**FROM:** Secretariat, Codex Alimentarius Commission,  
Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme

**SUBJECT:** Request for comments on the inclusion of *Sardinella lemuru* in the list of sardine species under Section 2.1 in the *Standard for canned sardines and sardine-type products* (CXS 94-1981)

**DEADLINE:** 14 NOVEMBER 2024

## BACKGROUND

- For background information, see [REP24/FFP](#), paragraph 26 and Appendix III.
- It should be noted that CCFFP36 also agreed (paragraph 45 and Appendix III) to submit to CAC47 for adoption the amendment of the following scientific names in Section 2.1 of CXS 94-1981:
  - Sardinops neopilchardus* and *Sardinops caeruleus* replaced by *Sardinops sagax*;
  - Clupea bentincki* replaced by *Strangomera bentincki*; and
  - Etrumeus teres* replaced by *Etrumeus sadina*
- It should also be recognized that CCFFP36 noted (paragraph 18ii and Appendix III) the previous decision of CAC (adopted by CAC13 and confirmed by CAC15) to include *Sardinella fimbriata* and *Sardinella sirm* in the *Standard for canned sardines and sardine-type products* (CXS 94-1981) and that the Codex Secretariat would take the necessary actions to insert *Sardinella fimbriata* and *Amblygaster sirm* (formerly known as *Sardinella sirm*) in CXS 94-1981 and inform CAC accordingly.

## REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

- Codex Members and Observers are invited to submit comments on the inclusion of *Sardinella lemuru* in the list of sardine species under Section 2.1 in the *Standard for canned sardines and sardine-type products* (CXS 94-1981), which is uploaded to the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS): <https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org/>, as per the guidance below.
- Comments should address **whether the amended standard with the inclusion of *Sardinella lemuru* 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.

## GUIDANCE ON THE PROVISION OF COMMENTS

- Comments should be submitted through the Codex Contact Points of Codex Members and Observers using the OCS.
- 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.
- Contact Points of Codex Members and Observer 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 \(FAQs\)](#).
- 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/>.
- For questions on the OCS, please contact [Codex-OCS@fao.org](mailto:Codex-OCS@fao.org).