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CL 2025/06-CF

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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 information on foresight on emerging issues in food and feed safety relevant to contaminants in food and feed

**DEADLINE:** 15 May 2025

## BACKGROUND

1. The 16th Session of the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods (CCCCF16, 2023) noted that during the side event on *Foresight on Emerging Issues in Food and Feed Safety*, the Codex Secretariat provided different options that could be used to bring emerging issues in food safety relevant to contaminants to the attention of CCCC including the possibility of having an agenda item where members could bring topics for discussion in addition to matters that could be brought by FAO and WHO under Agenda Item 3 and other relevant agenda items.
2. The Chairperson noted that a way to bring issues to the attention of CCCC could be to issue a circular letter (CL) with selected topics for comments by Codex Members and Observers. The Committee agreed to have an agenda item for this topic to bring emerging issues in food safety relevant to contaminants to the attention of CCCC.<sup>1</sup>
3. In considering the replies to CL 2024/7-CF, CCCC17 (2024)<sup>2</sup> agreed to remove foresight as a standing agenda item of the Committee, to organize a side event at subsequent CCCC meetings to have further exchange on this topic, and to issue a CL annually to gather more information on emerging issues relevant to the work of the Committee.

## REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

4. Codex Members and Observers are invited to submit information on foresight on emerging food and feed safety issues relevant to contaminants and the work of CCCC.
5. Comments in reply to this CL are intended to facilitate information exchange in this area among Members and Observers and alert the Committee to possible topics of interest without prejudice to other requests submitted in reply to relevant CLs (i.e., proposals for the revision of Codex standards for contaminants in food and feed, proposals for the priority list of contaminants for evaluation by JECFA, proposals to follow-up to the outcomes of JECFA evaluations and other FAO/WHO expert meetings/consultations, or other specific proposals submitted by Codex members for consideration by CCCC).
6. Members and Observers can provide links to relevant websites and documents to expand on the information provided in reply to this CL. Additional details to those already offered in reply to the previous CL (CL 2024/7-CF) can also be provided in reply to this CL (see REP24/CF17, paragraphs 170 and 173).

## GUIDANCE ON THE PROVISION OF COMMENTS

7. Comments should be submitted through the Codex Contact Points of Codex members and observers using the Online Comment System (OCS).
8. 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.
9. Other OCS resources, including the user manual and short guide, can also be found on the Codex website<sup>3</sup>.
10. For questions on the OCS, please contact [Codex-OCS@fao.org](mailto:Codex-OCS@fao.org).

<sup>1</sup> REP23/CF16, paras 135-138

<sup>2</sup> REP24/CF17, para 172 (ii-iii)

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user\\_upload/codexalimentarius/doc/OCS/Codex\\_OCS\\_FAQs\\_2017-11-06.pdf](http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/codexalimentarius/doc/OCS/Codex_OCS_FAQs_2017-11-06.pdf)  
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