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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 revised numeric performance criteria for methods of analysis for total aflatoxins utilizing the sum of components concept in relevant sampling plans**

**DEADLINE:** **15 May 2025**

## BACKGROUND

1. For background information, please refer to CX/CF 25/18/16, available on the CCCF18 webpage<sup>1</sup>.

## REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

2. Codex members and observers are invited to provide comments on the revised numeric performance criteria for methods of analysis for total aflatoxins utilizing the sum of components concept in relevant sampling plans as presented in the Annex of CX/CF 25/18/16 while taking into account the information provided in the said document, in particular, the recommendation made by the Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis (CCMAS) (Table 3, Appendix II, REP23/MAS42)<sup>2</sup> concerning sampling plans involving a sum of components.
3. The performance criteria are uploaded to the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS)<sup>3</sup>. Comments provided through the OCS should follow the guidance in paragraphs 5-9.
4. Codex members and observers are encouraged to submit comments in reply to this CL<sup>4</sup> to facilitate the consideration of the revised performance criteria and its possible finalization at the upcoming CCCF.

## GUIDANCE ON THE PROVISION OF COMMENTS

5. Comments should be submitted through the Codex Contact Points of Codex members and observers using the OCS.
6. 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.
7. 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)<sup>5</sup>.
8. Other OCS resources, including the user manual and short guide, can also be found on the Codex website<sup>6</sup>.
9. For questions on the OCS, please contact [Codex-OCS@fao.org](mailto:Codex-OCS@fao.org).

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/pt/?meeting=CCCF&session=18>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCMAS&session=42>

<sup>3</sup> <https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org/>

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en/>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/committees/committee/related-circular-letters/en/?committee=CCCF>

<sup>6</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)

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/ocs/en/>