

## CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION



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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 information document for the *General guidelines on sampling (CXG 50-2004)*

**DEADLINE:** 30 April 2025

#### BACKGROUND

1. For information, please refer to CX/MAS 25/44/8.<sup>1</sup>

#### REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

2. Codex Members and Observers are invited to submit comments on the information document for the *General guidelines on sampling (CXG 50-2004)* 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 comment on:
  - a. whether the information document is ready for publication on the CCMAS webpage; and
  - b. if not, what improvements or changes are needed before publication.

#### 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 Observer 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](mailto:Codex-OCS@fao.org).

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<sup>1</sup> Document available at: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCMAS&session=44>