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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 recommendations for the revision of the *Code of practice for the reduction of aflatoxin B1 in raw materials and supplemental feedingstuffs for milk-producing animals (CXC 45-1997)*

DEADLINE: 15 May 2025

BACKGROUND

1. For background information, please refer to CX/CF 25/18/13, available on the CCCF18 webpage¹.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

2. Codex members and observers are invited to provide comments on recommendations as per paragraph 12 of CX/CF 25/18/13, which are reproduced below for convenience:
3. CCCF is invited to consider if new work should be proposed on a revision of the *Code of practice for the reduction of aflatoxin B1 in raw materials and supplemental feedingstuffs for milk-producing animals (CXC 45-1997)* and, in the affirmative, to consider the points below:
 - (i) Review the project document in Appendix I of CX/CF 25/18/13 and make any necessary adjustments to provide a robust rationale is provided for the revision of the CoP in order to forward it to CAC48 (2025) for approval as new work.
 - (ii) Review the outline for the proposed revised CoP as presented in Appendix II of CX/CF 25/18/13, in particular as to the following points to guide the EWG in further developing the CoP following approval of new work by CAC48:
 - (a) Whether the approach taken to consider how related Codex CoPs could be integrated or merged to avoid inconsistencies, overlaps, and redundancies is acceptable; otherwise, provide other possible approaches to take into account these texts in the revision of the CoP
 - (b) Whether the proposed revisions are reasonable and if improvements could be made, e.g. addition of new sections, further development of revised sections, and whether data/information to support such revisions is available for consideration by the EWG in further developing the CoP.
 - (iii) Indicate whether there is support for issuing a circular letter following CCCF18, requesting risk management practices and other data/information that can support the further development of the CoP by an EWG for consideration by CCCF19 in 2026.
 - (iv) Indicate whether there is support for re-establishing the Electronic Working Group to further develop the CoP based on the guidance provided by CCCF, for consideration by CCCF in 2019.
 - (v) Any other issues not covered by the above points that can be commented on.
4. In providing comments on point 3(ii)(b), note that risk management measures for inclusion in codes of practice should be readily available, applicable worldwide, and proven to be effective across different production scales, including small- and medium-sized businesses.

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

5. The project document is uploaded to the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS)². Comments provided through the OCS should follow the guidance in paragraphs 7-11.
6. Codex members and observers are encouraged to submit comments in reply to this CL³ to facilitate the decision on new work for revising the Code of Practice; to ensure that the project document provides a clear and sufficient rationale for the proposal; and to provide general guidance that can assist the EWG in further developing the CoP.

GUIDANCE ON THE PROVISION OF COMMENTS

7. Comments should be submitted through the Codex Contact Points of Codex members and observers using the 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. 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)⁴.
10. Other OCS resources, including the user manual and short guide, can also be found on the Codex website⁵.
11. For questions on the OCS, please contact Codex-OCS@fao.org.

² <https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org/>

³ <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en/>

⁴ <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/committees/committee/related-circular-letters/en/?committee=CCCF>
http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/codexalimentarius/doc/OCS/Codex_OCS_FAQs_2017-11-06.pdf

⁵ <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/ocs/en/>