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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 at Step 8 on the draft Standard for fresh dates

**DEADLINE:** 15 September 2025

## BACKGROUND

1. For background information, See [REP25/FFV](#) paragraph 24 and Appendix II.

## REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

2. Codex members and observers are invited to submit comments at Step 8 on the Draft Standard for fresh dates, which is uploaded to the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS): <https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org/>, as per the guidance below.
3. Comments should address **whether the draft standard 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

4. Comments should be submitted through the Codex Contact Points of Codex Members and Observers using the OCS.
5. 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.
6. 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 \(FAQs\)](#).
7. 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/>.
8. For questions on the OCS, please contact [Codex-OCS@fao.org](mailto:Codex-OCS@fao.org).