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FROM: Secretariat, Codex Alimentarius Commission,
Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme

SUBJECT: Request for comments on the draft standards and related texts submitted by the 55th Session of the Codex Committee on Food Additives (CCFA55) for adoption by the 48th Session of the Commission (CAC48)

DEADLINE: 15 September 2025

BACKGROUND

1. The report of CCFA55 ([REP25/FA](#)) will be considered by CAC48 (Rome, Italy, 10-14 November 2025).

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

2. Codex Members and Observers are invited to submit comments on the following matters for adoption by the Commission, which have been uploaded to the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS): <https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org/>, as per the guidance below.

2.1 Proposed draft specifications for the identity and purity of food additives for inclusion in the *List of Codex Specifications for Food Additives* (CXA 6-2024), paragraph 50(i) and Appendix III.

2.2 Revisions to the *General Standard for Food Additives* (GSFA, CXS 192-1995), Appendix VI.

2.2.1 Draft and proposed draft food-additive provisions of the GSFA and revisions to adopted provisions, paragraph 109(i), Appendix VI, Part C.

2.2.2 Revised food additive provisions of the GSFA in relation to the alignment of five CCASIA standards, three CCNE standards, eight CCSCCH standards, one CCFO standard, one CCCPL standard- and the revision to the reference to commodity standards for the GSFA Table 3 Additives for Food Category 12.2.1 "Herbs and Spices (ONLY SPICES)", paragraph 73(ii) and Appendix VI, Part B.

2.3 Proposed draft revision of the *Class names and the international numbering system for food additives* (CXG 36-1989), paragraph 123(i) and Appendix X.

2.4 Revisions to the food additive sections of various commodity standards, Appendix V.

2.4.1 Revised food additive sections of three CCASIA Standards (CXS 298R-2009, CXS 322R-2015, and CXS 355R-2023), three CCNE Standards (CXS 257R-2007, CXS 258R-2007, and CXS 259R-2007), eight CCSCCH Standards (CXS 342-2021, CXS 343-2021, CXS 344-2021, CXS 345-2021, CXS 347-2019, CXS 351-2022, CXS 352-2022, and CXS 353-2022) and the Standard for rice (CXS 198-1995), paragraph 73(i) and Appendix V, Part A.

2.4.2 Revisions to the food additives provisions to the *Standard for Pickled Cucumbers* (Cucumber Pickles) (CXS 115-1981), *Standard for canned stone fruits* (CXS 242-2003) and the *Standard for Jams, Jellies and Marmalades* (CXS 296-2009), paragraphs 83, 86, 89 and Appendix V. Part B.

2.4.3 Proposed revision to the *Standard for food grade salt* (CXS 150-1985), paragraph 21(i) and Appendix V, Part A.

3. Comments should address **whether the amendments/revision to the above-mentioned texts are 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 Observers 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.