

# 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 revised *Code of practice for the prevention and reduction of aflatoxin contamination in peanuts (CXC 55-2004)***

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

## BACKGROUND

1. For background information, please refer to CX/CF 25/18/9, available on the CCCF18 webpage<sup>1</sup>.

## REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

2. Codex members and observers are invited to provide comments as follows:
  - 2.1 General comments on the structure and content of the revised Code of practice and based on revisions made by the Electronic Working Group, as explained in the key points of discussion in paragraph 7 of CX/CF 25/18/9, whether the CoP is ready for final adoption by the 48th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission.
  - 2.2 Specific comments on the revised Code of practice, in particular, those points that have been extensively revised or added to the CoP, as described in paragraph 9 of CX/CF 25/18/9 and reproduced here below for ease of reference:
    - Revised Sections
      - Scope
      - Definitions
      - Recommended practices based on good agricultural practices (GAP)
      - Recommended practices based on good manufacturing practices (GMP)
      - Risk management for aflatoxin control in the peanut chain
    - Additional Sections
      - Introduction
      - Related Codex Texts
      - General recommendations
3. The Code of practice is uploaded to the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS)<sup>2</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>3</sup> to facilitate the consideration of the revised performance criteria and its possible finalization at the upcoming CCCF.

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

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

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

<https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/committees/committee/related-circular-letters/en/?committee=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>4</sup>.
8. Other OCS resources, including the user manual and short guide, can also be found on the Codex website<sup>5</sup>.
9. For questions on the OCS, please contact [Codex-OCS@fao.org](mailto:Codex-OCS@fao.org).

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<sup>4</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>5</sup> <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/ocs/en/>