



Codex News – February 21, 2023

Upcoming Public Meeting

Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems (CCFICS)

The U.S. Codex Office is sponsoring a public meeting on Thursday, March 23, 2023 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. EDT. The objective of the public meeting is to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items and draft U.S. positions to be discussed at the 26th Session of the CCFICS, which will meet in Hobart, Tasmania, Australia from May 1-5, 2023.

- The public meeting will take place via video teleconference only. Documents related to the 26th Session of the CCFICS will be accessible via the internet at the following address: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCFICS&session=26>.
- Dr. Michelle Catlin, U.S. Delegate to the 26th Session of the CCFICS, invites interested U.S. parties to submit their comments electronically to the following email address: michelle.catlin@usda.gov.
- Attendees may register to attend the public meeting here: <https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJltc-ypqT4rG02UwvvpvFjgyoCNe5q1vSXA>. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Upcoming Committee Meetings

Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses (CCNFSDU)

The 43rd Session of the CCNFSDU will meet in Duesseldorf, Germany on March 7-10, 2023. The report adoption will take place virtually on March 15, 2023. The provisional agenda and other working documents related to the 43rd Session of the CCNFSDU will be available at the following link:

<https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCNFSDU&session=43>.

For additional information, please contact Marie Maratos Bhat (marie.maratosbhat@usda.gov) of the U.S. Codex Office.

Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods (CCCF)

The 16th Session of the CCCF will meet in Utrecht, The Netherlands from April 18-21, 2023. The report adoption will take place virtually on April 26, 2023. The provisional agenda and other working documents related to the 16th Session of the CCCF will be available at the following link: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCCF&session=16>. For additional information, please contact Doreen Chen-Moulec (doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov) of the U.S. Codex Office.

Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems (CCFICS)

The 26th Session of the CCFICS, will meet in Hobart, Tasmania, Australia from May 1-5, 2023. Remote participation (via Zoom) will be possible for listening and verbal interventions. A Working Group on the proposed draft consolidated Codex Guidelines related to equivalence will meet on Sunday, April 30, 2023 from 09:00 to 12:30 AEST with interpretation in English, French and Spanish. The provisional agenda and other working documents related to the 26th Session of the CCFICS will be accessible via the internet at the following address: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCFICS&session=26>. For additional information, please contact Heather Selig (heather.selig@usda.gov) of the U.S. Codex Office.

Codex Committee on Food Labelling (CCFL)

The 47th Session of the CCFL will meet in Gatineau (Ottawa), Québec, from May 15-19, 2023. The report adoption will take place in person on the last day of the Session. The Session will also be broadcasted in listening mode in English, French and Spanish. The Working Group on Allergen Labelling will meet the week prior virtually on May 9-10, 2023, from 15:00–18:00 EDT with interpretation in English, French and Spanish. Access to the Virtual Working Group meeting will be provided following registration to the Session. The provisional agenda and other working documents related to the 47th Session of the CCFL will be available at the following link: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCFL&session=47>. For additional information, please contact Marie Maratos Bhat (marie.maratosbhat@usda.gov) of the U.S. Codex Office.

Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling (CCMAS)

The 42nd Session of CCMAS will meet in Budapest, Hungary, from June 13-16, 2023. The report adoption will take place virtually on June 20, 2023. The Physical Working Group on Endorsement of Methods of Analysis will take place in Budapest, Hungary on June 12, 2023. The provisional agenda and other working documents related to the 42nd Session of the CCMAS are available at the following link: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCMAS&session=42>. For additional information, please contact Heather Selig (heather.selig@usda.gov) of the U.S. Codex Office.

Requests for Comments

Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods (CCCF)

JECFA Priority List: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2022/84-CF) requesting comments on the Priority list of contaminants for evaluation or re-evaluation by the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA). The CL is currently available in English, French and Spanish at the following link: <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters>. If you are interested in having your comments considered in the U.S. response, please send them to Doreen Chen-Moulec (doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov) of the U.S. Codex Office by February 15, 2023. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by February 28, 2023.

Review of Standards: The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2022/85-CF) requesting comments on the prioritization for re-evaluation of Codex standards and related texts for contaminants. The CL is currently available in English, French and Spanish at the following link: <http://www.fao.org/fao->

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New U.S. Delegate

Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling (CCMAS)

Dr. Patrick Gray, Research Chemist at the Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, Office of Regulatory Science, U.S. Food and Drug Administration, was recently confirmed as the new delegate to CCMAS. He follows in the footsteps of Dr. Gregory Noonan, who previously served as U.S. Delegate to CCMAS for a number of years.

Other

JEMRA: The Joint FAO/WHO Expert Meeting on Microbiological Risk Assessment has issued the following call for experts and data on microbiological risk assessment of viruses in foods:

- FAO: <https://www.fao.org/3/cc4295en/cc4295en.pdf>
- WHO: <https://www.who.int/news-room/articles-detail/call-for-experts-and-data-on-microbiological-risk-assessment-of-viruses-in-foods>

FAO/WHO Expert Meetings on Food Allergens: Four executive summaries and two full reports from the Expert Meetings on Food Allergens have been published and are available at the following links:

Executive Summaries:

- [Part 1: Review and validation of Codex priority allergen list through risk assessment](#) (2021)
- [Part 2: Review and establish threshold levels in foods of the priority allergens](#) (2021)
- [Part 2: Review and establish threshold levels in foods of the priority allergens. Virtual follow-up meeting on milk and sesame](#) (2022)
- [Part 3: Review and establish precautionary labelling in foods of the priority allergens](#) (2021)
- [Part 4: Review and establish exemptions for the food allergens](#) (2023)

Full reports:

- [Part 1: Review and validation of Codex Alimentarius priority allergen list through risk assessment](#) (2021)
- [Part 2: Review and establish threshold levels in foods for the priority allergens](#) (2022)