



Codex News – October 18, 2023

Upcoming Meetings

Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC)

The 46th Session of CAC will meet in Rome, Italy from November 27 to December 2, 2023, from 4:00-7:00 EST (10:00-13:00 CET) and 9:00-12:00 EST (15:00-18:00 CET). The report adoption will take place in person from the last day of the session from 3:00-12:00 EST (9:00-18:00 CET). Remote participation (via Zoom) will be possible for listening and verbal interventions. The provisional agenda and other working documents related to the 46th session of CAC are available at the following link: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CAC&session=46>. For additional information, please contact the U.S. Codex Office (uscodex@usda.gov).

Requests for Comments

Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs (CCSCH)

Updated Template: The Codex Secretariat has recently issued a Circular Letter (CL 2023/81/OCS-SCH) requesting comments on the Updated Template for Spices and Culinary Herbs (SCH) Standards. The CL is currently available in English, French, and Spanish at the following link: <http://www.fao.org/fao-whocodexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters>. If you are interested in having your comments considered in the U.S. response, please send them to Heather Selig (heather.selig@usda.gov) of the U.S. Codex Office by November 15, 2023. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) prior to the deadline of December 1, 2023.

Executive Committee of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CCEXEC)

Future Work: The Codex Secretariat recently issued a Circular Letter (CL 2023/82/OCS-EXEC) requesting comments on the Future of Codex – Part 3 Model for Future Codex Work. The CL is currently available in English at the following link: <http://www.fao.org/fao-whocodexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters>. If you are interested in having your comments considered in the U.S. response, please send them to the U.S. Codex Office (uscodex@usda.gov) by October 25, 2023. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) prior to the deadline of November 8, 2023.

Other

Survey on the Use and Impact of Codex Standards: The 2023 survey on the use and impact of Codex texts has been posted at the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Codex-Texts2023>. The survey is issued in English, French, Spanish, Arabic, Chinese, and Russian, and is open until October 22, 2023. Further information is posted at the following link: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/news-and-events/news-details/en/c/1651836/>.

The results of the 2022 survey have also been published. For more information and to download the publication, visit the following link: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/news-and-events/news-details/en/c/1652280/>.

Codex Procedural Manual Publication: The 28th edition of the Codex Procedural Manual is now available in English, French, and Spanish at the following link: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/publications/procedural-manual/en/>.