



**Codex News – November 13, 2024**

**Upcoming Committee Meetings**

***Executive Committee of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CCEXEC)***

The 87<sup>th</sup> Session of the Executive Committee of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CCEXEC87) will meet in Geneva, Switzerland from November 18-22, 2024. The meeting will be held in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, and Spanish. The provisional agenda and other working documents related to CCEXEC will be provided as they become available at the following link: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCEXEC&session=87>. For additional information, please contact Ken Lowery ([Ken.Lowery@usda.gov](mailto:Ken.Lowery@usda.gov)) of the U.S. Codex Office.

***Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC)***

The 47<sup>th</sup> Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC47) will meet in Geneva, Switzerland from November 25-30, 2024. The meeting will be broadcast in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, and Spanish. The report adoption will take place on the last day of the session. The provisional agenda and other working documents related to CAC47 are available at the following link: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CAC&session=47>. For additional information, please contact Ken Lowery ([Ken.lowery@usda.gov](mailto:Ken.lowery@usda.gov)) of the U.S. Codex Office with a copy to the [uscodexoffice@usda.gov](mailto:uscodexoffice@usda.gov).

***Coordinating Committee for Africa (CCAFRICA)***

The 25<sup>th</sup> Session of the FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Africa (CCAFRICA25) will be meet in Kampala, Uganda from January 27-31, 2025. The provisional agenda and other working documents related to CCAFRICA25 will be provided as they become available at the following link: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCAFRICA&session=25>. For additional information, please contact Ken Lowery ([Ken.lowery@usda.gov](mailto:Ken.lowery@usda.gov)) of the U.S. Codex Office.

***Coordinating Committee for North America and the South West Pacific (CCNASWP)***

The 17<sup>th</sup> Session of the FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for North America and the South West Pacific (CCNASWP17) is scheduled to take place in Nadi, Fiji from February 3-7, 2025. Remote participation (via Zoom) will be available for listening and verbal interventions. The meeting will be conducted in English only. The provisional agenda and other working documents related to CCNASWP17 will be provided as they become available at the following link: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCNASWP&session=17>. For additional information, please contact Marie Maratos Bhat ([marie.maratosbhat@usda.gov](mailto:marie.maratosbhat@usda.gov)) of the U.S. Codex Office.

## Upcoming Public Meetings

### **Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC)**

The U.S. Codex Office is sponsoring a public meeting on November 14, 2024, from 1:00-4:00 PM ET. 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 47th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC47), which will meet in Geneva, Switzerland from November 25- 30, 2024. Documents related to CAC47 will be accessible at the following link: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/pt/?meeting=CAC&session=47>.

- The U.S. Codex Office invites interested U.S. parties to submit their comments electronically to the following email addresses: [Ken.Lowery@usda.gov](mailto:Ken.Lowery@usda.gov) and [uscodex@usda.gov](mailto:uscodex@usda.gov). Emailed comments should state in the subject line that they relate to activities of the 47<sup>th</sup> Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission.
- *Registration:* Attendees may register to attend the public meeting at the following link: [www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJlscO2gqTksGsA8Tkj9C4wKEgJcqBY5PMI](https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJlscO2gqTksGsA8Tkj9C4wKEgJcqBY5PMI). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

## Requests for Comments

### **Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC)**

**Sardinella Lemuru:** The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL-2024/84-CAC) requesting comments on the inclusion of *Sardinella lemuru* in the list of sardine species under Section 2.1 in the *Standard for canned sardines and sardine-type products* (CXS-94-1981). The CL is available in English, French and Spanish at the following link: <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en/>. If you are interested in having your comments considered in the U.S. response, please send them to Marie Maratos Bhat ([Marie.maratosbhat@usda.gov](mailto:Marie.maratosbhat@usda.gov)) of the U.S. Codex Office as soon as possible. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their Codex Contact Point (CCP) using the Online Commenting System (OCS) (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) prior to the deadline of November 14, 2024.

**CCNFSDU:** The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL-2024/86-CAC) requesting comments on texts submitted by the 44th Session of the Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses (CCNFSDU44) for adoption by CAC47. The CL is available in English, French and Spanish and can be found at the following link: <https://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 Alexandra Ferraro ([Alexandra.ferraro@usda.gov](mailto:Alexandra.ferraro@usda.gov)) of the U.S. Codex Office as soon as possible. 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 20, 2024.

**CCRVDF:** The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL-2024/87-CAC) requesting comments on standards and related texts submitted by the 27th Session of the Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods (CCRVDF27) for adoption by CAC47. The CL is currently available in English and can be found at the following link: <https://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 Ken Lowery

([ken.lowery@usda.gov](mailto:ken.lowery@usda.gov)) of the U.S. Codex Office as soon as possible. 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 20, 2024.

**CCFL:** The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL-2024/88-CAC) requesting comments on the standards and related texts submitted by the 48th Session of the Codex Committee on Food Labelling (CCFL48) for adoption by CAC47. The CL is currently available in English and can be found at the following link: <https://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 Alexandra Ferraro ([Alexandra.ferraro@usda.gov](mailto:Alexandra.ferraro@usda.gov)) of the U.S. Codex Office as soon as possible. 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 20, 2024.

## Other

**Codex Procedural Manual:** The 29<sup>th</sup> edition of the *Codex Procedural Manual* was recently published and builds on the new format and layout unveiled in the previous edition, reflecting ongoing efforts to ensure consistency, remove redundancies, and enhance usability. The 29<sup>th</sup> edition of the *Procedural Manual* may be found at the following link: <https://openknowledge.fao.org/handle/20.500.14283/cd2280en>.

**FAO AMR Webinars:** FAO is organizing a series of bimonthly webinars (that are planned for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month), on specific scientific and technical topics related to antimicrobial resistance (AMR) and its containment. Additional information may be found at the following link: <https://www.fao.org/antimicrobial-resistance/news-and-events/events/en/>.

## Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA)

- **JECFA97:** The JECFA monograph from the 97<sup>th</sup> Meeting has been officially published. JECFA97 evaluated the safety of titanium dioxide, including revising its specifications, and evaluated the safety of three groups of flavoring agents. The publication can be found at the following link: <https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789240098886>.
- **JECFA99:** The JECFA monograph from the 99<sup>th</sup> Meeting has been officially published. JECFA99 evaluated the safety of the following food additives: butterfly pea flower extract, natamycin A, nisin, and polyglycerol esters of fatty acids, as well as four processing aids. JECFA99 also revised the specifications for ten flavoring agents. The publication can be found at the following link: <https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789240100978>.
- **JECFA101 Call for Data:** The call for data for the 101<sup>st</sup> JECFA meeting that will be dedicated to the evaluation of veterinary drugs has been published by FAO and WHO at the links below. The deadline for data submission is January 15, 2025.
  - FAO: [Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives \(JECFA\) One hundred and first meeting, \(Rome, Italy 22 – 29 July 2025\) CALL for DATA](#)
  - WHO: [Veterinary Drug Residues in Food: One hundred and first meeting - Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives \(JECFA\)](#)

***Joint FAO/WHO Meeting on Pesticide Residues (JMPR)***

The JMPR 2024 Summary Report has been published at the following link:

[https://cdn.who.int/media/docs/default-source/food-safety/jmpr/jmpr-summary-report-2024.pdf?sfvrsn=e7468144\\_3&download=true](https://cdn.who.int/media/docs/default-source/food-safety/jmpr/jmpr-summary-report-2024.pdf?sfvrsn=e7468144_3&download=true).