



## **Codex News – May 1, 2024**

### **Upcoming Committee Meetings**

#### ***Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling (CCMAS)***

The 43<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling (CCMAS43) will meet in Budapest, Hungary from May 13-18, 2024. Physical Working Group (PWG) meetings are scheduled in advance of plenary on May 13, 2024. The meeting will be broadcast in English, French, and Spanish for those unable to attend in person. The report adoption will take place in person on the last day of the session. The provisional agenda and other working documents related to CCMAS43 are available at the following link:

<https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCMAS&session=43>. For additional information, please contact Alexandra Ferraro ([Alexandra.ferraro@usda.gov](mailto:Alexandra.ferraro@usda.gov)) of the U.S. Codex Office.

#### ***FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Europe (CCEURO)***

The 33<sup>rd</sup> Session of the FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Europe (CCEURO33) will meet in Berlin, Germany from May 27-31, 2024. The report adoption will take place in person on the last day of the session. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English, French, Spanish, and Russian. The provisional agenda and other working documents related to CCEURO33 are available at the following link: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCEURO&session=33>. For additional information, please contact Doreen Chen-Moulec ([doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov](mailto:doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov)) of the U.S. Codex Office.

#### ***Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR)***

The 55<sup>th</sup> Session of the Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR55) will meet in Chengdu, China from June 3-8, 2024. The meeting will be broadcast in Chinese, English, French, and Spanish. The report adoption will take place on the last day of the session. The provisional agenda and other working documents related to CCPR55 are available at the following link: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCPR&session=55>. 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 Meeting**

#### ***Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR)***

The U.S. Codex Office is sponsoring a public meeting on May 7, 2024, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM 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 CCPR55), which will be held in Chengdu, China from June 3-8, 2024. The public meeting will take place via Video Teleconference only. Documents related to the 55<sup>th</sup> Session of the CCPR will be accessible via the internet at the following address: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCPR&session=55> .

The U.S. Delegate to CCPR55 invites interested U.S. parties to submit their comments electronically to the following email address: [niman.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:niman.aaron@epa.gov). Attendees must register to attend the public meeting at the following link: <https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJlsdeusqToqGJsaAJowgX6yU5XYeo86GQI>. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

### Upcoming Committee Workshop

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

**Emerging Issues:** The 27<sup>th</sup> Session of the CCFICS is organizing an inter-sessional virtual workshop to discuss emerging issues identified in response to CL 2023/66-FICS (Request for comments on Appendix A and proposals for new work on emerging issues). The virtual workshop will meet on May 21, 2024, from 12:00-14:30 CEST via Zoom; simultaneous interpretation in English and Spanish will be provided. Registration for the workshop can be accessed via the following link: <https://codexalimentarius.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0qd-mrpzguG9T6OHliqAUk235QcmkNY-2C#/registration>.

### Requests for Comments

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

**Recycling Guidance:** The Codex Secretariat has recently issued a Circular Letter (CL 2024/20-CAC) requesting information on a proposal for the investigation and development of recycling guidance in Codex Alimentarius. The CL is currently available in English, French, Spanish, Arabic, Chinese, and Russian at the following link: <https://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 the U.S. Codex Office ([uscodex@usda.gov](mailto:uscodex@usda.gov)) 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 May 15, 2024.

#### ***Codex Committee on General Principles (CCGP)***

**Section 2 of the Codex Procedural Manual:** The Codex Secretariat has recently issued a Circular Letter (CL 2024/25-GP) requesting comments on the proposed changes to Section 2 Elaboration of Codex Standards and related texts, Procedures for the elaboration of Codex Standards and related texts, Part 7 Guide to the Procedure for modification (corrections, amendments, and new editions) of Codex standards and related texts. The CL is currently 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 by August 2, 2024. 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 August 16, 2024.

**Language Inconsistencies and Superseded Content in the Codex Procedural Manual:** The Codex Secretariat has recently issued a Circular Letter (CL 2024/27-GP) requesting proposals from Members and Observers on inconsistencies in language, and superseded content of the Codex *Procedural Manual*, apart from Section 3. The CL is currently 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 by August 2, 2024. 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 August 16, 2024.

### ***Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling (CCMAS)***

**General Guidelines on Sampling:** The Codex Secretariat has recently issued a Circular Letter (CL 2024/16-MAS) requesting comments on the Information document: General Guidelines on Sampling (CXG 50-2004). The CL is currently available in English, French, and Spanish at the following link: <https://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 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 May 1, 2024.

**Processed Fruits and Vegetables:** The Codex Secretariat has recently issued a Circular Letter (CL 2024/18-MAS) requesting comments on endorsement of the methods of analysis from CCSC7 and CCFO28 and the performance criteria for processed fruits and vegetables. The CL is currently available in English, French, and Spanish at the following link: <https://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 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 May 3, 2024.

### ***Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR)***

**JMPR Priority Lists:** The Codex Secretariat has recently issued a Circular Letter (CL 2024/43-PR) requesting comments on the schedules and priority lists for evaluation or re-evaluation by the Joint FAO/WHO Meeting on Residues of Pesticides (JMPR). The CL is currently available in English, French, and Spanish at the following link: <https://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 CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) prior to the deadline of May 5, 2024.

**2023 JMPR Recommendations for MRLs:** The Codex Secretariat has recently issued a Circular Letter (CL 2024/44-PR) requesting comments on the recommendations for Maximum Residue Levels (MRLs) arising from the JMPR held in 2023. The CL is currently available in English, French, and Spanish at the following link: <https://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 CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) prior to the deadline of May 5, 2024.

**Purity and Stability of Reference Materials:** The Codex Secretariat has recently issued a Circular Letter (CL 2024/45-PR) requesting comments on the Guidelines for monitoring the purity and stability of reference materials and related stock solutions of pesticides during prolonged storage. The CL is currently available in English, French, and Spanish at the following link: <https://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 CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) prior to the deadline of May 5, 2024.

**Unsupported Compounds:** The Codex Secretariat has recently issued a Circular Letter (CL 2024/46-PR) requesting comments on the recommendations for the management of unsupported compounds without public health concern scheduled for periodic review. The CL is currently available in English, French, and Spanish at the following link: <https://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 CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) prior to the deadline of May 5, 2024.

**National Registration:** The Codex Secretariat has recently issued a Circular Letter (CL 2024/47-PR) requesting comments on the recommendations for national registrations of pesticides. The CL is currently available in English, French, and Spanish at the following link: <https://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 CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) prior to the deadline of May 5, 2024.

**Enhancement of Operational Procedures:** The Codex Secretariat has recently issued a Circular Letter (CL 2024/48-PR) requesting comments on the recommendations for the enhancement of the operational procedures of CCPR and JMPR. The CL is currently available in English, French, and Spanish at the following link: <https://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 r. 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 May 5, 2024.

**Eggplant MRLs:** The Codex Secretariat has recently issued a Circular Letter (CL 2024/49-PR) requesting comments on the recommendations for MRLs for eggplant (VO 2046). The CL is currently available in English and Spanish at the following link: <https://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 by May 11, 2024. 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 May 25, 2024.

## Electronic Working Groups (EWG)

### **Codex Committee on Food Hygiene (CCFH)**

**Safe Use and Reuse of Water:** CCFH invites members and observers to join an EWG chaired by the European Union and co-chaired by Morocco, Honduras, Mauritania, India, and the International Dairy Federation (IDF), working in English, to work on the outstanding annexes in the *Guidelines for the Safe Use and Reuse of Water in Food Production and Processing* (CXG 100-2023) with the following Terms of Reference:

- Revise Annex II on Fish and Fishery products, focusing on Section 8 and Section 2, incorporating the

figures from Conference Room Document33 and revising the text in line with comments received during CCFH54 (March 2024), noting that comments on other sections may also be considered

- Further develop Annex IV related to water fit-for-purpose assessment, safety management, and technologies for recovery and treatment of water for reuse, taking into account written comments and discussions at CCFH54 and the agreement to move paragraphs 34 to 65 of Annex III to Annex IV
- Consider and propose, if needed, revisions to the General Section and other Annexes of CXC 100-2023 by introducing a cross-reference to Annex IV
- Consider and propose, if needed, possible examples on the use of technologies most relevant for Annexes to CXG 100-2023.

Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contribution to the EWG should contact Marie Maratos Bhat ([marie.maratosbhat@usda.gov](mailto:marie.maratosbhat@usda.gov)) by May 27, 2024. Other countries and observers should send their full contact details, including participant's name, official title or position, organization or country, and email address, via their CCP to [Sante-Codex@ec.europa.eu](mailto:Sante-Codex@ec.europa.eu) by May 31, 2024. Please note that when there is more than one expert, each country or observer organization shall designate one as the official representative to participate in the EWG.

### Other

**FAO Webinar:** A webinar on “Food safety implications from the use of environmental inhibitors in agrifood systems” will take place on May 9, 2024 from 14:30-15:30 CET via Zoom. The webinar is based on the following FAO publication: <https://openknowledge.fao.org/items/68ec6807-6934-48a3-a55d-6b22824f8a80>.

The registration for the webinar can be accessed via the following link:

[https://codexalimentarius.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_6PpdZMWaTpWQEuvcrM\\_ufg#/registration](https://codexalimentarius.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_6PpdZMWaTpWQEuvcrM_ufg#/registration).