



Codex News – January 25, 2022

### Upcoming Public Meetings

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

This is a reminder that the U.S. Codex Program is sponsoring a public meeting on January 27, 2022, from 1:00 – 3:00PM ET to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items and draft U.S. positions to be discussed at the 52<sup>nd</sup> Codex Committee on Food Hygiene (CCFH), on February 28 – March 4, 2022. The report adoption is scheduled for March 9, 2022. The public meeting will take place virtually. Documents related to the 52<sup>nd</sup> Session of the CCFH will be accessible via the internet at the following address: [www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/en](http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/en)

- Ms. Jenny Scott, U.S. Delegate to the 52<sup>nd</sup> Session of the CCFH, invites U.S. interested parties to submit their comments electronically to the following email address: [jenny.scott@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:jenny.scott@fda.hhs.gov).
- Please register to attend the public meeting here: [www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJltf-yvrTwqE9yjYbgZbeWEHCpgWxw7mQ0](https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJltf-yvrTwqE9yjYbgZbeWEHCpgWxw7mQ0)

### Electronic Working Groups (EWG)

#### ***Codex Committee on Fats and Oils (CCFO)***

**High Oleic Acid Soya Bean Oil:** CCFO invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by the United States, working in English, to amend/revise the *Standard for Named Vegetable Oils* (CXS 210-1999) to include high oleic acid soya bean oil. Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contributions to the EWG should contact Doreen Chen-Moulec ([doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov](mailto:doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov)) as soon as possible. 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 Codex Contact Points (CCP) to [Girdhari.Sharma@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:Girdhari.Sharma@fda.hhs.gov) with a copy to [uscodex@usda.gov](mailto:uscodex@usda.gov) by January 31, 2022. As this EWG will operate on the Codex Online Forum, please note that when there is more than one expert, each country or observer organization shall designate one as their official representative to participate in the EWG.

**Revision of the Standard for Fish Oils:** CCFO invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by Norway, working in English, to prepare the proposed draft revision of the *Standard for Fish Oils* (CXS-329-2017) to consider inclusion of Calanus oil. Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contributions to the EWG should contact Doreen Chen-Moulec ([doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov](mailto:doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov)) by February 16, 2022. 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 [ewgcalanus@mattilsynet.no](mailto:ewgcalanus@mattilsynet.no) by February 21, 2022. As this EWG will operate on the Codex Online Forum, please note that when there is more than one expert, each country or observer organization shall designate one as their official representative to participate in the EWG.

**Avocado Oil:** CCFO invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by Mexico and co-chaired by the United States, working in English and Spanish, to prepare a proposed draft revision of the *Standard for Named Vegetable Oils* (CXS 210-1999) to consider inclusion of avocado oil. Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contributions to the EWG should contact Doreen Chen-Moulelec ([doreen.chenmoulelec@usda.gov](mailto:doreen.chenmoulelec@usda.gov)) by February 23, 2022. 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 [codexmex@economia.gob.mx](mailto:codexmex@economia.gob.mx), [tania.fosado@economia.gob.mx](mailto:tania.fosado@economia.gob.mx), and [doreen.chenmoulelec@usda.gov](mailto:doreen.chenmoulelec@usda.gov) by February 28, 2022. As this EWG will operate on the Codex Online Forum, please note that when there is more than one expert, each country or observer organization shall designate one as their official representative to participate in the EWG.

**Camellia Seed Oil:** CCFO invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by China, working in English, to prepare the proposed draft revision of the *Standard for Named Vegetable Oils* (CXS 210-1999) to consider inclusion of camellia seed oil. Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contributions to the EWG should contact Doreen Chen-Moulelec ([doreen.chenmoulelec@usda.gov](mailto:doreen.chenmoulelec@usda.gov)) by March 28, 2022. 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 [zhangyan@lswz.gov.cn](mailto:zhangyan@lswz.gov.cn) with a copy to [codexchinamoa@126.com](mailto:codexchinamoa@126.com) and [zhongwan1995@gmail.com](mailto:zhongwan1995@gmail.com) by March 31, 2022. As this EWG will operate on the Codex Online Forum, please note that when there is more than one expert, each country or observer organization shall designate one as their official representative to participate in the EWG.

#### ***Codex Committee on Fish and Fishery Products (CCFFP)***

***Sardinella lemuru (Bali Sardinella):*** CCFFP has extended the deadline to register for the EWG, chaired by the Philippines and co-chaired by the European Union, working in English, Spanish, and French, to evaluate if the *Standard for Canned Sardines and Sardine-Type Products* (CXS 94-1981) could be amended to include the fish species *Sardinella lemuru* (Bali Sardinella) in the list of *Sardinella* species under Section 2.1. Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contributions to the EWG should contact Heather Selig ([Heather.Selig@usda.gov](mailto:Heather.Selig@usda.gov)) as soon as possible. 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 [fishstandard@bfar.da.gov.ph](mailto:fishstandard@bfar.da.gov.ph) by January 31, 2022. As this EWG will operate on the Codex Online Forum, please note that when there is more than one expert, each country or observer organization shall designate one as their official representative to participate in the EWG.

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

**Establishment of NRVs-R:** CCNFSDU invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by Ireland and co-chaired by Costa Rica and the United States, working in English and Spanish, to finalize the General Principles for establishing Nutrient Reference Values-Requirements (NRVs-R) for persons aged 6 to 36 months. Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contributions to the EWG should contact Kristen Hendricks ([Kristen.hendricks@usda.gov](mailto:Kristen.hendricks@usda.gov)) as soon as possible. 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 [mflynn@fsai.ie](mailto:mflynn@fsai.ie) with a copy to [olyons@fsai.ie](mailto:olyons@fsai.ie) and [PhilipM.Kennedy@agriculture.gov.ie](mailto:PhilipM.Kennedy@agriculture.gov.ie) by January 31, 2022. As this EWG will operate on the Codex Online Forum, please note that when there is more than one expert, each country or observer organization shall designate one as their official representative to participate in the EWG.

### ***Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods (CCRVDF)***

**Edible Offal Tissues:** CCRVDF invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by Kenya and co-chaired by New Zealand, working in English, to work in parallel with the EWG on the revision of the Classification of Food and Feed, established by the CCPR, on issues pertaining to harmonization of edible offal (Recommendations 3 and 7 of CX/RVDF 21/25/9). Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contributions to the EWG should contact Ken Lowery ([Ken.Lowery@usda.gov](mailto:Ken.Lowery@usda.gov)) as soon as possible. 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 [info@kebs.org](mailto:info@kebs.org) with a copy to [codexnz@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:codexnz@mpi.govt.nz) as soon as possible. As this EWG will operate on the Codex Online Forum, please note that when there is more than one expert, each country or observer organization shall designate one as their official representative to participate in the EWG.

**Action Levels for Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods:** CCRVDF invites Members and Observers to join an EWG, chaired by Australia and co-chaired by Canada, working in English, to prepare a discussion paper on the possible requirements or criteria for developing tolerance levels (action levels) for compounds in tissues due to the unintended or unavoidable carryover of authorized veterinary drugs in feed. Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contributions to the EWG should contact Ken Lowery ([Ken.Lowery@usda.gov](mailto:Ken.Lowery@usda.gov)) by February 11, 2022. 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 [Codex.Contact@awe.gov.au](mailto:Codex.Contact@awe.gov.au) with a copy to [Codex\\_Canada@hc-sc.gc.ca](mailto:Codex_Canada@hc-sc.gc.ca) by February 15, 2022. As this EWG will operate on the Codex Online Forum, please note that when there is more than one expert, each country or observer organization shall designate one as their official representative to participate in the EWG.

## Recent U.S. Delegation Reports

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

The report of the U.S. Delegate on the 44<sup>th</sup> Session of the CAC has been published. The report can be found at the following link:

<https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/delegates-report-2021-cac.pdf>.

## Requests for Comments

### ***Codex Committee on Food Additives (CCFA)***

**Revision of Food Additive Provisions:** The Codex Secretariat has extended the deadline for Circular Letter (CL 2021/55-FA) requesting proposals for new and/or revision of food additive provisions of the *General Standard for Food Additives* (GSFA). 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 Ken Lowery ([Ken.Lowery@usda.gov](mailto:Ken.Lowery@usda.gov)) by January 2, 2023. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted to [cfa@cfsa.net.cn](mailto:cfa@cfsa.net.cn) with a copy to [codex@fao.org](mailto:codex@fao.org) by January 15, 2023.

### ***Codex Committee on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables (CCFFV)***

**Berry Fruits:** The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2021/85/OCS-FFV) requesting comments at Step 3 on the proposed draft standard for berry fruits. The CL is currently available in English 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](mailto:doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov)) by February 21, 2022. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the Online Commenting System (OCS) (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by March 5, 2022.

**Dates:** The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2021/86/OCS-FFV) requesting comments at Step 3 on the proposed draft standard for fresh dates. The CL is currently available in English 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](mailto:doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov)) by February 21, 2022. Comments by Member Countries and Codex Observers should be submitted via their CCP using the OCS (<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>) by March 5, 2022.