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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### U.S. Codex Office

#### Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Committee on General Principles

**AGENCY:** U.S. Codex Office, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Codex Office is sponsoring a public meeting on February 25, 2019. The objective of the public meeting is to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items and draft United States (U.S.) positions to be discussed at the 31st Session of the Codex Committee on

General Principles (CCGP) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, in Bordeaux, France, March 11-15, 2019. The U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius and the Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs recognize the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the 31st Session of the CCGP and to address items on the agenda.

**DATES:** The public meeting is scheduled for February 25, 2019, from 1:00 p.m. EST to 4:00 p.m. EST.

**ADDRESSES:** The public meeting will take place in Meeting Room 107A at the Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Ave SW, Washington, DC 20250. Documents related to the 31st Session of the CCGP will be accessible via the internet at the following address: <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings-reports/en>.

Mary Frances Lowe, U.S. Delegate to the 31st Session of the CCGP, invites U.S. interested parties to submit their comments electronically to the following email address: [maryfrances.lowe@osec.usda.gov](mailto:maryfrances.lowe@osec.usda.gov).

*Call-In-Number:* If you wish to participate in the public meeting for the 31st Session of the CCGP by conference call, please use the call-in-number: 888-844-9904 and participant code 5126092.

*Registration:* Attendees may register to attend the public meeting by emailing [ken.lowery@osec.usda.gov](mailto:ken.lowery@osec.usda.gov) by February 21, 2019. Early registration is encouraged because it will expedite entry into the building. The meeting will take place in a Federal building. Attendees should bring photo identification and plan for adequate time to pass through the security screening systems. Attendees who are not able to attend the meeting in person, but who wish to participate, may do so by phone, as discussed above.

*For Further Information about the 31st Session of the CCGP Contact:* U.S. Delegate, Mary Frances Lowe, U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius, U.S. Codex Office, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 4861, South Agriculture Building, Washington, DC 20250. Telephone: (202) 205-7760, Fax: (202) 720-3157, Email: [maryfrances.lowe@osec.usda.gov](mailto:maryfrances.lowe@osec.usda.gov).

*For Further Information about the Public Meeting Contact:* Ken Lowery, U.S. Codex Office, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 4861, South Agriculture Building, Washington, DC 20250. Phone: (202) 690-4042, Fax: (202) 720-3157, Email: [ken.lowery@osec.usda.gov](mailto:ken.lowery@osec.usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### Background

Codex was established in 1963 by two United Nations organizations, the Food and Agriculture Organization and the World Health Organization. Through adoption of food standards, codes of practice, and other guidelines developed by its committees, and by promoting their adoption and implementation by governments, Codex seeks to protect the health of consumers and ensure fair practices in the food trade.

The Terms of Reference of the Codex Committee on General Principles (CCGP) are:

To deal with such procedural and general matters as are referred to it by the Codex Alimentarius Commission, including:

- The review or endorsement of procedural provisions/texts forwarded by other subsidiary bodies for inclusion in the Procedural Manual of the Codex Alimentarius Commission; and
- the consideration and recommendation of other amendments to the Procedural Manual.

The CCGP is hosted by France. The United States attends CCGP as a member country of Codex.

#### Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The following items on the Agenda for the 31st Session of the CCGP will be discussed during the public meeting:

- Adoption of the Agenda
- Matters referred to the Committee
- Procedural guidance for committees working by correspondence
- Use of examples in Codex Standards
- Information on activities of FAO and WHO relevant to the work of CCGP
- Other business
- Discussion paper on emerging and future issues of relevance to CCGP
- Date and place of new session
- Adoption of the report

#### Public Meeting

At the February 25, 2019, public meeting, draft U.S. positions on the agenda items will be described and discussed, and attendees will have the opportunity to pose questions and offer comments. Written comments may be offered at the meeting or sent to Mary Frances Lowe, U.S. Delegate for the 31st Session of the CCGP (see **ADDRESSES**). Written comments should state that they relate to activities of the 31st Session of the CCGP.

#### Additional Public Notification

Public awareness of all segments of rulemaking and policy development is important. Consequently, the U.S. Codex Office will announce this **Federal Register** publication on-line through the USDA web page located at: <http://>

[www.usda.gov/codex/](http://www.usda.gov/codex/), a link that also offers an email subscription service providing access to information related to Codex. Customers can add or delete their subscription themselves and have the option to password protect their accounts.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### U.S. Codex Office

#### Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods

**AGENCY:** U.S. Codex Office, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Codex Office is sponsoring a public meeting on April 1, 2019. The objective of the public meeting is to provide information and

receive public comments on agenda items and draft United States (U.S.) positions to be discussed at the 13th Session of the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods (CCCF) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, in Yogyakarta, Indonesia, April 29–May 3, 2019. The U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius and the Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs recognize the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the 13th Session of the CCCF and to address items on the agenda.

**DATES:** The public meeting is scheduled for April 1, 2019, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. EST.

**ADDRESSES:** The public meeting will take place in Meeting Room 1A003 at the Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, U.S. Food and Drug Administration, 5001 Campus Drive, College Park, MD, 20740-3835. Documents related to the 13th Session of the CCCF will be accessible via the internet at the following address: <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings-reports/en>.

Dr. Lauren Posnick Robin, U.S. Delegate to the 13th Session of the CCCF, invites U.S. interested parties to submit their comments electronically to the following email address: [henry.kim@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:henry.kim@fda.hhs.gov).

**Call-In-Number:** If you wish to participate in the public meeting for the 13th Session of the CCCF by conference call, please register in advance by emailing [henry.kim@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:henry.kim@fda.hhs.gov). To call in, you may use the call-in number: 1-877-465-7975 and participant code 906 083 160.

You may also join by Webex, using the link: Join Webex meeting; meeting number/access code: 906 083 160; and meeting password: rTEQAMG4.

**Registration:** Attendees may register to attend the public meeting by emailing [henry.kim@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:henry.kim@fda.hhs.gov) by March 25, 2019. Early registration is encouraged because it will expedite entry into the building. The meeting will take place in a Federal building. Attendees should bring photo identification and plan for adequate time to pass through the security screening systems. Attendees who are not able to attend the meeting in person, but who wish to participate, may do so by phone or Web, as discussed above.

**For Further Information about the 13th Session of the CCCF:** Please contact Henry Kim, Ph.D., FDA, at [henry.kim@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:henry.kim@fda.hhs.gov), or Doreen Chen-Moulec, U.S. Codex Office, at [doreen.chenmoulec@osec.usda.gov](mailto:doreen.chenmoulec@osec.usda.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

Codex was established in 1963 by two United Nations organizations, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO). Through adoption of food standards, codes of practice, and other guidelines developed by its committees, and by promoting their adoption and implementation by governments, Codex seeks to protect the health of consumers and ensure fair practices in the food trade.

The Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods (CCCF) is responsible for

(a) Establishing or endorsing permitted maximum levels and where necessary, revising existing guideline levels, for contaminants and naturally occurring toxicants in food and feed;

(b) Preparing priority lists of contaminants and naturally occurring toxicants for risk assessment by the joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JEFCA).

(c) Considering and elaborating methods of analysis and sampling for the determination of contaminants and naturally occurring toxicants in food and feed;

(d) Considering and elaborating standards or codes of practice for related subjects; and

(e) Considering other matters assigned to it by the Codex Alimentarius Commission in relation to contaminants and naturally occurring toxicants in food and feed.

The Committee is chaired by the Netherlands.

##### Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The following items on the Agenda for the 13th Session of the CCCF will be discussed during the public meeting:

- Matters referred to CCCF by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and its subsidiary bodies
- Matters of interest arising from FAO and WHO (including JECFA)
- Matters of interest arising from other international organizations
- Proposed draft maximum levels (MLs) for lead in selected commodities in the General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in Food and Feed (GSCTFF) (CX5 193-1995)
- Proposed draft MLs for cadmium in chocolate and cocoa-derived products
- Draft Code of practice for the reduction of 3-monochloropropane-1,2-diol esters (3-MCPDEs) and glycidyl esters (GEs) in refined oils and food products made with refined oils
- Proposed draft MLs for total aflatoxins in ready-to-eat peanuts and associated sampling plan