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TO: Codex Contact Points
Contact Points of international organizations having observer status with Codex

FROM: Secretariat, Codex Alimentarius Commission,
Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme

SUBJECT: Request for comments at Step 6 on revised *Code of practice to minimize and contain foodborne antimicrobial resistance* (CXC 61-2005)

DEADLINE: 20 September 2021

BACKGROUND

1. For background information, including the summary of the virtual meeting of the Working Group on the revision of the *Code of practice to minimize and contain foodborne AMR*, as well as the revised COP, please refer to CX/AMR 21/8/5 available on the TFAMR08 webpage¹.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

2. Codex members and observers are invited to provide comments at Step 6 on the revised *Code of practice to minimize and contain foodborne antimicrobial resistance*. Members and observers are requested to review the COP while:
 - focusing on the provisions in square brackets;
 - taking into consideration the agreements made at previous sessions of TFAMR;
 - ensuring the COP is consistent with Codex texts relevant to AMR and other AMR texts from recognized international organizations to the extent they fit the purposes of Codex and the mandate of TFAMR;
 - ensuring that the COP remains stand-alone while consistent with Risk Analysis Principles for Foodborne AMR (CXG 77-2011) and complementary with the Guidelines for integrated monitoring and surveillance of foodborne AMR;
 - ensuring that the COP is practical, feasible, and scientifically-supported as per those essential provisions to minimize and contain foodborne AMR and
 - bearing in mind the revisions made during the virtual meeting of the WG as well as the conclusions and recommendations made in the report of the virtual meeting of the WG as presented in CX/AMR 21/8/5¹.

GUIDANCE ON THE PROVISION OF COMMENTS

3. Comments should be submitted through the Codex Contact Points of Codex members and observers using the OCS.
4. Contact Points of Codex members and observers may login to the OCS and access the document open for comments by selecting "Enter" in the "My reviews" page, available after login to the system.
5. Contact Points of Codex members and observers organizations are requested to provide proposed changes and relevant comments/justifications on a specific paragraph (under the categories: editorial, substantive, technical and translation) and/or at the document level (general comments or summary comments). Additional guidance on the OCS comment categories and types can be found in the OCS [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#).
6. Other OCS resources, including the user manual and short guide, can be found at the following link: <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en/>.
7. For questions on the OCS, please contact Codex-OCS@fao.org.

¹ <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=TFAMR&session=8>