



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

U.S. Codex Office

Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling

AGENCY: U.S. Codex Office.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Codex Office is sponsoring a public meeting on April 16, 2020. 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 41th Session of the Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis (CCMAS) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, in Budapest, Hungary, May 11-15, 2020. The U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius and the Under Secretary, Office of Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs, recognize the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the 40th Session of the CCMAS and to address items on the agenda.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2020, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. EST

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will take place in the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), South Building, Room 1442-S, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250.

Documents related to the 40th Session of the CCMAS will be

accessible via the internet at the following address:

<http://www.codexalimentarius.org/meetings-reports/en>. Gregory O.

Noonan, Ph.D., U.S. Delegate to the 40th Session of the CCMAS,

invites U.S. interested parties to submit their comments

electronically to the following email address:

gregory.noonan@fda.hhs.gov.

Call in number: If you wish to participate in the public meeting

for the 40th Session of the CCMAS by conference call, please

register in advance by emailing doreen.chen-moulec@usda.gov.

Please use the call-in-number: 1-888-844-9904 and participant

code: 512 6092

REGISTRATION: Attendees may register to attend the public meeting

by emailing Doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov by April 14, 2020. 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 40th session of CCMAS, contact

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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 CCMAS is responsible for defining the criteria appropriate
to Codex Methods of Analysis and Sampling; serving as a
coordinating body for Codex with other international groups
working in methods of analysis and sampling and quality
assurance systems for laboratories; specifying, on the basis of
final recommendations submitted to it by other bodies, reference
methods of analysis and sampling, appropriate to Codex standards
which are generally applicable to a number of foods;
considering, amending, and endorsing, as appropriate, methods of

analysis and sampling proposed by Codex (Commodity) Committees, (except that methods of analysis and sampling for residues of pesticides or veterinary drugs in food, the assessment of microbiological quality and safety in food, and the assessment of specifications for food additives, do not fall within the terms of reference of this Committee); elaborating sampling plans and procedures; considering specific sampling and analysis problems submitted to it by the Commission or any of its committees; and defining procedures, protocols, guidelines, or related texts for the assessment of food laboratory proficiency, as well as quality assurance systems for laboratories.

The CCMAS is hosted by Hungary, and the meeting is attended by the United States as a member country of the Codex Alimentarius.

Issues to Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The following items on the Agenda for the 40th Session of the CCMAS will be discussed during the public meeting:

- Matters Referred to the Committee by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and Other Subsidiary Bodies;
- Endorsement of Methods of Analysis Provisions and Sampling Plans in Codex Standards;
- Review of Methods of Analysis in the Codex Standard on Recommended Methods of Analysis and Sampling (CXS 234-1999)
- Dairy workable package

- Fats and oils workable package
- Cereals, pulses and legumes workable package
- Revision of the Guidelines on Measurement Uncertainty
- Information document on the Guidelines of Measurement Uncertainty
- Revision of the General Guidelines on Sampling (CXG 50-2004)
- Discussion paper on criteria to select Type II methods from multiple Type III methods
- Report of an Inter-Agency Meeting on Methods of Analysis
- Other Business and Future Work

Each issue listed will be fully described in documents distributed, or to be distributed by the Secretariat before the Committee meeting. Members of the public may access or request copies of these documents (see ADDRESSES).

Public Meeting

At the April 16, 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 Gregory O. Noonan.

Additional Public Notification

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Done at Washington, DC, on February 18, 2020.

Mary Lowe,

U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius.

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