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- The U.S. Codex Office of the U.S. Department of Agriculture will host a virtual public meeting on April 11, 2023, from 1:00 – 4:00 pm EDT.
- The meeting will include a briefing on draft U.S. positions ahead of the 47th session of the Codex Committee on Food Labeling (CCFL) and allow time for public comment. A list of agenda items to be discussed is included in the [announcement](#).
- Attendees [may register for the event](#). Written comments can be sent ahead of the meeting to douglas.balentine@fda.hhs.gov.

General Issues of Interest to the CCB:**USDA Provides English Translation of Chinese Proposed Food Safety Standards List**

- A recent [USDA GAIN report](#) provides an unofficial English translation of a China National Health Commission February letter soliciting public comment on 39 proposed food safety standards. The standards are proposed under the 2023 Plan for National Food Safety Standards and each has been recently notified to the WTO (*BCI Monitor* 2-14-23, 3-7-23). Notable draft standards published include:
 - GB 2762-2022 on maximum levels of contaminants in food regarding nitrite
 - GB 9685-2016 on the use of additives for food contact materials and articles
- The USDA translation provides only the standard titles, not the full text. The draft standards published in Chinese are not machine translatable.
- Comments directly to the National Health Commission must be submitted before March 17, 2023. Comments may also be submitted to the U.S. WTO SPS Inquiry Point at us.spsenquiry@fas.usda.gov. The WTO comment deadline is May 5-6, 2023, depending on the specific notification.

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