

POLICY NEWS

ASN Offers Comments on FDA Nutrition Innovation Strategy

On July 26, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) hosted a public meeting to [hear comments](#) and give interested parties an opportunity to discuss various features of the FDA's Nutrition Innovation Strategy, which promotes public health through efforts to empower consumers to make better and more informed decisions about their diets and health, foster the development of healthier food options, and expand the opportunities to use nutrition to reduce morbidity and mortality due to chronic disease. [ASN provided oral comments](#) at this meeting and participated in the breakout groups that focused on 1. claims, statements, and icons on the label; 2. Nutrition Facts label consumer education campaign; and 3. modernizing standards of identify and ingredient lists. The agenda, remarks from the FDA Commissioner and the Director of CFSAN, and talking points for breakout sessions are available [here](#). There were active discussions in both the plenary sessions and breakout sessions which captured diverse and constructive suggestions from industry, health professionals, consumer groups, and government agencies. Summaries of all discussions and public comments will be available through the [docket](#).

FDA recently extended the public comment period for the agency's [Nutrition Innovation Strategy](#) by 45 days, **until October 11, 2018**. You may submit comments electronically through the [docket](#). Comments received by mail/hand delivery/courier (for written/paper submissions) will be considered timely if they are postmarked or the delivery service acceptance receipt is on or before that date.

ASN to Prepare Comments on Codex Alimentarius 5-Year Strategic Plan

The World Health Organization (WHO) Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations has issued a [request for comments](#) on the [Codex Alimentarius Commission Strategic Plan 2020-2025](#). ASN members can direct their feedback to ASN, which will be drafting a comment, by early November. Comments are due to WHO by **November 30, 2018**.

ASN Prepares DGAC Nominations

Rumors suggest that the call for nominations for the Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee will be published in the next week or two. Time is growing short to recommend to ASN highly qualified nutrition scientists to be considered for nomination to the 2020 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee (DGAC), including individuals who have previously served. Please send names to [Sarah D. Ohlhorst](#), MS, RD, Senior Director of Advocacy and Science Policy for ASN consideration as soon as possible.

ASN Provides Free Access to Malnutrition Awareness Week Webinars

As an official ambassador, the American Society for Nutrition and its members receive complimentary access to [Malnutrition Awareness Week](#) programming from **September 24-28, 2018**. Use the discount code **MAW-Nutrition** to participate in the webinars for *free*.