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**STATUS OF REQUESTS FOR FAO/WHO SCIENTIFIC ADVICE (April 2007) <sup>1</sup>**

**TABLE 1**

In prioritizing the requests for scientific advice to be addressed, FAO and WHO continue considering the set of criteria for the prioritization proposed by Codex (ALINORM 05/28/3, para 75) as well as the requests of advice from Member Countries and the availability of resources. The table below presents the overall status of pending requests for scientific advice received by FAO/WHO as of **March 2007**.

#	Request for Advice	Originator	Reference	Required Action by FAO/WHO	Status of Planning/Implementation	Estimated Cost (US\$) <sup>1</sup>	Expected Output by Codex
1	Safety evaluation of food additives, flavouring agents and contaminants.	CCFAC	38 <sup>th</sup> Session ALINORM 06/29/12, para. 199-209 and Appendix XXXII.	Joint FAO/WHO Committee on Food Additives (JECFA)	Planned for 68 <sup>th</sup> JECFA (Rome, Italy, 19–28 June 2007)	300, 000	Maximum Limits or other advice as appropriate.
2	Assessment of benefits and risks of the use of “active chlorine” in food processing.	CCFAC	37 <sup>th</sup> Session ALINORM 05/28/12, para. 108 and Appendix XV	TOR of expert consultation specified by 37 <sup>th</sup> CCFH and 37 <sup>th</sup> CCFAC. 29 <sup>th</sup> CAC supported this request asking for scientific advice accordingly.	Preparations for an expert meeting in late 2007 underway. Call for data and experts issued in March 2007.	300, 000	Recommendations regarding the safe use of active chlorine.
	CCFH	36 <sup>th</sup> Session ALINORM 04/27/13, para. 158					
	CAC	37 <sup>th</sup> Session ALINORM 05/28/13 paras 170–174 29 <sup>th</sup> Session requested FAO/WHO for scientific advice, ALINORM 06/29/41, para. 225.					

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<sup>1</sup> FAO and WHO express appreciation to those governments who have contributed to support FAO/WHO scientific advice activities, either through direct financial support, facilitation of meeting at national institutes, and technical input by national experts.

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3	Risk assessment on <i>Campylobacter</i> in broilers	CCFH	34 <sup>th</sup> Session ALINORM 03/13; 35 <sup>th</sup> Session ALINORM 03/13A, paras 49-54 and para. 57 38 <sup>th</sup> Session ALINORM 07/30/13 noted that at present additional scientific advice on <i>Salmonella</i> or <i>Campylobacter</i> is not required.	Risk assessments	Final report in print and translation.	15, 000	Revision of relevant Codes of Practice and Development of guidelines for the control of <i>Campylobacter</i> and <i>Salmonella</i> spp. in broiler (young bird) chicken meat.
4	Risk assessments on <i>Vibrio</i> spp. in seafood.	CCFH	34 <sup>th</sup> Session ALINORM 03/13; 35 <sup>th</sup> Session ALINORM 03/13A, paras 49-54 and para. 57 38 <sup>th</sup> Session ALINORM 07/30/13, paras 196	Completion of the risk assessments	Risk assessment of <i>Vibrio cholerae</i> in warm water shrimp and <i>Vibrio vulnificus</i> in raw oysters completed and published.  Risk assessment of <i>Vibrio parahaemolyticus</i> being peer reviewed and final printing to be completed.	15, 000	Proposed Draft Standard for Live and Raw Bivalve Molluscs.

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5	Specific request on <i>Vibrio parahaemolyticus</i> in seafood.	CCFH	38 <sup>th</sup> Session, ALINORM 07/30/13, para. 213-214	Additional risk management issue to be considered when finalizing the risk assessment of <i>Vibrio parahaemolyticus</i> in seafood.	Ongoing	None required	CCFFP - Proposed Draft Standard for Live and Raw Bivalve Molluscs.
6	Risk assessment of enterohaemorrhagic <i>Escherichia coli</i> .	CCFH	32 <sup>nd</sup> Session ALINORM 01/13, paras. 12-20	<i>Ad hoc</i> expert meeting organized	Expert meeting held 4 – 8 September 2006, FSAI, Dublin, Ireland to assess current information available.  Report in final stages.	15, 000	Management options for risk associated with enterohaemorrhagic strains of <i>Escherichia coli</i> .
7	Risk assessment of viruses in food.	CCFH	32 <sup>nd</sup> Session ALINORM 01/13, paras 12-20 38 <sup>th</sup> Session 07/30/13, paras 209–212.	Implementation of meeting on Foodborne Viruses with the agreed TORs jointly with the Netherlands.	Meeting to be implemented from 21 – 25 May 2007, in RIVM, Bilthoven, the Netherlands.  Call for data and experts issued.	80 000	Decision on risk management options for viruses in food.

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8	Fresh produce – Control of microbial hazards.	CCFH	38 <sup>th</sup> Session ALINORM 07/30/13  paras 224–231, Appendix VI.	Request scientific advice to support future work according to the proposed TORs.	Circular Letter in preparation.  Planning of a methodology to provide the advice requested is under discussion.	250, 000  Extra-budgetary resources being sought.	Development of commodity-specific annexes for the “Code of Hygienic Practice for Fresh Fruits and Vegetables”.
9	Establishment of criteria for the evaluation of safety of acceptable previous cargoes (transport of fats and oils in bulk).	CCFO  CAC	18 <sup>th</sup> Session ALINORM 03/17, paras 78-79.  19 <sup>th</sup> Session ALINORM 05/28/17 paras 57-61.  27 <sup>th</sup> Session ALINORM 04/27/41 para. 206.	FAO/WHO to develop a proposed criteria for use by CCFO (completed).	Technical meeting held, 7–9 November 2006 in collaboration with RIVM, the Netherlands.  Report presented to the 20 <sup>th</sup> Session of CCFO.  Report being printed and translated.	15,000	Criteria for the elaboration of the list of acceptable previous cargoes when transporting fats and oils in bulk.
10	Evaluation of residues and toxicology of pesticides for the establishment of acceptable intake levels and of MRLs.	CCPR	38 <sup>th</sup> Session ALINORM 06/29/24, paras 54, 56, 61,81, 84, 86, 88, 90, 104, 123, 211–221 and Appendix VIII.	Joint FAO/WHO Meeting on Pesticide Residues.	Next JMPR Meeting in preparation for September 2007 to evaluate 30 pesticides.  Report to 40 <sup>th</sup> CCPR in 2008.	325, 000	Proposed Draft Maximum Residues for Pesticides.

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11	Joint JECFA/JMPR Project  Updating the principles and methods of risk assessment	Melbourne Conference  CCPR	Melbourne Conference Report  35 <sup>th</sup> Session ALINORM 03/24A paras 20–31.	Develop draft document on updated principles and methods of risk assessment for chemicals in foods to replace EHC 70 and 104.	Several workshop reports are published on the web.  Due to finalize in early 2008.  The need for a final consultation step is dependent on identification of funds.	80,000	None required, will be used within the scientific advice programme.
12	Safety assessment of foods derived from recombinant-DNA animals	CTFBT	5 <sup>th</sup> Session ALINORM 06/29/34.	FAO/WHO Expert Consultation	FAO/WHO Expert Consultation on the safety assessment of foods derived from recombinant DNA animals held 26 February–2 March 2007.	15,000	Guideline for Conduct of Food Safety Assessment of Foods Derived from Recombinant-DNA Animals
13	Risks and Benefits of consumption of fish and other seafood	38 <sup>th</sup> CCFAC, paras 191–193  CAC	29 <sup>th</sup> Session  ALINORM 06/29/41, para 195.	FAO/WHO advice on the health risks and health benefits associated with the consumption of fish and other seafood	A preliminary meeting 28–30 May 2007, is being organized to agree next steps and scope of the work	80,000	Develop methodology for risk and benefit assessment.  Guidance document on the safe consumption of fish and seafood taking sensitive subpopulations into account.

<sup>[1]</sup> Total costs for FAO/WHO, including publication of reports, but excluding staff costs.

TABLE 2

## FAO/WHO Expert Meetings not directly requested by Codex Alimentarius

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1	Antimicrobial Resistance	Follow-up of Joint FAO/WHO/ OIE Expert Consultations on this matter	<a href="http://www.fao.org/ag/agn/food/risk_antimicrobial_en.stm">http://www.fao.org/ag/agn/food/risk_antimicrobial_en.stm</a>	Implementation of FAO/WHO/OIE Expert Meeting on Antimicrobial Resistance from 17– 21 September 2007.	Planning of meeting in progress  Call for experts and data in preparation	70, 000	Scientific Advice on critically important antimicrobials to Codex, FAO, OIE and WHO
2	Animal Feeding	FAO/WHO		FAO/WHO Expert Meeting on Animal Feed Safety and its Impact on Food Safety.	Meeting preparations underway, tentative dates for 8–12 October 2007.	70, 000	Status of science related to safety aspects of animal feeding
3	Nanotechnology	FAO		FAO/WHO Expert Meeting on Food Safety Assessment of the Use of Nanotechnology Techniques	TORs under discussion  Meeting most likely to be in 2008.	70, 000 (initial step)	Scientific advice on safety assessment of nanotechnology techniques used in food production
4	Pesticide Specifications	FAO/WHO	Memorandum of understanding between FAO and WHO  <a href="http://www.fao.org/AG/AGP/AGPP/Pesticid/">http://www.fao.org/AG/AGP/AGPP/Pesticid/</a> and public health	Meetings of the Joint FAO/WHO Meeting on Pesticide Specifications (JMPS)	Next 6 <sup>th</sup> JMPS to be held near Durban, South Africa	120, 000	FAO and WHO Specifications for pesticides to be used in agriculture and public health

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5	Food safety issues raised by recombinant-DNA vaccines	FAO/WHO Expert Consultation on the Safety Assessment of Foods Derived from Recombinant DNA Animals held 26 February - 2 March 2007.		Pending decision by CTFBT	To be discussed at the next CTFBT		

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