

THIRD MEETING OF COMITE ALIMENTARIUS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
GENEVA, 25-26 SEPTEMBER, 1964

Summary Record of Conclusions and Recommendations on Agenda

The Committee was attended by the following members:

Dr John L. Harvey, Chairman (U.S.A.)
Professor M.J.L. Dols, Vice-Chairman (Netherlands)
Mr Zenon Zackiewicz, Vice-Chairman (Poland)
Mr J.H.V. Davies (U.K.)
Mr H.V. Dempsey (Canada)
Mr I.H. Smith (Australia)
Dr Y.K. Subrahmanyam (India)

Secretariat

Dr C. Agthe, Joint Secretary WHO
Mlle M.L. Barblé, WHO
Dr D. Chapman, FAO
Dr G.C. Hansen, FAO
Dr G. Kapsiotis, FAO
Mr G.O. Kermodé, FAO
Dr A. Orbaneja, FAO
Dr V. Patwardhan, WHO
Dr M.R. Sacks, WHO

Apologies for absence were received from Mr H. Doyle, Vice-Chairman (New Zealand)

Item 1.

(a) Finance

The Executive Committee received a report from the Officer in Charge of the Programme that the overall financial situation for 1964 remained unchanged since the Executive Committee met at its second meeting. It was anticipated that Revenue and Expenditure would balance as envisaged in the austerity budget for 1964 with no carry-forward of funds into 1965. The United Kingdom Government had responded to the letter of the Director-General of FAO by pledging to double their contribution for 1965, fifty per cent of which had already been paid to the Trust Fund. A number of other countries had indicated to FAO that sympathetic consideration was being given to increasing their contributions in 1965.

(b) Draft Budgets for 1966 and 1967

The Executive Committee examined Alinorm 64/25(5) Rev.2 and recommended the following changes:

(i) \$ 1000 should be included in each of the draft budgets for 1966 and 1967 to meet the costs of subsidiary bodies established under Rule IX 1(a).

(ii) The provisions included in the draft budgets for 1966 and 1967 to meet the costs of Expert Committees and Advisory Groups established under Rules IX 1(b)(1) and IX 1(b)(2) be reduced by fifty per cent. (i.e. \$ 5000 for Expert Committees and \$ 1500 for Advisory Groups per annum).

The resultant annual total of the Joint FAO/WHO Budget would therefore be \$ 168,375.

(c) Methods of Financing the Food Standards Programme

The Executive Committee received oral progress reports from representatives of FAO and WHO on developments regarding the future financing of the Joint Food Standards Programme. It was reported that the Director-General of FAO, in accordance with the Resolution of the Twelfth Conference of FAO, was including in the Organization's Draft Programme and Budget provision to finance the FAO part of the Programme from the regular budget for the biennium 1966/67. Such provision would however be subject to the approval by the Thirteenth Conference of FAO. The Director-General of WHO had been requested by the Seventeenth World Health Assembly to study further the financial consequences of including a proportion, agreed with FAO, of the cost of the Programme in the regular budget of WHO and would be reporting on these matters to the next meeting of the Executive Board in January 1965. The Executive Committee expressed concern about the different stages of development in the Organizations' arrangements concerning the future financing of the Programme. The Committee thought that the Chairman should bring to the attention of the Codex Alimentarius Commission the need for member countries to make known their views about the future financing of the Programme to the Thirteenth Conference of FAO and the Eighteenth World Health Assembly.

Item 2. European Council of the Codex Alimentarius

The Executive Committee met on request a delegation consisting of Professor O. Högl (Switzerland), Mr G. Weill (France) and Dr Vajic (Yugoslavia) in order to hear the views of the European Council of the Codex Alimentarius on its proposals to change the rules of procedure as they

affect Advisory Groups for regions and the discrepancy in the English, French and Spanish texts of Paragraph 8, page 5 of the Report of the First Session of the Joint FAO/WHO Codex Alimentarius Commission. After hearing the views of the delegation and after a full discussion, it was thought that a meeting of European countries should be convened on the second day of the conference in order to clarify the differences of opinion concerning the elaboration of regional standards. It was agreed that the Chairman should report in this way to the Codex Alimentarius Commission.

Item 3. Timetable and Agenda for Second Session

The Executive Committee approved the revised provisional agenda, Alinorm 64/2 Rev.1. It was agreed that the Chairman's suggested timetable, Alinorm 64/Exec.3/4 Rev.1 should be amended so that a meeting of European countries could take place on the second day of the conference and that on the third day the whole question of elaboration of regional standards, the role of Advisory Groups, together with the special problems of the European Region could be discussed in plenary session; the rest of the timetable to be postponed one day.

Item 4. Next Meeting

It was agreed that a meeting of the Executive Committee should take place after the Second Session and was scheduled tentatively for either the afternoon of 7 October or the morning of 8 October. The secretary to notify the time and place.