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Agenda Item 1

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CODEX COMMITTEE ON COCOA PRODUCTS AND CHOCOLATE

Eighteenth Session

Fribourg, Switzerland, 2 - 4 November 2000

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

To be held at the Hotel Golden Tulip, Grand Places 14, 1700 Fribourg, Switzerland,
from Thursday 2 November at 9.30 hours through Saturday 4 November 2000

Agenda Item	Subject Matter	Doc. Ref. No.
	Opening of the Session	
1.	Adoption of the Agenda	CX/CPC 00/1
2.	Matters Referred by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and Other Codex Committees	CX/CPC 00/2
3.	Draft Revised Standards at Step 7 for:	
	(a) Cocoa Butters	ALINORM 99/14, Appendix II
	(b) Cocoa (Cacao) Mass (Cocoa/Chocolate Liquor) and Cocoa Cake for Use in the Manufacture of Cocoa and Chocolate Products	ALINORM 99/14, Appendix III
	(c) Cocoa Powders (Cocoas) and Dry Cocoa-Sugar Mixtures	ALINORM 99/14, Appendix IV
	- Government Comments at Step 6 (CL 1999/13-CPC)	CX/CPC 00/3
4.	Proposed Draft Standard for Chocolate and Chocolate Products at Step 4	ALINORM 99/14, Appendix V
	- Government Comments at Step 3 (CL 1998/43-CPC)	CX/CPC 00/4
5.	Other Business and Future Work	
6.	Date and Place of Next Session	
7.	Adoption of the Report	

N.B.: Documents, except CX/CPC 00/1, will be distributed from the Swiss Secretariat for the Committee. For inquiry, contact Ms Awilo Ochieng Pernet, International Standards Unit, Federal Office of Public Health, CH-3003 Bern, Switzerland (Fax No., +41.31.322.9574; E-mail, awilo.ochieng@bag.admin.ch). Working documents as prepared will also be uploaded onto the Codex home page as shown in the letterhead.

Delegates are kindly requested to bring with them to the meeting all documents which have been distributed as the number of additional copies which can be made available at the meeting is limited.

NOTES ON THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA
for the Eighteenth Session of the Codex Committee on Cocoa Products and Chocolate
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- Item 1 **Adoption of the Agenda** (CX/CPC 00/1): In accordance with Rule V.2 of the Rules of Procedure, the first item on the Provisional Agenda shall be the adoption of the Agenda.
- Item 2 **Matters Referred by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and Other Codex Committees** (CX/CPC 00/2): The Committee will consider matters referred to it by the 23rd Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission and other Codex Committees which met since the 17th Session of the Committee (November 1998). Matters which have implications for the work of the Committee will also be presented.
- Item 3 **Draft Revised Standards at Step 7 for: (a) Cocoa Butters; (b) Cocoa (Cacao) Mass (Cocoa/Chocolate Liquor), Cocoa Press Cake and Cocoa Dust (cocoa fines), for Use in the Manufacture of Cocoa and Chocolate Products; and (c) Cocoa Powders (Cocoas) and Dry Cocoa-Sugar Mixtures** (ALINORM 99/14, Appendix II, III and IV respectively): At its 17th Session the Committee decided to continue the revision of the Codex Standards for Cocoa Butters; for Cocoa (Cacao) Nib, Cocoa (Cacao) Mass, Cocoa Press Cake and Cocoa Dust (Cocoa Fines), for Use in the Manufacture of cocoa and Chocolate Products; and for Cocoa Powders (cocoas) and Dry Cocoa-Sugar Mixtures. It agreed to include only those products destined for final consumers or relevant to human consumption and to simplify these standards as much as possible to make them more flexible and less prescriptive. The Committee amended the texts during the session and advanced them to Step 5 with several provisions that are in square brackets or need to be developed. The Codex Alimentarius Commission at its 23rd Session (June-July, 1999) adopted them at Step 5 and advanced them to Step 6. Government comments on these standards at Step 6 in response to CL 1999/13-CPC will be compiled in CX/CPC 00/3.
- Item 4 **Proposed Draft Standard for Chocolate and Chocolate Products at Step 4** (ALINORM 99/14, Appendix V): The Committee, at its 16th Session in 1996, welcomed the Swiss initiative to combine the existing three Codex standards into one standard for chocolate and chocolate products to make the standard less restrictive and more flexible. It identified several issues requiring further consideration, such as: whether or not to allow the use of vegetable fats other than cocoa butter in manufacturing chocolate products and its impact on trade and economy of cocoa producing countries; the definition and denomination of milk chocolate with high milk content; and inclusion of antioxidant. The Committee at its 17th Session considered the Proposed Draft Standard at Step 4. Due to time constraints it focused its consideration on *Description, Unsweetened Chocolate and Sweetened (Plain) Chocolate, Couverture Chocolate, Milk Chocolate* and the *Addition of Vegetable Fat Other than Cocoa Butter*. As several important issues in the standard still required further consideration, the Committee returned the Proposed Draft Standard as amended during the session to Step 3 for further comments (CL 1998/43-CPC). Government comments on the Proposed Draft Standard for Chocolate and Chocolate Products at Step 3 will be compiled in CX/CPC 00/4.
- Item 5 **Other Business and Future Work**: In accordance with Rule V.5 of the Rules of Procedure, any Member of the Commission may propose the inclusion of specific items of an urgent matter. The Committee may propose to undertake new work which shall be in compliance with the Medium Term Objectives and subject to the approval by the Commission or its Executive Committee.
- Item 6 **Adoption of the Report**: In accordance with Rule VIII.1 of the Rules of Procedure and established practice, the Committee shall adopt the report of its 18th Session, based on a draft provided by the Secretariat.