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Agenda Item 1

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JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME

FAO/WHO COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR THE NEAR EAST

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Amman, Jordan, 7 – 10 March 2005

To be held at the Royal Convention Center (HAUB) of Le Meridien Hotel-Amman
Amman, Jordan
from Monday 7 March at 9.30 hours through Thursday 10 March 2005

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Agenda Item	Subject Matter	Document Identification
	Opening of the Session	
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2.	Matters Arising from the Codex Alimentarius Commission and other Codex Committees and Task Forces	CX/NEA 05/3/2
	- Review of the Regional Coordinating Committees (comments in response of CL 2004/46-NEA)	CX/NEA 05/3/3
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4	Proposed draft Standards and Related Text at Step 4	
4 (a)	Proposed Draft Standards for Processed Chickpeas (<i>Humus</i>)	CX/NEA 05/3/5
	- Comments at Step 3	CX/NEA 05/3/5-Add. 1
4 (b)	Proposed Draft Standards for Processed Fava Beans (<i>Foul-Medemes</i>)	CX/NEA 05/3/6
	- Comments at Step 3	CX/NEA 05/3/6-Add. 1
4 (c)	Proposed Draft Code of Practice for Street Vended Foods	CX/NEA 05/3/7
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4 (d)	Proposed Draft Standard for Tehena	CX/NEA 05/3/8
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4 (e)	Proposed draft Regional Guidelines for Codex Contact Points and National Codex Committees	CX/NEA 05/3/9
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5.	Discussion Paper on Mutual Recognition Agreements between Near East Countries on Import / Export Accreditation	CX/NEA 05/3/10
6.	Information and Reports on the Food Control and Food Safety Issues including Codex Standards (CL 2004/45-NEA)	CX/NEA 05/3/11
7.	Consumer Participation in Food Standards Setting at the Codex and National level (CL 2004/45-NEA)	CX/NEA 05/3/12
8.	Information on Capacity Building Activities in the Region	CX/NEA 05/3/13
9.	Other Business and Future Work	
10.	Nomination of the Coordinator	CX/NEA 05/3/14 CX/NEA 05/3/14 (corrigendum)
11.	Date and Place of the Next Session	
12.	Adoption of the Report	

Information for Delegates

The [FAO/WHO Regional Meeting on Food Safety for the Near East \(5-6 March 2005\)](#) will be held immediately before the 3rd Session of the FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for the Near East to allow interested delegates to attend both events.

http://www.fao.org/es/ESN/food/meetings_neareast_en.stm

NOTES ON THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

- Item 1 Adoption of the Agenda (CX/NEA 05/3/1):** In accordance with Rule VI.2 of the Rules of Procedure, the first item on the Provisional Agenda shall be Adoption of the Agenda.
- Item 2 Matters of Interest Arising from the Codex Alimentarius Commission and other Codex Committees and Task Forces (CX/NEA 05/3/2):** This item includes matters related to the Region arising from recent sessions of the Commission and other Codex Committees and Task Forces. An addendum paper (CX/NEA 05/3/3) will contain comments on Review of Regional Coordinating Committees, submitted in response to CL 2004/46-NEA.
- Item 3 Report of Activities of FAO and WHO Complementary to the Work of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CX/NEA 05/3/4):** A report will be provided on the activities of FAO and WHO complementary to the work of Codex Alimentarius by the representatives of FAO and WHO.
- Item 4 Proposed draft Standards and Related Text at Step 4**
- Item 4 (a) Proposed Draft Standards for Processed Chickpeas (*Humus*) (CX/NEA 05/3/5):** The 2nd Session of the Committee returned the proposed draft Standard for Processed Chickpeas (*humus*) to Step 2 for further drafting and circulation for comments at Step 3 (ALINORM 03/40, para. 72). Comments submitted at Step 3 are contained in CX/NEA 05/3/5-Add. 1.
- Item 4 (b) Proposed Draft Standards for Processed Fava Bean (*Foul-Medemes*) (CX/NEA 05/3/6):** The 2nd Session of the Committee returned the proposed draft Standard for Processed Fava Beans (*foul medemes*) to Step 2 for further drafting and circulation for comments at Step 3 (ALINORM 03/40, para. 72). Comments submitted at Step 3 are contained in CX/NEA 05/3/6-Add. 1.
- Item 4 (c) Proposed Draft Code of Practice for Street Vended Foods (CX/NEA 05/3/7):** The 2nd Session of the Committee returned the proposed draft Code of Hygienic Practice for Street-Vended Food to Step 2 for further drafting and circulation for comments at Step 3 (ALINORM 03/40, para. 63). Comments submitted at Step 3 are contained in CX/NEA 05/3/7-Add. 1.
- Item 4 (d) Proposed Draft Standard for Tehena (CX/NEA 05/3/8):** The 2nd Session of the Committee agreed to request the Commission to authorise the elaboration of a Codex Standard for Tehena and agreed that Jordan should coordinate the initial drafting of the Standard with the assistance of Egypt, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syria and the United Arab Emirates (ALINORM 03/40, para. 71). At its 26th Session, the Codex Alimentarius Commission approved the elaboration of a Standard for Tehena as new work for the Committee (ALINORM 03/41, para. 138 and Appendix VIII). Comments submitted at Step 3 are contained in CX/NEA 05/3/8-Add. 1.
- Item 4 (e) Proposed draft Regional Guidelines for Codex Contact Points and National Codex Committees (CX/NEA 05/3/9):** The 2nd Session of the Committee agreed to request the Commission to initiate work on the Guidelines for Codex Contact Points and National Codex Committees for the Near East (ALINORM 03/40, para. 118). At its 26th Session, the Codex Alimentarius Commission approved the elaboration of the Guidelines as new work for the Committee (ALINORM 03/41, para. 138 and Appendix VIII). Comments submitted at Step 3 are contained in CX/NEA 05/3/9-Add. 1.
- Item 5 Discussion Paper on Mutual Recognition Agreements between Near East Countries on Import / Export Accreditation (CX/NEA 05/3/10):** The 2nd Session of the Committee agreed to consider a discussion paper on Mutual Recognition Agreements between the Near east Countries on Import / Export Accreditation to be prepared by Jordan (ALINORM 03/40, para. 150).
- Item 6 Information and Reports on the Food Control and Food Safety Issues including Codex Standards (CX/NEA 05/3/11):** This is a standing item of the Committee's agenda. Countries will be invited to provide an up date information on the above subject matter. Country's information on food control and food safety issues, including Codex Standards, submitted in response to CL 2004/45 is summarised in CX/NEA 05/3/11.

- Item 7 Consumer Participation in Codex Work and Related Matters (CX/NEA 05/3/12):** The Commission at its 23rd Session considered consumers' involvement in the work of the Codex Alimentarius Commission. The Commission proposed that Regional Coordinating Committees continue to take the opportunity to provide a forum for the exchange of experiences on the ways and means of developing consumer input into National Codex Committees and Contact Points. Country's information on consumer participation in Codex work and related matters submitted in response to CL 2004/45 is summarised in CX/NEA 05/3/12.
- Item 8 Information on Capacity Building Activities in the Region (CX/NEA 05/3/13):** A report will be provided on the capacity building programmes for developing countries being undertaken as a follow-up to the Joint Statement made by the Executive Heads of FAO, WHO, OIE, WTO and the World Bank at the Doha Ministerial Conference, November 2001.
- Item 9 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.
- Item 10 Nomination of the Coordinator (CX/NEA 05/3/14):** In accordance with Rule III.4 of the Rules of Procedure of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, the Committee is invited to nominate a Coordinator for the Near East for appointment by the 28th Session of the Commission (July 2005).
- Item 11 Date and Place of the Next Session:** The Committee will be advised about tentative date and venue of the next Session of the Committee.
- Item 12 Adoption of the Report:** In accordance with Rule IX.1 of the Rules of Procedure, the Committee shall adopt the report of its Third Session, based on a draft provided by the Secretariat.

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
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