TO: Codex Contact Points (CCEURO Region)
   Interested International Organizations

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SUBJECT: Request for comments and information on (i) national food control systems; (ii) Codex at national level; and (iii) Codex standards national priorities and interest (29th Session of the FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Europe, The Hague, The Netherlands, 30 September - 3 October 2014)

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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Countries of the CCEURO region are invited to reply to the attached questionnaire and to provide this information, as directed above.
Questionnaire

In completing these questions, countries are encouraged to provide information on changes and new initiatives since the last session of CCEURO.

**Question 1: Strengthening National Food Control Systems**

Please describe any significant developments/actions taken in your country to improve national food control systems.

These may include actions relating to: National food law and regulations; food control management e.g. food administration structures, initiatives to improve multi-sectoral collaboration; inspection services; laboratory infrastructure and activities; information dissemination; training. Please also describe priority food safety issues to be addressed nationally and regionally.

**Question 2: Strengthening Codex at the national level**

Please describe:

i) Any significant actions that your country has taken to strengthen Codex at the national level and to promote more effective participation in Codex;

ii) Any specific actions aimed at strengthening the Codex Contact Point, i.e. consultative structures and processes on Codex matters, including promoting increased involvement and participation of consumers and other stakeholders.

**Question 3: Codex Standards national priorities and interests**

Please describe:

i) Which specific Codex standards and related texts (currently under development or already in existence) are of most importance and interest to your country;

ii) What are the current priority areas for setting national standards; and

iii) Use and relevance of Codex standards at national level.