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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

CAC43, held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic, was opened by the Directors-General of FAO and WHO. The session had 905 registrants and was attended by delegates from 133 Member countries, one Member organization and 54 Observer organizations.

Main decisions of CAC43:

22 new and revised Codex texts adopted:

- 8 standards on fresh and processed fruits and vegetables (kiwifruit; fresh garlic; ware potatoes; yam; gochujang; chili sauce; dried fruits; and canned mixed fruits)
- 4 regional standards (fermented cooked cassava-based products; fresh leaves of *Gnetum* spp.; kava products for use as a beverage when mixed with water; and mixed zaatar).
- 8 revisions and amendments to Codex standards
- 1 new Code of Practice (on food allergen management for food business operators)
- 1 revised Code of Practice (General Principles of Food Hygiene (CXC 1-1969) and its HACCP annex)

6 Codex texts adopted at Step 5:

- 2 regional standards (dried meat; fermented noni fruit juice)
- Standard for Follow-up Formula: Section B: Proposed draft scope, definition and labelling
- Guidelines for Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Foods (RUTF)
- Guidance for the management of biological foodborne outbreaks
- Revision of the Code of Practice to Minimize and Contain Foodborne Antimicrobial Resistance (CXC 61-2005)

6 new work items approved:

- 4 regional standards (soybean products fermented with *Bacillus* species; quick frozen dumpling; cooked rice wrapped in plant leaves; maamoul)
- Guidelines for supporting the development of harmonised food laws for the CCAFRICA region
- Guidelines for the safe use and reuse of water in food production

Priority list of pesticides for evaluation by JMPR in 2021 approved.

Codex Committee Re-activated: Committee on Fish and Fishery Products (CCFFP) to work in accordance with the Procedure for the Inclusion of Additional Species in Codex Standards for Fish and Fishery Product to evaluate if the *Standard for Canned Sardines and Sardine-Type Products* (CXS 94-1981) can be amended with a view to include the fish species *Sardinella lemuru* (Bali Sardinella).

Codex Committees Adjourned *sine die:* Committee on Cereals, Pulses and Legumes (CCCPL) and Committee on Processed Fruits and Vegetables (CCPFV).

Appointments: Kazakhstan as Regional Coordinator for Europe (second term); Uganda as Regional Coordinator for Africa; China as Regional Coordinator for Asia; Ecuador as Regional Coordinator for Latin America and the Caribbean; Saudi Arabia as Regional Coordinator for the Near East; and Fiji as Regional Coordinator for North America and the South West Pacific (all first term).

Codex and the Pandemic: Measures adopted to address the challenges caused by the pandemic to ensure that work could continue virtually in Codex committees in 2021 if physical meetings are not possible.

INTRODUCTION

 The Codex Alimentarius Commission convened its Forty-third Session (CAC43), as a first ever virtual session on 24, 25, 26 September, 12, 19 October and 5, 6 November 2020, chaired by Mr Guilherme Antonio da Costa Jr. (Brazil), Chairperson of the Commission and assisted by the Vice-Chairpersons Mr Purwiyatno Hariyadi (Indonesia), Ms Mariam Eid (Lebanon) and Mr Steve Wearne (United Kingdom). There were 905 registrants representing 133 Member countries, one Member Organization, and Observers of 54 international governmental (IGOs) and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and United Nations agencies. The list of participants is contained in Appendix I.

OPENING

Welcome addresses by FAO and WHO

2. The Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), QU Dongyu¹ and the Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO), Dr Tedros Ghebreyesus Adhanom², welcomed participants and addressed the Commission. The Directors-General congratulated delegates on holding an historic first virtual Commission and on their willingness to continue providing their scientific insights under such challenging conditions. The Chairperson of the Commission also gave an opening address.

Division of competence³

 CAC43 noted the division of competence between the European Union (EU) and its Member States in accordance with Rule II, paragraph 5, of the CAC Rules of Procedure, as presented in conference room document 1 (CRD1).

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA (Agenda item 1)⁴

4. CAC43 adopted the provisional agenda and agreed to address the standard setting agenda items committee by committee as outlined in the tentative timeline.

REPORT BY THE CHAIRPERSON ON THE 78th and 79th SESSIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (Agenda item 2)⁵

- 5. Pursuant to Rule V, paragraph 7, of the CAC Rules of Procedure, Vice-Chairperson Steve Wearne drew the attention of the Commission to the reports of the seventy-eighth and seventy-ninth sessions of the Executive Committee of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CCEXEC), observing that the Commission would consider their recommendations under the relevant agenda items.
- 6. CAC43 noted:
 - (i) the discussions and conclusions contained in the reports of CCEXEC78 and CCEXEC79;
 - (ii) that work in the two CCEXEC sub-committees on the implementation of the Strategic Plan 2020-2025 and on the Application of the Statements of Principle Concerning the Role of Science was continuing although there were some delays due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the need for the Codex Secretariat and Chairpersons of the sub-committees to prioritize efforts to ensure continuity of Codex standard setting work;
 - (iii) that the intermediate report from the CCEXEC sub-committee on Codex and the Pandemic Strategic challenges and opportunities would be addressed under Agenda Item 3; and
 - (iv) that the recommendations of the Critical Review of CCEXEC79, including on adjournment of committees, would be addressed in conjunction with Agenda Items 5-11 on a committee by committee basis, and with Item 14 on Designation of Countries Responsible for Appointing the Chairpersons of Codex Subsidiary Bodies.

¹ <u>http://www.fao.org/director-general/speeches/detail/en/c/1309592/</u>

² https://www.who.int/dg/speeches/detail/the-43rd-session-of-codex-alimentarius-commission

³ Division of Competence between the European Union and its Member States (CRD1)

⁴ CX/CAC 20/43/1-Rev., CX/CAC 20/43/1 Add.1

⁵ REP20/EXEC1; REP20/EXEC2; CRD11 (Guatemala); CRD13 (India)

INTERMEDIATE REPORT OF THE CCEXEC SUB-COMMITTEE ON CODEX AND THE PANDEMIC – STRATEGIC CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES (Agenda Item 3)⁶

7. The Chairperson of the sub-committee, Vice-Chairperson Mariam Eid, highlighted the consultative approaches the sub-committee had taken to date to get broad input, the key issues that had been identified thus far, and the importance of using this Commission to get further input from Members and Observers.

Discussion

- 8. The Chairperson of the Commission congratulated the sub-committee on its work and thanked Members and Observers on the extensive, constructive comments provided in a short time, which showed the importance given to Codex work continuity. Given the need to proceed in a manner that allowed the Commission to make maximum progress on this issue, he proposed to structure the discussion in three parts as follows, taking into account the conclusions presented in part 5 of the intermediate report of the sub-committee:
 - Recognition of the Commission of the current situation and necessary actions between CAC43 and CAC44;
 - The procedural aspects related to the above, with a particular focus on CRD37 from the Codex Secretariat following consultations with the FAO and WHO legal offices; and
 - Input from Members and Observers to the ongoing work of the sub-committee and the required outputs of the sub-committee as well as the Codex Secretariat and any other key players in order to facilitate Codex work.

Part 1: Recognition of the Commission of the current situation and necessary actions between CAC43 and CAC44

9. The Chairperson noted the recognition of the need to use innovative tools and mechanisms to facilitate the progression of Codex work when physical meetings could not be convened and considered that there was broad support for CAC43 to recognize the current challenging situation and the overarching actions needed between now and CAC44 as proposed by the sub-committee.

Conclusions

- 10. CAC43:
 - i) recognized the challenges facing the Codex Alimentarius Commission in fulfilling its duties as the preeminent international food standards setting body due to the COVID-19 pandemic;
 - ii) recognized that while many Codex Committee meetings had to be postponed in 2020 this could not continue in 2021; and
 - iii) supported the use of modern tools and approaches by Codex subsidiary bodies in line with the Codex core values to ensure Codex work progressed in a timely and effective manner.

Part 2: Procedural aspects

Introduction

- 11. The Codex Secretary presented CRD37 that had been developed together with the FAO and WHO legal offices in response to the request of the sub-committee for easy to apply procedural mechanisms to allow Committees to meet and the work of the Commission to proceed in 2021, should physical meetings continue to be a challenge. He noted that 2020 had been a huge learning experience for Codex as would be 2021, for which he hoped to be better prepared.
- 12. The Secretary further noted that any new experience would allow the Codex Secretariat to develop and update practical guidance for chairpersons, host governments, Members and Observers. He highlighted that the focus in preparation of CRD37 had been to give Codex the procedural flexibility to continue its work, while maintaining Codex core values. In his view, there was no need to consider long-term changes of procedures at the moment, but that could be discussed in the future if needed.

⁶ CX/CAC 20/43/2; CRD15 (Argentina); CRD17 (Uruguay, Costa Rica and Ecuador); CRD27 (El Salvador); CRD28 (CropLife International); CRD29 (Members from the CCEURO region); CRD30 (Canada); CRD31 (Thailand); CRD32 (Indonesia); CRD33 (the United States of America); CRD34 (Malaysia); CRD35 (Nicaragua); CRD36 (National Health Federation, NHF); CRD37 (Codex Secretariat following consultations with the FAO and WHO legal offices); CRD38 (Kenya); CRD39 (Japan); CRD41 (Dominican Republic); CRD42 (Results of the in-session survey on virtual Codex meetings)

Meetings of subsidiary bodies

- 13. The Secretary recalled that CAC43 had supported the recommendation of the sub-committee not to further postpone Codex committee meetings if they could not meet physically. For the many subsidiary body meetings planned for 2021, it could be expected that some or all of them would have to meet virtually. It had thus been considered that a time-limited dispensation could greatly simplify the planning process, which could be done by interpreting paragraphs 7 and 8 of Rule XI Subsidiary Bodies of the Procedural Manual in a manner that the "place" of a meeting is not limited to a physical place, but also includes a virtual setting. He clarified that this gave the flexibility to discuss the situation of each meeting with FAO, WHO and the relevant Chairperson and host government to determine the date and place of the meeting, which could then be either physical or virtual.
- 14. The Secretary noted that CRD37 proposed that this recommendation should be limited to 2021 pending a "more comprehensive review" of the Rules of Procedure of the Codex Alimentarius Commission and clarified that having such a review was not inevitable and it would be for the Commission to decide based on the experience gained during 2021.

Meetings of the Executive Committee

- 15. Regarding meetings of the Executive Committee in 2021, the Codex Secretary clarified that CRD37 should have made reference to both CCEXEC80 and CCEXEC81 and in response to a query clarified that by endorsing this proposal, no further endorsements (as had been required for CCEXEC79) would be required from CCEXEC Members for CCEXEC80 and CCEXEC81 to be held virtually.
- 16. He also clarified that the agendas for the meetings would be proposed based on discussions among the Chairperson, FAO and WHO and the Codex Secretariat and then would be discussed at the adoption of the agenda, and as experience with virtual meetings increased, handling of meeting agendas would hopefully become more efficient allowing implementation of the maximum amount of work.

Meeting of CAC44

- 17. The Codex Secretary indicated that it was intended to convene CAC44 from 8-13 November 2021 (subject to confirmation by FAO and WHO), in order to give sufficient time to implement the meetings of subsidiary bodies which would have to be spread out over more days if held virtually.
- 18. He further noted that as it remained uncertain as to whether CAC44 could be held physically, any specific arrangements for a virtual session of CAC would be considered separately and closer to the meeting itself.
- 19. In response to questions raised, the Secretary clarified that the main issue to be addressed in the event of a virtual CAC44 would be the voting procedures for elections of a new Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons. He further confirmed that any specific rules or procedures in relation to the implementation of a virtual session of CAC44 would be subject to endorsement of the Members using a process similar to the endorsement process for CAC43.

Conclusions:

- 20. CAC43:
 - agreed, on an exceptional basis in view of the circumstances surrounding the pandemic that, with respect to meetings and sessions of the Codex Subsidiary Bodies to be held in 2021, Rule XI (7) and (8) may be interpreted in a manner that includes a virtual setting;
 - ii) agreed, on this basis, that Codex Subsidiary Bodies may be held virtually in 2021, if determined appropriate by FAO and WHO, in consultation with the host governments concerned and the Codex Secretariat;
 - iii) agreed that the 80th and the 81st sessions of the Executive Committee may be held virtually in 2021 should physical meetings not be possible; and
 - iv) noted that if CAC44 needed to be held virtually, procedural arrangements for elections would be developed by the Codex Secretariat in cooperation with the legal offices of FAO and WHO and presented to the Codex membership for endorsement.

Part 3: Ongoing work of the sub-committee and other actions required

21. A real-time survey was undertaken in the course of the session to collect feedback from delegates on: i) the various factors that are important to them as participants to a virtual meeting; ii) factors to consider when planning a virtual meeting; iii) mechanisms, practices or tools to support efficient virtual meetings; as well as providing delegates with the opportunity to submit specific comments regarding arrangement of virtual

meetings. The results have been published as CRD42 for consideration as appropriate by the sub-committee and the Codex Secretariat, together with other inputs.

22. The Commission continued its discussion on the expectations of both the sub-committee and the Codex Secretariat. Delegations were committed to continuing the work of Codex by virtual means and appreciated the achievements to date by CCEXEC79 and CAC43. CAC43 noted the following comments and observations of Delegations on different topics:

Virtual meetings

- Virtual meetings provide the opportunity to broaden participation in Codex meetings given the often significant financial costs of travel and participation in physical meetings and should be considered as a tool for Codex work in the long-term, and not just in response to the current pandemic.
- Virtual meetings should not compromise Codex' commitment to the development of science-based standards.
- Transparency and adherence to all other core values of Codex are critical irrespective of meeting format.
- There remains a strong wish to return to physical meetings as soon as possible.

Hybrid meetings

- 23. Concerns were expressed regarding the use of hybrid meetings and the challenges they represent in terms of upholding the core values of Codex due to for example technological issues, travel restrictions for some countries and inclusivity of virtual participants. Those delegations that expressed concern did not support the use of hybrid meetings in the near future.
- 24. The need to learn by experience
 - Members and Observers need to be open to these new ways of working and ready to learn from each virtual meeting.
 - The existing mandate of the sub-committee was supported and it was seen as especially important to evaluate how the pandemic has affected Codex, providing information on how the pandemic has impacted ongoing work in subsidiary bodies.
 - Best practices for when a physical meeting cannot take place need to be identified.
 - The importance of enabling participation and ensuring collaboration was stressed as well as the need for Codex to create organizational resilience to adopt to challenges, take this into account in the implementation of the strategic plan in the future and learn from the experience and resilience plans of other international organizations.
- 25. The need for efficient use of existing intersession tools to ensure the success of virtual meetings
 - Members should consider engaging more by replying to Circular letters (CLs) and actively participating in Electronic Working Groups (EWGs) for an efficient and effective preparation of virtual meetings.
 - There should be more emphasis on reaching conclusions/consensus in EWGs prior to the formal Codex meeting.
 - EWGs could use virtual meetings to facilitate their work.
- 26. Optimizing virtual Codex meetings
 - Planning, preparation and time management are critical for the success of virtual meetings.
 - There is a need to use tools that make virtual meetings more dynamic and permit online consultations.
 - The overall time-period for formal sessions should be limited to for example two weeks in order to facilitate continued engagement of Members, maintain the momentum of discussions, and avoid confusion between overlapping meetings.
 - Rotation of meeting times so that Members from certain regions are not always disadvantaged.
 - Avoid too many communication channels linked to each virtual meeting.
 - Support active participation of Members through for example preparatory webinars.
 - Present conclusions on screen if possible.
 - Address technological challenges associated with virtual meetings including connectivity and cybersecurity.

- 27. Practical guidance and procedural changes
 - There is no need for any procedural changes at this stage.
 - The guidance developed for participants to CAC43 could be used as the basis for guidance for other virtual Codex meetings.
 - Guidance is also needed for host countries and chairpersons of virtual meetings particularly on areas such as reaching consensus.

Further discussion after CCEXEC80/Follow-up to the sub-committee

28. The Coordinator for Europe, with reference to CRD29, which had been prepared by the Members from the European region, requested that the final report of the sub-committee be referred to CCGP32 for an open discussion especially for those issues that fall within the mandate of CCGP and called for support from the Commission on this matter.

Other delegations noted that no issues had been identified that required further procedural guidance or consideration by CCGP.

29. The Codex Secretary said, in response to a request for clarification on the process for subsidiary bodies to consider the report from the CCEXEC subcommittee, that typically the report of CCEXEC80 would be referred to all Codex committees for information and further consideration as appropriate under Matters Referred.

He further clarified that CCGP as one of the subsidiary bodies would be included in that referral process and would also, in line with its mandate, discuss the issue of virtual meetings. CAC44 would subsequently decide any further way forward.

30. The Chairperson of CCGP welcomed the work of the CCEXEC sub-committee and recalled the availability of CCGP to undertake any assessment and further evaluation that would be deemed necessary by CAC, consistent with the Committee's mandate.

Conclusions:

- 31. CAC43:
 - recommended that the sub-committee takes into consideration feedback received from Members, and in completing its work also considers how to ensure equity among Codex Members in terms of access to information, ability to submit views, allowing interventions, and consideration of time zones when holding virtual meetings;
 - ii) recommended to all subsidiary bodies and Members and Observers to make full use of existing remote working mechanisms such as EWGs and CLs and to plan their virtual committee meetings in such a manner as to optimize the possibility to complete their agendas; and
 - iii) requested the Codex Secretariat to prepare, in line with the recommendations from CCEXEC80 based on the work of the sub-committee:
 - a. practical guidance on effective participation in virtual meetings; and
 - b. good practice guidance for host country secretariats and Codex chairpersons regarding planning, preparation and chairing of virtual meetings;
- 32. CAC43 further recommended that CCEXEC80:
 - i) share its recommendations based on the report of the sub-committee with all subsidiary bodies for their information and further consideration as appropriate; and
 - ii) make recommendations to CAC44 on approaches to developing the longer-term resilience of Codex to external factors.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PROCEDURAL MANUAL (Agenda Item 4)⁷

33. CAC43 noted that there were no proposed amendments to the Procedural Manual.

FINAL ADOPTION OF CODEX TEXTS (Agenda item 5) ADOPTION OF CODEX TEXTS AT STEP 5 (Agenda item 6) REVOCATION OF CODEX TEXTS (Agenda item 7) PROPOSALS FOR NEW WORK (Agenda item 8) DISCONTINUATION OF WORK (Agenda item 9)

AMENDMENTS TO CODEX STANDARDS AND RELATED TEXTS (Agenda item 10) MATTERS REFERRED TO THE COMMISSION BY CODEX COMMITTEES (Agenda item 11)

- 34. The above-mentioned agenda items are reported as they were discussed, committee by committee, following the order as in the Critical Review of CCEXEC79⁸. A summary table of the decisions/adopted texts can be found in appendices II-VII.
- 35. The following notes apply to all items as appropriate:
 - Reservations on specific technical provisions will be reported in the discussion and not repeated in the conclusion.
 - For texts adopted at step 5/8 or 8:
 - o Editorial and language corrections will be made by the Secretariat prior to publication.
 - o Necessary endorsements will be indicated in the relevant conclusions with the exception of CCMAS endorsement, which can happen after publication.

FAO/WHO COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR AFRICA (CCAFRICA)⁹

36. For this committee, CAC43 considered the following items: Final adoption; Adoption at Step 5; Proposals for new work; and Amendments to Codex Standards and Related Texts. CAC43 followed the recommendations of CCEXEC79, for each of these items.

Final adoption of Codex texts (Agenda item 5)

Regional Standard for Fermented Cooked Cassava-based Products

Regional Standard for Fresh leaves of Gnetum spp.

37. CAC43 adopted the above regional standards at Step 8 noting that they will be published after endorsement by CCFA (fermented cooked cassava-based products only) and CCFL.

Adoption of Codex Texts at Step 5 (Agenda item 6)

Regional standard for dried meat

Discussion

- 38. Following questions raised on the scope of the draft standard, CAC43 recalled the decision of CAC39 (2016) (REP16/CAC, para 112), that "the regional standard would cover only: Dried meat produced and traded in the Africa region only, while products like biltong that are currently traded in the international markets would be excluded from the standard; Quality aspects, while safety aspects (i.e. hygiene, contaminants and pesticide and veterinary drugs residues) would be addressed by reference to existing Codex texts".
- 39. Argentina, Cuba, Colombia, Ecuador and Paraguay expressed their concern on the advancement of the text as a regional standard, as dried meat products were traded internationally. They expressed their strong interest in contributing to the work led by CCAFRICA in order to facilitate possible subsequent conversion to an international standard.
- 40. Members and an Observer from the African region supported the adoption of the draft standard at Step 5 noting that this was consistent with the procedure for development of regional standards, where decisions are taken by the majority of Members from the region. It was further stated that, once finalised, the standard would help promote trade in safe products within the African region under the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA); and that extension of the geographical scope could be discussed following adoption of a regional standard.
- 41. A Member, from outside the African region, pointed out that when CAC39 approved the new work on this regional standard, there was no proposal for a worldwide standard based on food safety or trade concerns with respect to dried meats and thus the standard was restricted to products made in the region and the draft developed on that basis. The Member encouraged Members and Observers from outside the region to provide comments at Step 6 if there were concerns about how the regional standard would affect them.
- 42. The Codex Secretariat recalled that in line with the Codex Procedural Manual, once new work on a regional standard was agreed by the Commission, decisions on the adoption of a regional standard at steps 5 and 8 were taken only by the Members of the relevant region. After adoption of the regional standard at step 8, the

⁸ REP20/EXEC2

⁹ CX/CAC 20/43/4-Rev.1; CX/CAC 20/43/5 Rev.1; CX/CAC 20/43/6; CX/CAC 20/43/7 Rev.1; CX/CAC 20/43/9; CX/CAC 20/43/11; CRD2 (Mali, Nigeria); CRD3 (Mali, Nigeria); CRD5 (Mali, Nigeria); CRD7 (Mali); CRD15 (Argentina); CRD20 (African Union); CRD23 (Senegal); CRD26 (Ecuador); REP20/EXEC2; REP20/AFRICA

Commission could consider the conversion of a regional standard into a worldwide standard following submission of a new work proposal documenting the need for a worldwide standard based on food safety or trade concerns. The Codex Secretariat also recalled that Members from a different region could always participate in the work of a regional committee as Observers and contribute to the work on relevant regional standards.

Conclusion

- 43. CAC43:
 - i) adopted the regional standard for dried meat at Step 5 and extended the deadline for completion of work to 2022; and
 - ii) noted that CAC could explore future opportunities to convert the regional standard for dried meat into a worldwide standard following its adoption.

Proposals for New Work (Agenda Item 8)

Development of Guidelines for Supporting the Development of Harmonised Food Laws for the CCAFRICA Region

Discussion

44. One Delegation welcomed the development of a high-level regional guidance that would contribute to public health and trade, and that the support and cooperation of multilateral agencies including FAO and WHO was important in assisting developing countries to strengthen the food control infrastructure in countries. Another delegation noted that the work would greatly assist the region in: the harmonization of standards; strengthening conformity assessment systems; mutual recognition of food control systems; and defining capacity development needs aimed at strengthening food control systems at national and regional level among others.

Conclusion

45. CAC43 approved the new work proposal.

Amendments to Codex Standards and Related Texts (Agenda item 10)

Regional Standard for Unrefined Shea Butter (CXS 325R-2017)

46. CAC43 adopted the amendments to the *Regional Standard for Unrefined Shea Butter* (CXS 325R-2017).

FAO/WHO COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR NORTH AMERICA AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC (CCNASWP)¹⁰

47. For this committee, CAC43 considered the following items: Final adoption and Adoption at Step 5. CAC43 followed the recommendations of CCEXEC79 for these items.

Final adoption of Codex Texts (Agenda item 5)

Regional standard for kava products for use as a beverage when mixed with water (Step 5/8)

Discussion

- 48. The Commission was informed that CCCNASWP15 had agreed to task the Coordinator to work with the Member countries of the region to resolve the few outstanding issues prior to CCEXEC79 and should consensus be reached the Coordinator would at CCEXEC79 recommend omission of Steps 6 and 7 and submission for adoption at Step 8 at CAC43. As all outstanding issues had been resolved, CCEXEC79 recommended adoption at step 5/8.
- 49. The United States of America expressed its reservation to the adoption of the proposed draft regional standard due to food safety concerns.

Conclusion

50. CAC43 adopted the Regional standard for kava products for use as a beverage when mixed with water at Step 5/8 noting the reservation by the United States of America and that the standard would be published following endorsement of the provisions for labelling by CCFL.

¹⁰ CX/CAC 20/43/4 Add.1 Rev.1; CX/CAC 20/43/6; CX/CAC 20/43/7 Rev.1; CRD26 (Ecuador); REP/20/EXEC2; REP20/NASWP

Adoption of Codex Texts at Step 5 (Agenda item 6)

Regional standard for fermented noni fruit juice

51. CAC43 adopted the regional standard at Step 5 and extended the deadline for the completion of the work to adoption by CAC in 2022.

FAO/WHO COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR ASIA (CCASIA)¹¹

52. For this committee, CAC43 considered the following items: Revocation of Codex texts and Proposals for new work. CAC43 followed the recommendations of CCEXEC79 for these items.

Revocation of Codex texts (Agenda item 7)

53. CAC43 revoked the provisions for monosodium tartrate (INS 335(i)), monopotassium tartrate (INS 336(i)) and dipotassium tartrate (INS 336(ii)) in the *Regional Standards for Soybean Paste* (CXS 298R-2009) and *Chilli Sauce* (CXS 306R-2011).

Proposals for New Work (Agenda item 8)

Development of a regional standard for soybean products fermented with Bacillus species

54. CAC43 approved the new work proposal.

Development of a regional standard for quick frozen dumpling

55. CAC43 approved the new work proposal on the development of a regional standard for quick frozen dumpling, noting that as recommended by CCEXEC79, products to be covered should be specific to and predominantly traded in the region.

Development of a regional standard for cooked rice wrapped in plant leaves

Discussion

56. A Member pointed out that in developing this regional standard, CCASIA should carefully consider the scope and product definition as a variety of products with similar traits were widely produced and consumed in some Asian countries.

Conclusion

57. CAC43 approved the new work proposal.

CODEX COMMITTEE ON FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES (CCFFV)¹²

- 58. For this committee, CAC43 considered the following item: Final adoption. CAC43 followed the recommendations of CCEXEC79 for this item.
- 59. The adopted standards will be published following endorsement of the provisions for labelling by the Codex Committee on Food Labelling (CCFL).

Final adoption of Codex texts (Item 5)

Standard for kiwifruit (Step 8)

Discussion

- 60. CAC43 noted the following reservations:
 - The EU, Indonesia, Iran, Norway and Switzerland: Reservation on allowing a tolerance for decay in "Extra Class". In their view, products in "Extra Class" should be superior and of exceptionally high quality. The EU noted that the experience gained over 30 years with the implementation of the UNECE Standard FFV-46 for kiwifruit had confirmed that there was no need to introduce a tolerance for decay in "Extra Class", even when transported over long distances and highlighted that they would continue to apply a zero tolerance for decay in "Extra Class" of kiwifruit as in the UNECE standard.
 - Argentina and Uruguay: Reservation on the tolerance for decay for "Extra Class" (i.e. 0.5%), as in their view the proposed level of tolerance (i.e. 0.5%) did not take into account the long distances

¹¹ CX/CAC 20/43/8; CX/CAC 20/43/9; CRD4 (the Philippines); CRD5 (the Philippines); CRD18 (China); CRD19 (Indonesia); CRD24 (Thailand); REP20/EXEC2; REP20/ASIA

¹² CX/CAC 20/43/4-Rev.1; CX/CAC 20/43/5 Rev.1; CRD2 (Mali, Nigeria, Thailand); CRD13 (India); CRD15 (Argentina); CRD19 (Indonesia); CRD20 (African Union); CRD22 (Dominican Republic); CRD23 (Senegal); CRD24 (Thailand); CRD26 (Ecuador); REP20/EXEC2; REP20/FFV

between the producing countries and the export markets. This could limit trade to countries that are geographically close and restrict international trade thereby contradicting the mandate of Codex.

• Colombia: Reservation regarding the inclusion of the tolerances for decay in the quality categories. In its opinion, there were sanitary and phytosanitary risks associated with the trade of products affected by rot. There was no definition at Codex level of what is generally understood as products affected by rot, and the inclusion of such a provision in a standard intended to promote quality and safety of the products was rather contradictory. Tolerances for decay were part of the agreements between the customer and the supplier and this was beyond the Codex standard.

Conclusion

61. CAC43 adopted the standard for kiwifruit at Step 8.

Standard for fresh garlic (Step 8)

Discussion

62. CAC43 noted the reservation of Colombia on the inclusion of the tolerances for decay in the section on quality tolerances for the same reasons expressed in para 60 in relation to kiwifruit.

Conclusion

63. CAC43 adopted the standard for fresh garlic at Step 8.

Standard for ware potatoes (Step 8)

Discussion

- 64. CAC43 noted the following reservations:
 - Thailand: Reservation on the provision allowing a tolerance for decay in "Extra Class";
 - Costa Rica, Paraguay and Uruguay: Reservation on the proposed percentage of tolerance for soil; and
 - Colombia: Reservation on the inclusion of the tolerances for decay in the provisions on quality.

Conclusion

65. CAC43 adopted the standard for ware potatoes at Step 8.

Standard for yam (Step 5/8)

Discussion

- 66. CAC43 noted the following reservations:
 - Thailand: Reservation on the provision allowing a tolerance for decay in "Extra Class";
 - Costa Rica: Reservation on the inclusion of the one percent tolerance for dirt and impurities; and
 - Colombia: Reservation on the inclusion of the tolerances for decay in the provisions on quality.

Conclusion

67. CAC43 adopted the standard for yam at Step 5/8.

COMMITTEE ON FOOD HYGIENE (CCFH)¹³

68. For this committee, CAC43 considered the following items: Final adoption; Adoption at Step 5; and New work proposals. CAC43 followed the recommendations of CCEXEC79 for these items.

¹³ CX/CAC 20/43/4-Rev.1; CX/CAC 20/43/5 Rev.1; CX/CAC 20/43/6; CX/CAC 20/43/7 Rev.1; CX/CAC 20/43/9; CRD 2 (Mali, Morocco, the Philippines); CRD3 (Mali, the Philippines); CRD5 (Mali, the Philippines); CRD11 (Guatemala); CRD12 (Chile); CRD13 (India); CRD14 (El Salvador); CRD15 (Argentina); CRD19 (Indonesia); CRD20 (African Union); CRD22 (Dominican Republic); CRD23 (Senegal); CRD24 (Thailand); CRD25 (Nicaragua); CRD26 (Ecuador); REP20/EXEC2; REP20/FH

Final adoption of Codex Texts (Agenda item 5)

Code of Practice on Food Allergen Management for Food Business Operators

Discussion

69. Members supported adoption of the text as recommended by CCFH51 and CCEXEC79. An Observer, while not opposed to adoption of the Code of Practice, highlighted the need for inclusion of guidance for quantitative risk assessment and precautionary allergen labelling.

Conclusion

70. CAC43 adopted the draft Code of Practice on Food Allergen Management for Food Business Operators at Step 8 noting that the Code of Practice could be revised in future following scientific advice from FAO/WHO and completion of the work on guidance on precautionary allergen labelling in CCFL.

Revision of the General Principles of Food Hygiene and its HACCP annex (GPFH)

Discussion

- 71. Some Members from the LAC region, while supporting adoption and referring to written comments, highlighted:
 - the need to address the Spanish translation problems to ensure that the text could be easily understood and effectively implemented; and
 - the importance of the decision tree for identifying critical control points (CCP) as it was essential for implementation of HACCP.
- 72. Other Members, while not opposed to the adoption of the text, requested the inclusion of a provision requiring periodic medical screening of food handlers as an essential risk management measure to prevent the transmission of pathogens from food handlers to food. One of these Members highlighted the importance of this requirement especially in light of the COVID-19 pandemic stating this was a requirement also in their national legislation.
- 73. The Chairperson of CCFH clarified that:
 - work on the decision tree was currently at Step 2 of the procedure and would be considered at the next session. The decision tree is a useful tool for the application of the general principles document; and
 - there had already been considerable discussion in CCFH on the medical screening of food handlers and that CCFH had noted that this type of screening was ineffective; and that it was not necessary to introduce employee health regulation in an international document on an issue that is regulated at the national level. COVID-19 was not a foodborne disease and therefore not a useful example to use for the inclusion of medical screening of food handlers.
- 74. The Representative of FAO voiced his full support to the views expressed by the Chairperson of CCFH with regard to medical screening of food handlers. He further reassured all delegates that FAO, together with WHO, would continue to closely observe the development of COVID-19 and issue suitable guidance to food business operators and regulatory authorities. The Representative stated that COVID-19 was not known to be transmitted through food, could not be considered a food safety problem and therefore at the current stage, no particular considerations for Codex texts were necessary.

Conclusion

- 75. CAC43 adopted the revised GPFH at Step 5/8 and noted that:
 - work on the decision tree to identify critical control points (CCPs) will continue in CCFH so that once completed it could be included in the GPFH as an annex;
 - Spanish translation corrections will be made prior to the publication of the GPFH; and
 - the GPFH could be revised in future following experience with its implementation.

Adoption of Codex Texts at Step 5 (Agenda item 6)

Guidance for the Management of Biological Foodborne Outbreaks

76. CAC43 adopted the Guidance at Step 5.

Proposals for New Work (Agenda Item 8)

Development of Guidelines for the Safe Use and Reuse of Water in Food Production

77. CAC43 approved the new work proposal.

FAO/WHO COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR THE NEAR EAST (CCNE)¹⁴

78. For this committee, CAC43 considered the following items: Final adoption; Proposals for new work; and Discontinuation of work. CAC43 followed the recommendations of CCEXEC79 for these items.

Final Adoption of Codex Texts (Agenda Item 5)

Regional Standard for Mixed Zaatar

79. CAC43 adopted the regional standard at Step 8 noting that it would be published following endorsement by CCFA and CCFL.

Proposals for New Work (Agenda Item 8)

Regional standard for maamoul

80. CAC43 approved the new work proposal.

Discontinuation of Work (Agenda Item 9)

Regional standard for labneh

81. CAC43 discontinued the ongoing work to develop a regional standard for labneh.

COMMITTEE ON NUTRITION AND FOODS FOR SPECIAL DIETARY USES (CCNFSDU)¹⁵

82. For this committee, CAC43 considered the following items: Final Adoption, Adoption at Step 5, and Discontinuation of Work. CAC43 followed the recommendations of CCEXEC79 for these items.

Final Adoption of Codex Texts (Agenda item 5)

Inclusion of food additives provisions in CXS 72-1981

83. CAC43 adopted the provisions for xanthan gum (INS 415) and pectins (INS 440) as thickeners in the *Standard* for Infant Formula and Formulas for Special Medical Purposes Intended for Infants (CXS 72 -1981).

Adoption of Codex Texts at Step 5 (Agenda item 6)

Review of the Standard for Follow-up Formula: Section B: proposed draft scope, definition and labelling

Discussion

- 84. Members while not opposed to the adoption at Step 5 highlighted, amongst others, the need for further consideration of the:
 - *definition* expressing either support or opposition for the text in square brackets;
 - *name of the product* especially with regard to the use of the term "drink" which could be misleading and in conflict with the *General Standard for Food Additives*; and
 - section 9.6.5 as the current wording could be misinterpreted.
- 85. One Member, supported by Observers also proposed that references to WHO documents and WHA resolutions be included in the scope in line with the *Standard for Infant Formula and Formulas for Special Medical Purposes* (CXS 72-198).
- 86. Some Observers expressed the view that the text was not ready for adoption at Step 5 as the current name of the product was not appropriate and misleading and gave the impression that these products were necessary; and that cross promotion was not sufficiently addressed in the labelling section. Some Members noted the progress made by the Committee on these provisions and called for the Commission to acknowledge that progress.

¹⁴ CX/CAC 20/43/4 Rev.1; CX/CAC 20/43 5 Rev.1; CX/CAC 20/43/9 Add.1; CX/CAC 20/43/10; REP20/EXEC2; REP20/NE
¹⁵ CX/CAC 20/43/4-Rev.1; CX/CAC 20/43/5-Rev.1; CX/CAC 20/43/6; CX/CAC 20/43/7-Rev.1; CX/CAC 20/43/10; CRD2 (Mali, the Philippines, Thailand); CRD3 (Mali, the Philippines, Thailand); CRD6 (Mali, the Philippines); CRD13 (India); CRD15 (Argentina); CRD19 (Indonesia); CRD20 (African Union); CRD22 (Dominican Republic); CRD23 (Senegal); CRD24 (Thailand); CRD25 (Nicaragua); CRD 26 (Ecuador); REP20/EXEC2; REP20/NFSDU

- 87. To a request regarding the purpose of the footnote in section 2.1.1, the Codex Secretariat reiterated his statement made at CCNFSDU41 and clarified that the intent of the footnote was to provide factual information.
- 88. The Chairperson of the Committee noted that the text put forward for adoption at Step 5 was a result of a high degree of inputs and of the joint efforts of delegates to CCNFSDU41, and reflected compromises made by many to achieve a common goal. However, it was very clear that some parts of the text could not be entirely addressed and had to remain in square brackets. She assured delegates that these issues would be discussed thoroughly as soon as CCNFSDU met again, hopefully in November 2021. The Step process foresaw further submission of comments at Step 6 and discussions at the next session, and the next meeting would be used accordingly.

Conclusion

89. CAC43 adopted Section B: proposed draft scope, definition and labelling at Step 5 and noted that all technical comments should be resubmitted at Step 6 for consideration by CCNFSDU42.

Guideline for Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Foods (RUTF)

Discussion

- 90. One Member supporting adoption of the proposed draft guideline for RUTF highlighted the need for locally sourced raw materials to be included in the Guidelines as this would encourage farmers and local producers to produce the relevant raw materials of the required quality.
- 91. An Observer noted that RUTF can be one solution in emergency situations and that such foods should be used for treatment only (of malnourished children); and it should not be permitted to enter the general food market. She expressed the view that the current guidelines needed further work to include safeguards that would ensure that breastfeeding is protected especially for infants from age 6 months.

Conclusion

92. CAC43 adopted the proposed draft Guidelines at Step 5 and noted that all technical comments should be resubmitted at Step 6 for further consideration by CCNFSDU.

Discontinuation of Work (Agenda Item 9)

Condition for a claim for "free" of trans fatty acid (TFAs)

- 93. CAC43 discontinued the work on a condition for a claim for "free of" TFAs, and in view of the importance of the addressing TFAs, noted that other committees such as CCFL and CCFO could consider risk management options to address TFAs.
- 94. One delegation noted the importance of the issue related to TFAs and that other committees should consider work on this topic.

Definition for biofortification

95. CAC43 discontinued the work on a definition for biofortification.

AD HOC CODEX INTERGOVERNMENTAL TASK FORCE ON ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE (TFAMR)¹⁶

96. For this task force, CAC43 considered the following item: Adoption at Step 5. CAC43 followed the recommendations of CCEXEC79 and its critical review on adoption at Step 5.

Adoption at Step 5 (Agenda item 6)

Revised Code of Practice to Minimize and Contain Foodborne Antimicrobial Resistance (CXC 61-2005)

Discussion

97. CAC43 noted that in recognition of the substantial progress made on the different sections of the revised Code of Practice (CoP) over the last three sessions of TFAMR, there was broad support for the adoption of the revised CoP at Step 5.

¹⁶ CX/CAC 20/43/6; CX/CAC 20/43/7 Rev.1; CRD3 (Mali, Nigeria, the Philippines); CRD16 (HealthforAnimals); CRD19 (Indonesia); CRD 20 (African Union); CRD21 (Republic of Korea); CRD22 (Dominican Republic); CRD24 (Thailand); CRD26 (Ecuador); REP20/EXEC2; REP20/AMR

- 98. CAC43 also noted that the global fight against AMR was a priority for Codex Members and because of the important role for Codex to protect public health, Codex Members were committed to work constructively to address all remaining issues in the CoP to allow its finalization by TFAMR08 and adoption by CAC44.
- 99. Concerns were raised on some provisions of the CoP, notably related to Principles 5 and 7 and delegations raising these concerns considered that even though these two principles did not contain any square brackets, there should be an opportunity for further discussion before finalizing the CoP at TFAMR08.
- 100. These delegations also highlighted the relationship between the two documents under consideration by TFAMR, i.e. the CoP and the Guidelines on integrated monitoring and surveillance of foodborne antimicrobial resistance (GLIS), noting that both documents were complementary and the need to ensure consistency while reviewing both documents in view of their finalisation at TFAMR08.
- 101. Thailand and Egypt reserved their position on Principle 5 and indicated they would provide further comments for consideration at the next session of TFAMR.

Switzerland reserved their position on Principles 5 and 7 and suggested further discussion at TFAMR08.

- 102. The European Union noted that AMR continued to be a high priority for the EU and its Member States and as Codex played a key role in protecting public health, it should be ambitious in line with the recommendations of the Interagency Coordination Group on Antimicrobial Resistance (IACG) as endorsed in the UN Secretary-General's report of 10 May 2019. The delegation considered that the current draft revision of the CoP (CXC 61-2005) still lacked that ambition and that they strongly believed that no antimicrobial agents should be used for growth promotion. While recognizing the progress made on revising the CoP, and not objecting its adoption at Step 5, they reiterated the concerns recorded in their comments and would welcome the opportunity to continue the discussion of Principle 5 and Principle 7.
- 103. Norway noted that AMR was a global threat, and it was especially important for Codex to progress in the common fight to combat AMR. The Delegation supported the adoption of the CoP while underlining the following concerns for the ambitions of the work and the need for further discussions:
 - The CoP should apply to all antimicrobial agents because all antimicrobial agents can lead to increased resistance, and cross- and co-resistance can contribute to increased resistance to medically important antimicrobial agents.
 - The use of all antimicrobial agents for growth promotion should be phased out in line with the recommendation given by the UN Secretary General in his report to the General Assembly and supported by the WHO/FAO/OIE Tripartite.
 - The prudent use of all antimicrobial agents should be promoted including a ban on the preventive use of antibiotics in groups of animals. This should be only allowed for individual animals in exceptional cases. Medically important antimicrobial agents should not be allowed for prophylactic use.
- 104. The Russian Federation opposed the adoption of the CoP at Step 5. The Delegation noted that AMR had been a global challenge for many years and the emergency to resolve this issue continued to date. Although acknowledging that a lot of progress had been made during the revision of the CoP, there were still key provisions in the text, such as principles and definitions, that allowed for routine (prophylactic) use of medically important antimicrobials (MIA), including critically important antimicrobials and those that cause co- and cross-resistance to them, which posed a risk to human health. The Delegation reaffirmed its view that the use of such antimicrobials should be restricted to treatment only. Furthermore, the delegation highlighted that use of antimicrobials as growth promoters should be phased out as recommended by UN IACG in their latest report of May 2019 and highlighted that the new CoP should not be weaker or less ambitious than the already existing CoP. The delegation drew attention to the fact that many delegations expressed their concerns on key provisions of the new version of CoP. Therefore, the CoP should not be forwarded to the next step without those concerns being addressed and resolved at TFAMR08.
- 105. The Observers of NHF and ENCA shared the views expressed by the EU, Norway and the Russian Federation.
- 106. Other delegations supported the adoption of the revised CoP at Step 5 in order to advance with its finalization and to consolidate the consensus reached on key definitions and concepts. They proposed that further work focus on discussing outstanding issues identified at TFAMR07 and avoid reopening issues that had been extensively discussed to the extent possible. They noted that this would avoid undue delays with the finalization of the revised CoP, which was an important tool for the design and implementation of national, regional and global action plans to combat AMR and was also in line with the recommendation of CCEXEC79. It was further noted that the CoP as currently revised represented the best possible balance between aspiration and pragmatism and would enable the CoP to be applicable worldwide.

- 107. These delegations also noted that focusing the further discussion on bracketed text in the revised CoP would help ensure there was adequate time for discussion of the GLIS, to which they also attached great importance, in order to bring both documents to completion at TFAMR08 as well as to ensure coherence in relation to common and complementary provisions between the two texts.
- 108. The United States of America indicated that they supported the adoption of the revised CoP at Step 5 as substantial progress had been made at TFAMR07, including agreement on key provisions of the COP. The Delegation appreciated the ongoing work of the EWG on the CoP to address the remaining bracketed text and believed that addressing AMR remained a global public health priority and so it should be a priority for Codex. In addition, it was important that TFAMR make every effort to bring its work to conclusion at its next session and therefore avoid reopening text which has already been extensively discussed, as much as possible, and focus on unresolved issues. The Delegation further noted that CCEXEC is charged with critical review of standards development and giving guidance to CAC subsidiary bodies on work management.
- 109. The TFAMR Chairperson thanked the Members for their commitment to progressing the CoP and the extensive discussions and agreements reached at the last session. The TFAMR Chairperson encouraged Members to adopt the CoP at Step 5, while taking into account the recommendation of CCEXEC79, and to further discuss any remaining issues of concern during the next session of TFAMR in a constructive way to aid a consensus-based decision-making process in the plenary session. Building on areas of consensus already achieved will be important to enable the TFAMR to complete the revision of the CoP and progress work on the Guidelines in order to fulfil its mandate within the timeframe allocated to TFAMR by CAC. He further noted that the CoP could be revised in future in light of new developments in science and technology, but efforts should be made to finalize the CoP at the next TFAMR based on science and knowledge available to date.
- 110. The Chairperson of the EWG on the CoP noted the last TFAMR had been faced with very difficult and complex issues where members expressed a high degree of commitment to find solutions and to reach consensus. The wording that was proposed for adoption at Step 5 reflected the compromises made to achieve a common goal. He noted that, based on written and oral comments submitted, there was general support to adopt the CoP at Step 5 notwithstanding reservations on specific provisions by some Members. Observing that a small amount of work remained in square brackets, he assured Members that all comments would be considered in the EWG and expressed optimism that an agreement could be found. He further noted that by providing focused comments at Step 6, the CoP could be completed at the next session of TFAMR. In addition, it was important to progress the work in Codex as the TFAMR was established to deal with an urgent public health issue recognized by the UN and considerable work was ongoing in the WHO/FAO/OIE Tripartite. It was important that Codex not be left behind.
- 111. The Codex Secretary:

(i) Explained that procedurally, in its task on deciding to adopt the revised CoP at Step 5, CAC would recognize the advances made in the language and structure of the text so that after a further round of comments (at Step 6) and discussion and finalization by TFAMR08 (at Step 7) the text could be sent to CAC44 for adoption at Step 8.

(ii) Noted that the terms of reference of the EWG on the CoP, as agreed by TFAMR07 and included in the report of that session, are "to address the outstanding issues in square brackets".

(iii) Clarified that in line with the Codex Procedural Manual "Step 6" meant that the revised CoP would be sent to all Members and Observers for comments on all aspects and that when making comments Members should take into account the linkages between CoP and GLIS.

(iv) Further clarified that CCEXEC makes recommendations as part of its core business, the Critical Review, to aid progression of the standards in the Step Procedure. These recommendations stand on their own merit for consideration by Codex Members when making comments and subsidiary bodies when discussing texts. For the work done on the CoP, CCEXEC79 had recommended that "TFAMR08 focus its discussion on the issues that had not been extensively discussed to date and avoid reopening provisions to the extent possible".

112. The Secretary noted in summary:

- The broad support for the adoption the CoP at Step 5 based on the significant progress made on the revision of the CoP.
- The commitment of Codex Members to work constructively in finding consensus on the remaining issues in the CoP and to finalize both the CoP and the GLIS at TFAMR08.
- The procedures in relation to the adoption of Codex texts at Step 5, the scope of comments at step 6 and the CCEXEC79 recommendation emanating from its critical review of the CoP.

Conclusion

113. CAC43 adopted at Step 5 the Revision of the *Codex of Practice to Minimize and Contain Foodborne Antimicrobial Resistance* (CXC 61-2005) and noted the reservation of the Russian Federation for the reason stated in paragraph 104.

CODEX COMMITTEE ON CEREALS, PULSES AND LEGUMES (CCCPL)¹⁷

114. For this committee, CAC43 considered the following item: Matters referred to the Commission by Codex Committees. CAC43 followed the recommendations of CCEXEC79 for this item. The Chairperson recalled the decision from CAC42 (2019) to delete section 3.2.7 (grain size) in the *Standard for Quinoa* if consensus could not be reached by the next session and the recommendation of the CCCPL Chairperson that the section be deleted due to lack of consensus.

Matters referred to the Commission by Codex Committees (Agenda item 12)

The section on grain size in the Standard for Quinoa (CXS 333-2019)

Discussion

- 115. CAC43 noted a correction to CX/CAC 20/43/12, Appendix I, para. 7(i) to include Peru on the list of Members who were in support of deleting the section on grain size and to delete Cuba from that list.
- 116. Bolivia was of the view that the section on grain size should be maintained in the *Standard for Quinoa* (CXS 333-2019) as this was consistent with other commodity standards of similar nature, where such sections were included; and that scientific studies had demonstrated that grain size was an essential quality characteristic of quinoa. This view was supported by Cuba who further emphasized that in their view, removal of the section on grain size would not be in compliance with the Codex rules and procedures.

Conclusion

- 117. CAC43 agreed to:
 - i) remove the section on grain size from the *Standard for Quinoa* (CXS 333-2019), noting the reservations of Bolivia and Cuba; and
 - ii) adjourn CCCPL sine die.

CODEX COMMITTEE ON PROCESSED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES (CCPFV)¹⁸

118. For this committee, CAC43 considered the following items: Final adoption and Revocation of Codex texts. CAC43 followed the recommendations of CCEXEC79 for these items.

Final adoption of Codex texts (Item 5)

Standard for gochujang (Step 5/8) Standard for chili sauce (Step 5/8) Revision to the Standard for Mango Chutney (CXS 160-1987) (Step 5/8) General standard for dried fruits (Step 5/8) General standard for canned mixed fruits (Step 5/8)

Discussion

- 119. The European Union and its Member States (EUMS) supported the decision of CCPFV that food additives, labelling and methods of analysis provisions would be forwarded to CCFA, CCFL and CCMAS, respectively, for endorsement. EUMS highlighted that further discussion should take place in CCFA when endorsing the food additive provisions in the standard for gochujang, chili sauce, Mango Chutney (*CXS 160-1987*) and dried fruits.
- 120. The Codex Secretariat explained that all standards would only be published following endorsement by CCFA and CCFL, whereas there was no need to wait for endorsement by CCMAS since CCMAS's endorsement would not affect the text of the standards.

Conclusion

121. CAC43 adopted the five standards at Step 5/8 subject to endorsement of CCFA and CCFL.

¹⁷ CX/CAC 20/43/12; CRD 8 (Cuba); CRD 22 (Dominican Republic); CRD 26 (Ecuador)

¹⁸CX/CAC 20/43/4 Add. 1 Rev.1; CX/CAC 20/43/5 Add.1; CX/CAC 20/43/8 Add.1; CRD13 (India); CRD19 (Indonesia); CRD22 (Dominican Republic); CRD24 (Thailand); CRD 26 (Ecuador)

Revision of Codex standards

Conclusion

122. CAC43 adopted the proposed revisions to the *Standard for Pickled Cucumbers* (CXS 115-1981), the *Standard for Canned Bamboo Shoots* (CXS 241-2003), the *Standard for Jams, Jellies and Marmalades* (CXS 296-2009) and the annex on French fried potatoes of the *Standard for Quick Frozen Vegetables* (CXS 320-2015).

Revocation of Codex texts (Item 5)

Conclusion

- 123. CAC43, consequential to the adoption at Step 5/8 of the above-mentioned standards, revoked the following standards:
 - Regional Standard for Gochujang (CXS 294R-2009)
 - Regional Standard for Chili Sauce (CXS 306R-2011)
 - Standards for Dried Apricots (CXS 130-1981), Dates (CXS 143-1985), and Raisins (CXS 67-1981)
 - Standards for Canned Fruit Cocktail (CXS 78-1981) and Canned Tropical Fruit Salad (CXS 99-1981)

Status of CCPFV

- 124. The Chairperson recalled the recommendations of CCPFV29¹⁹ and CCEXEC79²⁰.
- 125. The Chairperson of CCPFV thanked the participants of CCPFV for their participation and cooperation for the work of CCPFV. He recommended that CAC43 agree with the recommendation of CCPFV29 and CCEXEC79 to adjourn CCPFV *sine die* since CCPFV had completed its work, CCPFV had agreed to recommend adjournment, noting there had been low Member interest and participation, which was less than a quorum for the last five meetings. The Chairperson of CCPFV noted that cashew kernels had been considered low priority during CCPFV's Member survey in 2018. Furthermore, there were existing cashew kernel standards developed by other organizations. Therefore, the Chairperson of CCPFV considered the best option would be to place cashew kernels in a queue for future consideration. He also stressed that to adjourn CCPFV *sine die* would ensure that valuable Codex resources could be dedicated to work of highest priority work and participation.
- 126. India highlighted the pending work on developing standards for cashew kernels and dehydrated sweet potato, which had been approved as new work in 2017 by CAC40 and had been supported by three regional committees. India expressed its interest in commencing work on cashew kernels, it being an internationally traded commodity and suggested that the CCPFV continues working by correspondence as there had been precedence in Codex, where a committee remained active for taking up only one or two agenda items and worked through correspondence, e.g. Committees like CCMMP (Dairy permeate powders), CCCPL (Quinoa) and CCS (Dehydrated centrifuged sugarcane juice). Alternatively, India suggested to transfer the work on cashew kernels to a closely related committee such as CCFFV.
- 127. Indonesia supported the completion of the approved work in the CCPFV.
- 128. Ghana, Kenya, Senegal and Uganda stressed the importance of cashew kernels in Africa and supported commencing work on developing a standard for this product.
- 129. The Codex Secretary noted delegations' interest in tasking the CCFFV with the development of a standard for cashew kernels and clarified that as every Codex committee had to prioritize its work within its mandate, it was more appropriate to first request CCFFV to evaluate the feasibility of taking up this work.
- 130. Mexico, as host country of CCFFV, indicated that in their view the work on cashew kernels was within the mandate of CCPFV and it should be undertaken by CCPFV rather than CCFFV.
- 131. The United States of America, as host country of CCPFV, recalled that CCPFV had achieved its goals and completed all work that had been identified as a high priority. Low participation had been a challenge during the last five sessions of CCPFV whether held physically or by correspondence and the recent low participation in CCPFV29 could not be explained by travel considerations. The delegate further stressed that quite some time had passed since CAC had considered the cashew proposal and many things had changed since then and the current pandemic had also made countries adapt their priorities and resources for Codex work. They noted further that as no urgent food safety or trade issues related to cashew kernels had been identified it was best in their view to keep the proposal in a queue.

¹⁹ REP20/PFV, para. 35

²⁰ REP20/EXEC2, para. 64

Conclusion

- 132. CAC43 adjourned CCPFV *sine die* and requested CCFFV to consider the feasibility of taking up the task related to the development of a standard for cashew kernels.
- 133. India expressed their reservation to the adjournment of CCPFV.

CODEX COMMITTEE ON FISH AND FISHERY PRODUCTS (CCFFP)²¹

134. For this committee, CAC43 considered the following item: Proposals for new work. CAC43 followed the recommendations of CCEXEC79 for this item.

Proposals for New Work (Agenda item 8)

Amendment of the Standard for Canned Sardines and Sardine-Type Products (CXS 94-1981): inclusion of Sardinella lemuru (Bali Sardinella) in the list of Sardinella species under sec. 2.1

135. The Codex Secretariat introduced the proposal made by the Philippines to evaluate if the *Standard for Canned Sardines and Sardine-Type Products* (CXS 94-1981) could be amended to include the fish species *Sardinella lemuru* (Bali Sardinella) in the list of *Sardinella* species under section 2.1. The Secretariat further informed CAC43 that as the CCFFP was adjourned *sine die*, the host country (Norway) had considered the proposal in coordination with the Codex Secretariat in line with the Procedural Manual and that a Circular letter requesting comments had been distributed to all Members.

Discussion

- 136. A Member emphasized that a sensory evaluation should be carried out by three independent laboratories from different regions according to the Procedural Manual. Another Member with support from other delegations requested further information about the volume of the stock present in the natural environment and highlighted that the issue was particularly relevant as *S. lemuru* was included in the list of threatened species of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).
- 137. The Chairperson encouraged Members to focus on whether or not CCFFP should be reactivated to work by correspondence to evaluate if CXS 94-1981 could be amended to include *S. lemuru*, noting that it was not the role of the CAC to engage in detailed technical discussions.
- 138. The Chairperson of CCFFP clarified that the CCFFP, when reactivated, would work according to the *Procedure* for the Inclusion of Additional Species in Codex Standards for Fish and Fishery Products and consider technical issues raised by Members. The Chairperson of CCFFP further suggested, to efficiently progress the work, establishing an EWG led by the Philippines to facilitate discussion of technical issues and report its findings to CCFFP.

The Philippines, as the proponent of the proposed amendment (CRD5), cited that the comments of countries with respect to sensory evaluation and volume of stock in the natural environment among other concerns, could be appropriately addressed and discussed in great detail at the committee level; and expressed strong support to the suggestion made by the Chairperson of the CCFFP.

- 139. A Member underlined the importance of adhering to the procedures laid down in the Procedural Manual and that the host country of the Committee, Norway, should chair such technical discussions.
- 140. In response to the question of who would chair the proposed EWG, should it be established, the Chairperson clarified that this would be considered by CCFFP once reactivated.

Conclusion

141. CAC43 approved the proposal that CCFFP be reactivated to work by correspondence in accordance with the *Procedure for the Inclusion of Additional Species in Codex Standards for Fish and Fishery Products,* to evaluate if the *Standard for Canned Sardines and Sardine-Type Products* (CXS 94-1981) could be amended to include the fish species *Sardinella lemuru* (Bali Sardinella) in the list of *Sardinella* species under section 2.1.

CODEX COMMITTEE ON PESTICIDES RESIDUES (CCPR)22

142. For this committee, CAC43 considered the following item: Proposals for new work. CAC43 followed the recommendations of CCEXEC79 for this item.

²¹ CX/CAC 20/43/9 Add.1; CX/CAC 20/43/9 Add. 2; CRD5 (Morocco and the Philippines); CRD13 (India); CRD19 (Indonesia); CRD23 (Senegal); CRD24 (Thailand); CRD26 (Ecuador)

²² CX/CAC 20/43/9 Add.3; CRD5 (the Philippines); CRD22 (Dominican Republic); CRD23 (Senegal); CRD24 (Thailand); CRD25 (Nicaragua); CRD26 (Ecuador); CRD28 (CropLife International)

Proposals for New Work (Agenda item 8)

Priority list of pesticides for evaluation by the Joint FAO/WHO Meeting on Pesticide Residues (JMPR) in 2021

- 143. The Observer from NHF did not support the inclusion of chlorpyrifos in the priority list because in their view there were serious animal, plant and human health concerns. They proposed that in view of the resource constraints voiced by FAO and WHO at different meetings of CAC and relevant subsidiary bodies for the provision of scientific advice, JMPR could work more cost-effectively by cutting down on the evaluation of these kinds of compounds.
- 144. One Member highlighted that the list only indicated the compounds that would be evaluated by JMPR and that it was not for CCPR to decide on the use of this compound based on the outcomes of the safety assessment carried out by JMPR.

Conclusion

145. CAC43 approved the new work proposal on Priority lists of pesticides for evaluation by JMPR in 2021.

FAO/WHO COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR EUROPE (CCEURO)²³

146. For this committee, CAC43 considered the following item: Matters referred to the Commission by Codex Committees. CAC43 followed the recommendations of CCEXEC79 for this item.

Matters referred to the Commission by Codex Committees

Language policy in CCEURO

Discussion

147. In response to a question from a Member, the Codex Secretariat clarified that by adding Russian as an official language, CCEURO would work in four languages, English, French, Spanish and Russian, for which translation and interpretation would be funded by the Codex Secretariat budget.

Conclusion

148. CAC43 agreed that CCEURO would work in four languages (English, French, Spanish and Russian) and that the Codex Secretariat would propose how to accommodate the additional costs sustainably.

STANDARDS AND RELATED TEXTS HELD AT STEP 8 BY THE COMMISSION²⁴

Draft maximum residue limits for recombinant bovine somatotropins (rbSTs)

149. The Codex Secretary recalled that CAC38²⁵ (2015) had agreed to retain the draft MRL for rbSTs at Step 8 to allow further time to facilitate consensus on the adoption of these MRLs.

Conclusion

150. CAC43 noted that these MRLs would continue to be held at Step 8.

CODEX BUDGETARY AND FINANCIAL MATTERS: REPORT 2018-2019 AND PROGRESS 2020-2021 AND PROPOSAL 2022-2023 (Agenda Item 12)²⁶

- 151. The Codex Secretariat presented the budget report, which was divided in three parts Part 1 on expenditure for 2018-2019; Part 2 on the budget situation for the current biennium 2020-2021; and Part 3, on the budget proposal for 2022-2023.
- 152. The Secretariat noted that Parts 1 and 2 had already been considered by CCEXEC79 and recalled that:
 - the budget for 2018-2019 had been fully used due to efficient budget monitoring and allocation of resources; and
 - for the 2020-2021 budget, adjustments had to be made to ensure Codex work continuity to the extent possible, considering the COVID-19 pandemic. It was likely that further adjustments would be necessary due to the continuing uncertainties.
- 153. The Secretariat explained that for the 2022-2023 budget proposal, the pandemic was creating uncertainty regarding the future working mechanisms of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies. A review of the impact

²³ CX/CAC 20/43/12

²⁴ CX/CAC 20/43/4-Rev.1, Part 2; CRD2 (The Philippines, Morocco); CRD22 (Dominican Republic)

²⁵ REP15/CAC, para. 62

²⁶ CX/CAC 20/43/13

of the pandemic would be carried-out in 2021 to better guide the work planning process for 2022-2023 also taking into account the outcome of the work of the CCEXEC sub-committee on Codex and the Pandemic.

- 154. The Secretariat further referred to the importance of implementing the Codex Strategic Plan 2020-2025, in particular the new Goal 3 on use and impact of Codex Standards and on efficient work systems (Goal 5). The Secretariat highlighted the need to invest in upgrading the IT infrastructure of Codex to facilitate virtual working and noted that the resources required for these activities may be identified through possible savings or resource mobilization, or a combination of the two.
- 155. Based on the current analysis and uncertainties, the Secretariat proposed to maintain the budget for the 2022-23 biennium at the same level of funding as for the 2020-2021 biennium.

Discussion

- 156. The Member States of the European Union (MSEU) recognized the difficulties in budget planning for the current and next biennium and confirmed their support for a swift transition to a resilient digital Codex that was able to implement its strategy despite interruptions of physical meetings. They suggested that the CCEXEC provide advice on this matter as part of its mandate to study special issues.
- 157. The MSEU further recalled the recommendation of CAC42 that FAO and WHO develop a strategy for sustainable funding from their regular budgets for scientific advice in support of Codex activities. They welcomed the additional funding of USD 1 million allocated by FAO and that World Health Assembly Resolution 73-5 also highlighted the importance of sustainable, predictable and sufficient resources from WHO on scientific advice. They requested that an update on these matters be provided by FAO and WHO at CAC44.
- 158. The United States of America also recalled the importance of the scientific advice programme to support Codex work. The Delegate seconded the MSEU's request for an update at the CAC44 on the activities carried out by FAO and WHO regarding sustainable funding for scientific advice, acknowledging the additional funding provided by FAO and the protection of the Codex budget in the recent FAO restructuring. They also stressed the importance of carrying out as much scientific advice work as possible through virtual meetings, while physical meetings were not possible.

Conclusion

- 159. CAC43:
 - noted the information contained in the report for 2018-2019, the progress report for 2020-2021 and the proposal for 2022-2023 noting further that the latter was subject to revision pending the outcome of the work of the CCEXEC sub-committee on Codex and the Pandemic and approval by FAO and WHO;
 - ii) recognized the challenges presented by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and welcomed the commitment of the Codex Secretariat to look at the impact of the pandemic on the Codex Budget and to provide CCEXEC with an update to the work plan for 2020-2021 taking into account the outcome of the work of the CCEXEC sub-committee on Codex and the Pandemic.
 - iii) emphasized the importance of implementing the Codex Strategic Plan 2020-2025, noted the importance of Goal 3 in light of the current situation and encouraged Members and the Codex Secretariat to work together to implement the Plan; and
 - iv) recognized the importance of maintaining and supporting the FAO/WHO scientific advice programme and the efforts made by FAO and WHO to sustain its funding and noted the importance of work continuation through virtual tools if physical meetings were not possible.

APPOINTMENT OF THE COORDINATORS (Agenda Item 13)²⁷

- 160. The Secretariat informed CAC43 that all six Coordinating Committees had met since CAC42, had discussed the issue of the next Coordinator and in the case of five of the committees, the next Coordinator had been nominated. As CCAFRICA23 was not in a position to nominate a new Coordinator to succeed Kenya, the Members of the region held an extraordinary informal virtual meeting in response to CL 2020/33-AFRICA and agreed to nominate Uganda as the next Coordinator for Africa, therefore obviating the need to enact the related proposal in CX/CAC 20/43/14.
- 161. The Chairperson of the Commission invited CAC43 to note the information provided by the Codex Secretariat and invited the six outgoing Coordinators to address the plenary. The Coordinators recalled some of the highlights and achievements of their terms, reflected on the current and future role of Codex in their regions,

²⁷ CX/CAC 20/43/14; CRD14 (El Salvador); CRD21 (Republic of Korea); CRD22 (Dominican Republic); CRD26 (Ecuador); CRD40 (Coordinator for CCAFRICA)

and expressed appreciation for the support received during their tenure. Some of the key points were as follows:

- The Coordinator for Africa, Kenya, recalled the importance of both Codex standards and active participation in Codex work for the region, as well as the efforts of Kenya to strengthen cooperation and prioritize food safety in the region noting the need to maintain the current momentum by reaching out to other regions on matters of mutual interest.
- The Coordinator for Asia, India, recalled both achievements and challenges including the development of a practical framework for successful coordination among its Members and the adoption of new regional standards and the need to maintain Member participation, underlining the necessity to balance the Committee's work between the generic food safety aspects and the capacity building needs of Member countries.
- The Coordinator for Europe, Kazakhstan, highlighted their efforts to raise awareness on the importance of Codex in the region and strengthen engagement of previously inactive Members in Codex work, stressing the improved consolidation and coordination between the EU and the non-EU countries.
- The Coordinator for Latin America and the Caribbean, Chile, recalled their contribution to building constant and close communication among all the Members of the region and beyond and to channelling the potential of its countries through South-South cooperation. He further noted that the region's capacity to produce food to contribute to meeting the needs of the increasing global population means that its participation in and contribution to Codex will be important for all.
- The Coordinator for Near East, Iran, stressed the great potential of the coordinating committees to directly contribute to food safety and health programs, and that during its term the focus had been on efforts to address critical and essential aspects of food safety at national and regional level.
- The Coordinator for North America and South-West Pacific, Vanuatu, noted the importance of adopting the regional standard for kava recalling the challenges faced and overcome by the region in developing its first regional standard, highlighting the importance of working collectively to overcome whatever challenges we face in Codex.
- 162. The Coordinators also congratulated their successors, wishing them well in their new role.
- 163. CAC43 thanked the outgoing Coordinators for their great efforts and dedication to the work of Codex over many years and welcomed the incoming Coordinators to their new role.

Conclusion

- 164. In accordance with Rule IV.2 of the Commission's Rule of Procedure, and on the basis of the nominations made by the Coordinating Committees, the following Members of the Commission were appointed/re-appointed as Coordinators to hold office from the end of CAC43 until the end of the first regular session of the Commission following the next session of the relevant Coordinating Committee (in accordance with current plans this would be until the end of CAC45 (2022)):
 - CCAFRICA: Uganda
 - CCASIA: China
 - CCEURO: Kazakhstan (re-appointed)
 - CCLAC: Ecuador
 - CCNE: Saudi Arabia
 - CCNASWP: Fiji

DESIGNATION OF COUNTRIES RESPONSIBLE FOR APPOINTING THE CHAIRPERSONS OF CODEX SUBSIDIARY BODIES (Agenda Item 14)²⁸

- 165. On behalf of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of the Commission as well as the Members and Observers, Vice-Chairperson Mr Purwiyatno Hariyadi expressed appreciation to the Member countries responsible for appointing chairpersons of Codex Subsidiary bodies recalling their relentless efforts to ensure Codex achieved its mandate.
- 166. One Member raised the issue of longer timelines for completion of work in Codex committees not meeting annually and specifically those committees with a heavy workload, e.g. CCFFV and the Codex Committee on

²⁸ CX/CAC 20/43/15; CRD 13 (India); CRD22 (Dominican Republic)

Spices and Culinary Herbs, and the possibility of convening these meetings annually. The Member while referring to the related discussions on this issue in CCEXEC77 and CCEXEC78 also requested that CAC and CCEXEC review the sequencing and frequency of such Codex Committees on priority basis.

167. Conclusions

- i) CAC43 confirmed the designation of the Host Governments as in CX/CAC 20/43/15.
- CAC43 adjourned *sine die* CCCPL following the finalization of the work on the *Standard for Quinoa*²⁹ and CCPFV following completion of its work³⁰, expressing its gratitude to the United States of America as host country of the two committees and noting its willingness to continue hosting CCCPL and CCPFV should any new work so require.
- iii) CAC43 reactivated CCFFP to work by correspondence to evaluate if the Standard for Canned Sardines and Sardine-Type Products (CXS 94-1981)³¹ could be amended to include the fish species Sardinella lemuru (Bali Sardinella) in the list of Sardinella species therein.
- iv) CAC43 noted that CCEXEC would review the sequencing and frequency of meetings of Codex Committees at one of its next sessions.

OTHER BUSINESS (Agenda Item 15)

168. There were no items for other business.

²⁹ CX/CAC 20/43/12

³⁰ CX/CAC 20/43/4 Add.1. Rev. 1; CX/CAC 20/43/5 Add.1

³¹ CX/CAC 20/43/9 Add.1; CX/CAC 20/43/9 Add.2

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Regional standard for fermented cooked cassava-	REP20/AFRICA		
based products	Para. 76, Appendix III	N07-2015	Adopted
	REP20/AFRICA		
Regional standard for fresh leaves of <i>Gnetum</i> spp.	Para. 84, Appendix IV	N09-2015	Adopted
Regional standard for kava products for use as a beverage when mixed with water	REP20/NASWP Para. 96 (i) and (ii), Appendix III	N01-2017	Adopted
	REP20/FFV		
Standard for kiwifruit	Para. 23, Appendix II	N11-2014	Adopted
	REP20/FFV		
Standard for fresh garlic	Para. 38,	N09-2014	Adopted
	Appendix III REP20/FFV		
Standard for ware potatoes	Para. 50,	N08-2014	Adopted
	Appendix IV		Adohied
	REP20/FFV		
Standard for yam	Para. 74,	N01-2018	Adopted
	Appendix V		
Code of practice on food allergen management for food	REP20/FH		Adopted
business operators	Para. 26,	N05-2018	
	Appendix II		
Revision of the General Principles of Food Hygiene	REP20/FH		Adopted
(CXC 1-1969) and its HACCP annex	Para. 88,	N03-2016	
	Appendix IV REP20/NE		
Regional standard for mixed zaatar		N13-2013	Adopted
	Para. 87 REP20/NFSDU		
Inclusion of xanthan gum (INS 415) and pectins (INS 440) in CXS 72-1981		-	Adopted
	Para. 166		-
Standard for Gochujang	REP20/PFV	N17-2017	Adopted
	Para. 13, App. II		
Standard for Chili Sauce	REP20/PFV	N1/ 2017	Adapted
	Para.15, App. III	N14-2017	Adopted
Revision to the Standard for Mango Chutney (CXS 160-	REP20/PFV	NI45 0047	Adopted
1987)	Para. 17, App. IV	N15-2017	
	REP20/PFV		Adopted
General standard for dried fruits	Para. 21, App. V	N18-2017	
	REP20/PFV		_
General standard for canned mixed fruits	Para. 26, App. VI	N19-2017	Adopted
	i aia. 20, App. VI		

Standards and Related Texts	Reference	Job No.	Status
Revision to the Standards for Pickled Cucumbers (CXS	REP20/PFV		
115-1981), <i>Canned Bamboo Shoots</i> (CXS 241-2003) and <i>Jams, Jellies and Marmalades</i> (CXS 296-2009)	Para. 31, App. VII, Part B	-	Adopted
Revision to the Annex on French fried potatoes of the	REP20/PFV		A. J
Standard for Quick Frozen Vegetables (CXS 320-2015)	Para. 33, App.VIII	-	Adopted

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Standards and Related Texts	Reference	Job No.	Status
Regional standard for dried meat	REP20/AFRICA Para. 102, Appendix V	N07-2016	Adopted
Regional standard for fermented noni fruit juice	REP20/NASWP Para. 83 (i), Appendix II	N01-2013	Adopted
Guidance for the management of biological foodborne outbreaks	REP20/FH Para. 103, Appendix III	N06-2018	Adopted
Standard for Follow-up Formula: Section B: Proposed draft scope, definition and labelling	REP20/NFSDU Para. 85	N07-2013	Adopted
Guidelines for Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Foods (RUTF)	REP20/NFSDU Para. 122	N05-2016	Adopted
Revision of the Code of Practice to Minimize and Contain Foodborne Antimicrobial Resistance (CXC 61- 2005)	REP20/AMR Para. 126	N28-2017	Adopted

LIST OF DRAFT STANDARDS AND RELATED TEXTS ADOPTED AT STEP 5

Appendix IV

LIST OF REVOKED STANDARDS AND RELATED TEXTS

Standards and Related Texts	Reference
Provisions for monosodium tartrate (INS 335(i)), monopotassium tartrate (INS 336(i)) and dipotassium tartrate (INS 336(ii)) in the <i>Regional Standards for Soybean Paste</i> (CXS 298R-2009) and <i>Chilli Sauce</i> (CXS 306R-2011)	REP20/ASIA Para. 57, Appendix II
Regional Standard for Gochujang (CXS 294R-2009)	REP20/PFV Para. 14
Regional Standard for Chili Sauce (CXS 306R-2011)	REP20/PFV Para. 16
Standards for Dried Apricots (CXS 130-1981), Dates (CXS 143-1985), and Raisins (CXS 67-1981)	REP20/PFV Para. 22
Standards for Canned Fruit Cocktail (CXS 78-1981) and Canned Tropical Fruit Salad (CXS 99 -1981)	REP20/PFV Para. 27

Appendix V

Codex Body	Text	Reference and project document	Job No.
CCAFRICA	Guidelines for supporting the development of harmonised food laws for the CCAFRICA region	REP20/AFRICA, Para. 108	N01-2020
	The development of a regional standard for soybean products fermented with <i>Bacillus</i> species	REP20/ASIA, Para. 97 (i), Appendix V	N02-2020
CCASIA	The development of a regional standard for quick frozen dumpling	REP20/ASIA, Para. 102 (i), Appendix VI	N03-2020
	The development of a regional standard for cooked rice wrapped in plant leaves	REP20/ASIA, Para. 112 (i), Appendix VII	N04-2020
CCFH	Guidelines for the safe use and reuse of water in food production	REP20/FH, Para. 116, Appendix V	N05-2020
CCNE	The development of a regional standard for maamoul	REP20/CCNE, Para 109	N06-2020
		CX/PR 20/52/19, Appendices I and II	
CCPR	Priority lists of pesticides for evaluation by JMPR in 2021	CX/EXEC 20/79/2- Add.1, Appendix 3	N08-2020
		Annex I and II of this document	

LIST OF APPROVED NEW WORK

<u>Appendix VI</u>

Codex Body	Text	Reference
		REP20/NE
CCNE	Draft regional standard for labneh	Para. 45
CCNFSDU	Condition for a claim for "free of" TFAs	REP20/NFSDU
		Para. 131
	Definition for biofortification	REP20/NFSDU
		Para. 138

LIST OF DISCONTINUED WORK

Appendix VII

Codex body	Text	Reference	Status
CCAFRICA	Amendments to sections 3.2.2 and 3.4 of the <i>Regional standard for shea butter</i> (CXS 325R-2017)	REP20/AFRICA, paras 40-41, Appendix VI.	Adopted
CCCPL	Removal of the section on grain size from the <i>Standard for Quinoa</i> (CXS 333-2019)	CX/CAC 20/43/12	Adopted

AMENDMENTS TO CODEX STANDARDS AND RELATED TEXTS

Established under Rule XI.1(b)(i)			
Code	Subsidiary Body	Member Responsible	Status
CX 703	Codex Committee on Milk and Milk Products	New Zealand	Adjourned sine die
CX 708	Codex Committee on Cocoa Products and Chocolate	Switzerland	Adjourned <i>sine die</i>
CX 709	Codex Committee on Fats and Oils	Malaysia	Active
CX 710	Codex Committee on Sugars	Colombia	Adjourned <i>sine die</i>
CX 711	Codex Committee on Food Additives	China	Active
CX 712	Codex Committee on Food Hygiene	United States of America	Active
CX 713	Codex Committee on Processed Fruits and Vegetables	United States of America	Adjourned <i>sine die</i>
CX 714	Codex Committee on Food Labelling	Canada	Active
CX 715	Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling	Hungary	Active
CX 716	Codex Committee on General Principles	France	Active
CX 718	Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues	China	Active
CX 719	Codex Committee on Natural Mineral Waters	Switzerland	Adjourned <i>sine die</i>
CX 720	Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses	Germany	Active
CX 722	Codex Committee on Fish and Fishery Products	Norway	Active
CX 723	Codex Committee on Meat Hygiene	New Zealand	Adjourned <i>sine die</i>
CX 728	Codex Committee on Vegetable Proteins	Canada	Adjourned <i>sine die</i>
CX 729	Codex Committee on Cereals, Pulses and Legumes	United States of America	Adjourned <i>sine die</i>
CX 730	Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods	United States of America	Active
CX 731	Codex Committee on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables	Mexico	Active
CX 733	Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Certification and Inspection Systems	Australia	Active
CX 735	Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods	The Netherlands	Active
CX 736	Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs	India	Active
CX 804	Ad hoc Codex Intergovernmental Task Force on Antimicrobial Resistance	Republic of Korea	Active

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