REPORT OF THE THIRTEENTH SESSION OF THE CODEX COMMITTEE ON
FOOD IMPORT AND EXPORT INSPECTION AND CERTIFICATION SYSTEMS

Melbourne, Australia, 6 – 10 December 2004

Note: This report includes Codex Circular Letter CL 2004/59-FICS
To: Codex Contact Points
Interested International Organizations

From: Secretary,
Codex Alimentarius Commission, Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme
Viale delle Terme di Caracalla
00100 Rome, Italy

Subject: Distribution of the Report of the Thirteenth Session of the Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems (ALINORM 05/28/30)

The report of the Thirteenth Session of the Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems will be considered by the 28th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Rome, Italy, 4 – 9 July 2005).

A) MATTERS FOR ADOPTION BY THE 28TH SESSION OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION

Proposed draft Principles for Electronic Certification, advanced to Steps 5/8 of the Codex Procedure, with the omission of Steps 6 and 7 (ALINORM 05/28/30, Appendix II). See also para. 37 of this report.

Governments and interested international organizations in observer status with Codex are invited to comment on the above document and should do so in conformity with the Uniform Procedure for the Elaboration of Codex Standards and Related Texts and the Guide to the Consideration of Standards at Step 8 of the Procedure for the Elaboration of Codex Standards including Consideration of any Statements relating to Economic Impact (see Codex Alimentarius Procedural Manual). Comments should be forwarded to the Secretary, Codex Alimentarius Commission, Viale delle Terme di Caracalla, 00100 Rome, Italy (fax +39 06 57054593; e-mail codex@fao.org), preferably by e-mail, not later than 31 March 2005.

B) REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

Proposed draft Principles and Guidelines for Risk-based Inspection of Imported Foods, at Step 3 (ALINORM 05/28/30, Appendix III). See also paras 79-80 of this report.

Governments and interested international organizations in observer status with Codex wishing to submit comments should do so in writing in conformity with the Uniform Procedure for the Elaboration of Codex Standards and Related Texts (at Step 3) (see Codex Alimentarius Procedural Manual). Comments should be forwarded to Codex Australia, Australian Government Department of Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry GPO Box 858, Canberra ACT, 2601 (fax: 61.2.6272.3103; E-mail: codex.contact@affa.gov.au), with a copy to the Secretary, Codex Alimentarius Commission, Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme, Via delle Terme di Caracalla, 00100 Rome, Italy (Fax No + 39.06.5705.4593; E-mail: codex@fao.org) preferably by e-mail, not later than 31 March 2005.
Contents

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS page v
LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS page vii
REPORT OF THE 13TH SESSION OF THE CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD IMPORT AND EXPORT INSPECTION AND CERTIFICATION SYSTEMS page 1
SUMMARY STATUS OF WORK page 16

OPENING OF THE SESSION 1
ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA (Agenda Item 1) 2 - 3
MATTERS REFERRED / OF INTEREST TO THE COMMITTEE FROM THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION AND OTHER CODEX COMMITTEES (Agenda Item 2). 4 - 7
PROPOSED DRAFT APPENDICES TO THE GUIDELINES ON THE JUDGEMENT OF EQUIVALENCE OF SANITARY AND PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES ASSOCIATED WITH FOOD INSPECTION AND CERTIFICATION (Agenda Item 3a) 8 - 25
PROPOSED DRAFT PRINCIPLES FOR ELECTRONIC CERTIFICATION (Agenda Item 3b) 26 - 37
PROPOSED DRAFT GUIDELINES FOR RISK-BASED INSPECTION OF IMPORTED FOODS (Agenda Item 3c) 38 - 80
DISCUSSION PAPER ON TRACEABILITY/PRODUCT TRACING IN THE CONTEXT OF FOOD IMPORT AND EXPORT INSPECTION AND CERTIFICATION SYSTEMS (Agenda Item 4) 81 - 98
DISCUSSION PAPER ON THE REVISION OF THE GUIDELINES FOR THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION BETWEEN COUNTRIES ON REJECTION OF IMPORTED FOODS (Agenda Item 5) 99 – 102
DISCUSSION PAPER ON THE REVISION OF THE GUIDELINES FOR GENERIC OFFICIAL CERTIFICATES FORMATS AND THE PRODUCTION AND ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES (Agenda Item 6) 103 – 109
CLARIFICATION OF THE REFERENCE TO “A REASONABLE INTERVAL” IN THE CODEX GUIDELINES FOR IMPORT CONTROL SYSTEMS (Agenda Item 7) 110 – 114
OTHER BUSINESS AND FUTURE WORK (Agenda Item 8) 115 - 117
DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT SESSION (Agenda Item 9). 118

APPENDICES

APPENDIX I : LIST OF PARTICIPANTS page 17
APPENDIX II : PROPOSED DRAFT PRINCIPLES FOR ELECTRONIC CERTIFICATION (AT STEPS 5/8 OF THE ELABORATION PROCEDURES) page 37
APPENDIX III : PROPOSED DRAFT PRINCIPLES AND GUIDELINES FOR RISK-BASED INSPECTION OF IMPORTED FOODS (AT STEP 3 OF THE ELABORATION PROCEDURES) page 38
APPENDIX IV : PROJECT DOCUMENT – PROPOSAL FOR NEW WORK “PRINCIPLES FOR THE APPLICATION OF TRACEABILITY/PRODUCT TRACING IN THE CONTEXT OF FOOD IMPORT AND EXPORT INSPECTION AND CERTIFICATION SYSTEMS page 43
APPENDIX V : PROJECT DOCUMENT – PROPOSAL FOR NEW WORK “REVISION OF THE CODEX GUIDELINES FOR GENERIC OFFICIAL CERTIFICATE FORMATS AND THE PRODUCTION AND ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES page 45
SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

The Thirteenth Session of the Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems reached the following conclusions:

Matters for Adoption by the 28th Session of the Commission

The Committee:

• Agreed to advance the proposed draft Principles for Electronic Certification to Steps 5/8, with the omission of Steps 6 and 7, for adoption by the 28th Session of the Commission and to recommend the Commission to attach the Principles as an Appendix to the Codex Guidelines for Generic Official Certificate Formats and the Production and Issuance of Certificates (CAC/GL 38-2001) (see para. 37 and Appendix II).

Matters for Approval of the 28th Session of the Commission

The Committee:

• Agreed on the need to develop Principles for the Application of Traceability/Product Tracing in the context of Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems and to forward a project document for new work on the development of these Principles, through the Executive Committee, to the 28th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission for approval as new work. The Committee agreed that a Working Group would prepare proposed draft Principles for circulation for comments at Step 3 and consideration at its 14th Session (see paras 92, 94, 98 and Appendix IV);

• Agreed to forward a project document for new work on the revision of the Codex Guidelines for Generic Official Certificate Formats and the Production and Issuance of Certificates (CAC/GL 38-2001) through the Executive Committee, to the 28th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission for approval as new work. It also agreed that a Working Group would prepare a proposed draft revised Guidelines that, pending the approval of the Commission, would be circulated for comments at Step 3 and considered at its 14th Session (see paras 108-109 and Appendix V);

• Agreed to recommend to the 28th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission to footnote to paragraph 35 of the Codex Guidelines for Food Import Control Systems (CAC/GL 38-2001) the reference to the WTO Decision WT/MIN (01)/17 which inter-alia specified that ‘a reasonable interval’ “shall be understood to mean normally a period of not less than six months” (see para. 114).

Matters of Interest to the 28th Session of the Commission

The Committee:

• Agreed that work on the appendices to the Codex Guidelines on the Judgement of Equivalence of Sanitary Measures Associated with Food Inspection and Certification (CAC/GL 53/2003) should be carried out in a step-wise prioritized fashion. It agreed that a Working Group would prepare proposed draft Appendices on “Documentation for evaluation of submissions of requests for equivalence determinations”; “Determining an ‘objective basis of comparison’”; and, “More details on the process of judging equivalence” for consideration at its next session. The development of Appendices on “Assessing which measures are to be the subject of an equivalence determination” and “Terms for on-site visits by importing country authorities undertaking a determination of equivalence” would be carried upon completion of the first three appendices. As regards the Appendix on “Information relating to the need for technical assistance and cooperation between the importing countries to exporting countries”, the Committee agreed that the United States would prepare a discussion paper with a view to identifying which requirements could be developed by the Committee in this regard for consideration at its next Session (see paras 23-25);

• Agreed to return the renamed proposed draft “Principles and Guidelines for Risk-Based Inspection of Imported Foods” to Step 3 for circulation and comments. It further agreed that a Working Group led by the United States would revise the proposed draft Principles and Guidelines on the basis of the written comments requested at Step 3 and the discussion at the present session, for circulation, comments at Step 3 and further discussion at its 14th Session (see para. 80 and Appendix III);
Agreed that a Working Group would revise the discussion paper on the revision for the Codex Guidelines for the Exchange of Information between Countries on Rejection of Imported Foods (CAC/GL 25-1997) to clearly justify a need for revision of the guidelines so that the Committee at its 14th Session could decide on whether to initiate this new work (see para. 102);

Matters of Interest to other Committees

Codex Committee on General Principles

The Committee:

Supported the Definitions of Risk Analysis Terms related to Food Safety that were adopted by the 27th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission on an interim basis. In this regard, it was noted that these definitions were helpful to the work of the Committee, especially the work related to equivalence and that the development of a definition for “process criteria” might be added in the future to assist with the practical implementation of food control systems (see para. 7).
LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS REPORT

ALOP  Appropriate Level of Protection
CAC/GL  Codex Alimentarius Commission / Guidelines
CCASIA  FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Asia
CCFICS  Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems
CCLAC  FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Latin America and the Caribbean
CL  Circular Letter
CRD  Conference Room Document
EC  European Community
FAO  Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
ISO  International Organization for Standardization
IT  Information Technology
SPS  Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (WTO Agreement)
TBT  Technical Barrier to Trade (WTO Agreement)
UN/CEFACT  United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business
US  United States of America
WHO  World Health Organization
WTO  World Trade Organization
OPENING OF THE SESSION

1. The 13th Session of the Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems was held from 6 - 10 December 2004 in Melbourne, Australia, at the kind invitation of the Government of Australia. The Session was chaired by Mr Gregory Read, Executive Manager, Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service, Australian Government, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry. The Session was attended by delegates from 49 Member countries and 1 Member organization and Observers from 11 international organizations. The list of participants is attached to this report as Appendix I.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA (Agenda Item 1)\(^1\)

2. The Committee adopted the Provisional Agenda as its Agenda for the Session. The Committee agreed to discuss Agenda item 6 “Discussion Paper on the Revision of the Guidelines for Generic Official Certificate Formats and the Production and Issuance of Certificates” immediately after Agenda item 3b “Proposed draft Principles for Electronic Certification” due to the relationship between the two items. It was further agreed that the Delegation of Norway would provide information on a project on “Equivalence and Mutual Recognition in Trade Arrangements of Relevance for the WTO and the Codex Alimentarius Commission” under Agenda item 8 “Other Business and Future Work”.

3. The Delegation of the European Community presented CRD 4 on the division of competence between the European Community and its Member States according to Rule II.5 of the Rules of Procedure of the Codex Alimentarius Commission.

MATTERS REFERRED/OF INTEREST TO THE COMMITTEE ARISING FROM THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION AND OTHER CODEX COMMITTEES AND TASK FORCES (Agenda Item 2)\(^2\)

4. The Committee noted several of the general decisions by the 27th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission in relation to: Amendments to the Procedural Manual; Strategic Planning of the Codex Alimentarius Commission; Action Plan for Codex-wide Development and Application of Risk Analysis Principles and Guidelines; Review of the Mandates of Codex Committees and Task Forces; FAO/WHO Project and Trust Fund for Enhanced Participation in Codex; Relations between the Codex Alimentarius Commission and other International Organizations; Discussion on Traceability/Product Tracing in other Codex Committees, Task Forces and Coordinating Committees.

5. The Committee’s attention was drawn to the ISO paper (CRD 1)

6. The Committee noted that the 27th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission had adopted with amendments the Proposed draft Principles and Guidelines for the Exchange of Information in Food Safety Emergency Situations and had approved the elaboration of three new texts as proposed by the 12th Session of the Committee (see Agenda items 3a, 3b and 3c).

Definitions of Risk Analysis Terms related to Food Safety

7. The Committee supported the Definitions of Risk Analysis Terms related to Food Safety that were adopted by the 27th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission on an interim basis. In this regard, it was noted that these definitions were helpful to the work of the Committee, especially the work related to equivalence and that the development of a definition for “process criteria” might be added in the future to assist with the practical implementation of food control systems.

---

\(^1\) CX/FICS 04/13/1 and CRD 4 (Division of Competence between the European Community and its Member States)

\(^2\) CX/FICS 04/13/2; CRD 1 (Submission from ISO); CRD 6 (Comments of the European Community)
PROPOSED DRAFT APPENDICES TO THE GUIDELINES ON THE JUDGEMENT OF EQUIVALENCE OF SANITARY MEASURES ASSOCIATED WITH FOOD INSPECTION AND CERTIFICATION (Agenda Item 3a)³

8. The Delegation of the United States introduced the document as lead country of the Working Group. The Delegation suggested the Committee should consider work item 6 – technical assistance in light of principle “n” of Section 4 of the Codex Guidelines on the Judgement of Equivalence of Sanitary Measures associated with Food Inspection and Certification (CAC/GL 53-2003) namely “an importing country should give positive consideration to a request by an exporting developing country for appropriate technical assistance that would facilitate the successful completion of an equivalence determination” and the recommendation of the 54th Session of the Executive Committee to reword paragraph 3 of the project document in order to make it more consistent with other Codex texts in the area of food inspection and certification as “…matters related to technical assistance were not covered in Codex texts, as they were the responsibility of FAO and WHO. It was however noted that this was an essential issue for developing countries and that other Codex texts on inspection and certification included general references to the need for technical assistance and cooperation between the importing and exporting countries”⁴.

9. The Committee noted that the document contained proposals on the scope of the six appendices agreed to be prepared at its 12th Session and approved as new work by 27th Session of the Commission. It agreed to prioritize the work as the six work items could represent a substantial level of effort and technical complexity to be undertaken as a whole.

Prioritization of work items

10. The Committee agreed that work on the appendices should be carried out in a step-wise prioritized fashion and noted the following comments on the prioritization of work items: (1) Assessing which measures are to be the subject of an equivalence determination; (2) Documentation for evaluation of submissions of requests for equivalence determinations; (3) Terms for on-site visits by importing country authorities undertaking a determination of equivalence; (4) Determining an “objective basis of comparison”; (5) More details on the process of judging equivalence; and (6) Information relating to the need for technical assistance and cooperation between the importing countries to exporting countries.

11. The Delegation of Australia indicated that work item (4) should be given priority followed by work items (5) and (2). The Delegation considered that work item 4 was the essential element underpinning the other elements of the remaining items, while (5) was the logical sequence to assist in the development of (4). These work items could be developed at the same time in a working group while work items (1) and (3) could be deferred to a later stage until more clarity arrived from the completion of work on items (4), (5), and (2) and the work could be carried out in the same or another working group. The Delegation also considered that work item (6) should be reworded as recommended by the 54th Session of the Executive Committee and considered at a later stage if necessary. This view was shared by the Delegation of New Zealand.

12. The Delegation of the Netherlands, speaking on behalf of the Member States of the EC present at the Session, indicated that priority should be given to practical issues that could easily be addressed by work items (2), (3), and (5). While work on items (1) and (4) were linked to issues of definitions and principles, which might be difficult to complete, could be dealt in a second stage after completion of work items (2), (3), and (5). The Delegation was of the view that work with item (6) was out of the Codex mandate and was indeed addressed in other frameworks.

13. The Delegation of the Republic of Korea expressed the view that work items (1), (4), and (5) could be developed in the first year following by (2), (3), and (6) in the second year. The Delegation, as the Coordinator of CCASIA, expressed the view that most countries of Asia favoured further development of work item (6).

³ CX/FICS 04/13/3 and comments submitted by Argentina, Bolivia, Canada, Honduras, Mexico, New Zealand, Norway and the United States (CX/FICS 04/14/3-Add.1); India (CRD 7); Consumers International (CRD 8); and the EC (CRD 10)
⁴ ALINORM 04/27/4, paras 18-19
14. The Delegation of Norway concurred with Australia concerning work on items (4) and (5) and with the EC regarding work item (6). It further noted that in building-up “experience, knowledge, and confidence” there might be a need for guidance on quality assurance of export inspection and certification authorities and that this matter could be taken up in the elaboration of the relevant work items or as a standing-alone document that could be considered under Agenda Item 8 “Other Business and Future Work”.

15. The Delegation of Canada recommended that work items (1), (4), and (5) be undertaken as a matter of priority followed-up with items (2) and (3). The Delegation explained that these items would have an impact on the remaining ones and that until a better understanding of the issues surrounding the process used to establish equivalence was reached (1, 4, and 5) it would be difficult to establish principles around documentation required (2) and on-site visits (3). The Delegation concurred with the suggestion of the US Delegation related to work item (6) (see para.7).

16. The Delegation of Indonesia proposed that work items (1), (2) and (4) be undertaken as the first stage followed by work on items (3), (5) and (6). This proposal was supported by some delegations. Other delegations favoured initial work on item (1), (4), and (5) followed by (2), (3) and (6). Some delegations stressed that point (4) should be given highest priority among the prioritised items. All these delegations strongly supported development of work item (6) as a second step in the elaboration of the Appendices.

17. In view of the above discussion the Committee identified that work items (2), (4) and (5) should be given priority and had an exchange of views on their scope as in working document CX/FICS 04/13/3.

Scope of work items

Work Item (2)

18. The Delegation of Australia was of the view that the extent of documentation required for the evaluation of submissions on requests for equivalence determinations would depend on completion of work on items (4) and (5) and proposed the following alternative text for paragraph 13:

**NEW PARAGRAPH 13**

The extent of documentation will be determined following the assessment framework or criteria established as a result of work items (4) and (5).

19. The Observer from Consumers International indicated that all documentation submitted in the application for a determination of equivalence should be translated into an/the official language of the importing country. In paragraph 12 the Delegation of Canada proposed to delete “legal basis” and to refer only to “legislative basis” for consistency. The Delegation of Chile indicated that paragraph 14(e) was too broad and should focus on information on the food safety infrastructure of the exporting country in relation to the sanitary measure that was to be subject of the equivalence agreement.

**Work Item (4)**

20. The Delegation of Australia proposed the following changes: rewording of paragraph 18; insertion of a new paragraph 19 which picked up on paragraph 11(b), point 3 of work item (1); and revision of former paragraph 19 (new paragraph 20) condensing some provisions from the original paragraphs 18 and 19. These changes were supported by some delegations:

**NEW PARAGRAPH 18**

The importing country should specify as precisely as possible the objective basis of comparison. This should include a detailed elaboration of a-e above and define the contribution of the measure or measures to achieving the importing country’s ALOP.

**NEW PARAGRAPH 19**

Prior knowledge, experience, and confidence of the importing country with the exporting country’s food control system may permit a determination of equivalence of certain measures (e.g. legislation, programme design, implementation, monitoring) without further consideration.
NEW PARAGRAPH 20

The Scope of this work would consist of the elaboration of real or hypothetical examples of the determination of an objective basis of comparison for equivalence determinations of sanitary measures. Examples of these measures which might be considered for inclusion in the work could include: (a) food safety objectives, performance objectives and performance criteria established with respect to food hygiene, (b) microbiological criteria; (d) maximum residue limits for pesticide residues and residues of veterinary drugs in foods; (d) maximum levels for contaminants in foods; and (e) the application of statistical verification procedures to verify that the process control with respect to a hazard has been achieved.

21. The Delegation of India pointed out that paragraph 18 did not clarify how the examples could assist countries in understanding the application of an objective basis of comparison.

Work Item (5)

22. The Delegation of Canada was of the view that the intent of paragraphs 20 (c) and (e) needed greater clarity and that, in this respect, it would be more appropriate to develop mechanisms or establish some broad concepts around the issues of evaluating data packages and dealing with data uncertainty rather than developing specific mechanisms for this purpose.

Status of the proposed draft Appendices to the Guidelines on the Judgement of Equivalence of Sanitary Measures associated with Food Inspection and Certification

Work items (2), (4), and (5)

23. The Committee agreed that work on items (2), (4), and (5) should be given priority. In order to carry out this task, the Committee decided to reconvene the Working Group under the leadership of the United States in cooperation with Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Denmark, EC, France, India, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Norway, Republic of Korea, South Africa, Thailand, and Consumers International. The Committee also agreed that the Working Group would primarily work by correspondence and consider the possibility of a physical meeting in light of the discussion held among its members. The Committee further agreed that, when elaborating the appendices, the Working Group should also take into account the written comments submitted and the comments made at this Session. The Appendices would then be circulated for comments at Step 3 and consideration by the next Session of the Committee.

Work items (1), (3) and (6)

24. The Committee agreed that work on these items would be deferred until completion of work on items (2), (4) and (5). As these items were approved by the Commission as new work and in view of the new management function of the Executive Committee and the Critical Review, the Committee agreed to inform the Executive Committee of this decision.

25. As regards work item (6), the Committee agreed that the Delegation of the United States would prepare a discussion paper based on the recommendation of the Executive Committee and the need for technical assistance and cooperation referenced in other Codex texts on inspection and certification with a view to identifying which requirements could be developed by the Committee in this regard for consideration at its next Session.
PROPOSED DRAFT PRINCIPLES FOR ELECTRONIC CERTIFICATION (Agenda Item 3b)\(^5\)

26. In introducing the proposed draft Principles for Electronic Certification, the Delegation of Australia as lead country of the Working Group highlighted that the principles aligned with the principles in the Codex Guidelines for Generic Official Certificate Formats and the Production and Issuance of Certificates (CAC/GL 38-2001). The proposed draft principles: provided guidance to government export/import regulators that choose to exchange export certificates electronically; were technology neutral as they did not mandate a particular technology or Information Technology (IT) system; did not mandate countries to adopt electronic exchange nor the information to be exchanged between government regulators. It was also noted that there was a pressing need for these principles because quite a number of countries had adopted electronic certificate exchange and many others indicated their intention to follow this procedure in the near future and that governments were looking at Codex for guidance in this regard.

27. The Delegation of Australia also mentioned that the document referred to data elements set by the United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT) whose long-term goal was to standardize aspects of trade data elements. In this connection, it was noted that essential data dictionaries provided by UN/CEFACT incorporated ISO data standards; these dictionaries were updated on a regular basis and were accessible through the web site [www.unece.org/etrades.codesindex.htm](http://www.unece.org/etrades.codesindex.htm) with no restriction and cost.

28. It was also noted that the document contained a number of widely accepted security measures, such as controlling access to the system, auditing access, digital authentication of sender and receiver and use of firewalls to protect data inside a secure barrier and that, in drafting the document, due consideration had been given to the implications for developing countries and to contingency arrangements to minimise disruption to trade in the event of system unavailability.

29. The Committee, in acknowledging that electronic certification was an alternative tool to facilitate the transmission of certificates, generally supported the proposed draft principles. The need for technical assistance and guidance to developing countries, which choose electronic certification, was also emphasised.

30. In considering the document in detail, the Committee agreed to the following changes:

Principles for Electronic Certification (para. 3)

31. The Committee agreed to refer to “the competent authorities of the exporting and importing countries” throughout the text for clarity and consistency with the terminology used in other Codex documents.

First bullet

32. The verb “align” was substituted with “comply” for consistency with the language used in the Codex Guidelines for Generic Official Certificate Formats and the Production and Issuance of Certificates and the last part of the sentence, i.e. “where they can be applied in an electronic environment” was deleted as it was considered to be redundant.

Second bullet

33. The bullet was amended to make it less restrictive and to allow flexibility between trading partners on the most suitable means of transmitting certificates or in the information contained in them when using electronic means. A new sentence was added to this bullet, to mention that importing and exporting countries had to agree on the data elements and standardised conversions fields.

Third bullet

34. The Committee amended the bullet to refer to the need for assuring the integrity of the certification system to protect from fraud, infections from viruses and other malicious software. The Committee clarified the last part of the bullet to include some examples of measures that would assure the integrity of the system; it also specified the first example to read “digital authentication certificates” and added an additional example “or any other specifically developed security measures”.

\(^5\) CX/FICS 04/13/5 and comments at Step 3 submitted by Canada, Colombia, Iran, Mexico, New Zealand, United States (CX/FICS 04/13/2-Add.1) and European Community (CRD 6)
Fourth bullet
35. For clarity, the Committee modified the first sentence to refer to the protection of the system being accessed through unauthorized entries.

Fifth bullet
36. The sentence was amended to refer to the limitations of infrastructures and capabilities of developing countries.

Status of the proposed draft Principles for Electronic Certification
37. The Committee agreed to advance the proposed draft Principles to Steps 5/8, with the omission of Steps 6 and 7, for adoption by the 28th Session of the Commission (see Appendix II) and to recommend the Commission to attach the Principles as an Appendix to the Codex Guidelines for Generic Official Certification Formats and the Production and Issuance of Certificates (CAC/GL 38-2001).

PROPOSED DRAFT GUIDELINES FOR RISK-BASED INSPECTION OF IMPORTED FOODS (Agenda Item 3c)6
38. The Delegation of the United States, as lead country of the Working Group, introduced the proposed draft Guidelines for Risk-Based Inspection of Imported Foods and informed the Committee that the document had been developed in line with the following points:

- The need for transparency and harmonization with international science-based requirements;
- The need to ensure consistency between import and domestic requirements;
- The importance of science based decision making to identify risk and appropriate checks;
- Consideration of the exporting country’s inspection controls in determining the level of inspection needed at import;
- The need for expeditious processing of commodities at import; and,
- The importance of coordination among border control agencies to share information and reduce delays.

39. The Committee generally supported the development of the document. Some delegations expressed the view that the document should be an Annex to the Codex Guidelines for Food Import Control Systems (CAC/GL 47-2003) as it would ensure greater consistency, improve user friendliness and reduce repetitiveness; that the document should elaborate more the linkages of the categorization of risk and the intensity of inspection; and that the Committee should have a broader discussion on the meaning of “risk-based” in the context of the Guidelines and the degree to which a definition developed by the Committee should be aligned with that under development in the Codex Committee on Meat Hygiene.

40. With regard to whether the scope and content should be expanded to include the inspection of imported food regarding non-safety areas, some delegations expressed the view that the document should focus only on safety as the risk approach would be different for the inspection of safety and non-safety related issues.

Specific comments
41. The Committee considered the document (CX/FICS 04/13/3) in detail and, in addition to some minor editorial changes, including amendments to the French and Spanish translations, agreed to the following changes:

---

6 CX/FICS 04/13/5 and comments by Argentina, Canada, Colombia, Mexico, New Zealand, United States (CX/FICS 04/13/5, Add. 1), Brazil (CRD 5), European Community (CRD 6), China (CRD 9) and Indonesia (CRD 13)
Title

42. The Committee noted that the title of the document communicated very clearly the scope of the document; it included the term “Principles” to better reflect the content of the document and for consistency with the title of other texts developed by the Committee. Some delegations suggested reference to the term “health and programme” be made in the title.

Introduction

43. The Committee reversed the order of the first two paragraphs to more clearly establish the rationale for the document. In the renumbered paragraph 1, it was specified that the food safety risk presented by an “imported food” was dependent upon a number of factors.

44. In the renumbered paragraph 2, the term “conformance” was changed to “compliance” to add clarity and for consistency with the language of other Codex texts; the last part of the paragraph was amended to read “to ensure compliance of imported foods with the importing countries’ health and food safety requirements”.

45. In recognizing that the information in paragraph 3 was already included in the Section “Designing a Risk-based Programme: Categories of Risk”, the Committee deleted the entire paragraph.

46. Paragraph 5 (renumbered 4) was rewritten to better specify that the implementation of a risk-based design increased the effectiveness of an imported food inspection programme to ensure greater attention to products presenting a higher level of risk to human health. The Committee added a footnote to “risk-based” to refer to the definition under development in the Codex Committee on Meat Hygiene. The footnote was put in square brackets to further consider how best to define “risk-based” in the light of the work in other Committees.

Scope

47. Paragraph 7 (renumbered 6) was moved under the “Scope”. The paragraph was rearranged to better highlight the relationship of the document with the Codex Guidelines for Food Import Control Systems. The Codex Principles and Guidelines for the Exchange of Information in Food Safety Emergency Situations (CAC/GL 19-1995, Rev.1-2004) was also added to the texts listed in the paragraph.

48. Paragraphs 8, 9 and 10 (renumbered 7, 8 and 9) were amended to refer to “principles and guidelines” for consistency with previous decision regarding the title. The Committee agreed that the scope of the principles and guidelines was food safety and deleted the second and third sentence of paragraph 9 referring to areas other than food safety. The Observers from Consumers International and 49P did not support this deletion as they considered that matters related to economic fraud were relevant to consumers’ protection.

Objectives

49. The Committee split paragraph 11 (renumbered 10) into two paragraphs to better separate the process of risk categorization related to the product per se from the reduction of risk expected from the various forms of assurances of compliance which could result in a reduction in the intensity of inspection. The text of the two paragraphs was amended for clarity. For consistency with previous decision, “conformity” was replaced by “compliance” and “threat” was changed to “risk” as defined by Codex.

Principles

50. The Committee agreed that it was more appropriate to restrict the statements in the guidelines to the issue of controls of imported foods and amended the first bullet of paragraph 12 to indicate that the “requirements for the inspection of imported food should be developed using a risk analysis approach”.

51. The second bullet was amended for consistency with the decision regarding paragraph 11 (renumbered 10 and 11); the examples were deleted as they did not contribute to the understanding of the document and could give rise to interpretations that were restricted to the examples presented. As the term “intensity” was deleted in the revised bullet, the related footnote was moved to the renumbered paragraph 11, where the term first appeared. The footnote was revised to refer to “sampling plan” instead of “proportion of product examined” for clarity.

---

7 See Procedural Manual of Codex Alimentarius “Definitions of Risk Analysis Terms related to Food Safety”
52. The third bullet was clarified to point out that the intensity of inspection of a specific food should be correlated with the risk category attributed to it and for consistency with the revised paragraphs 10 and 11; the term “growers” was deleted as it was encompassed in “producers” and for consistency with the language used in the Codex Guidelines for Food Import Control Systems; “the food control systems in the exporting country” was added to the elements that the intensity of food should take into account.

53. A new bullet (fourth) was added to refer to sampling plan. As the new bullet was very similar to the fifth bullet, the latter was deleted.

54. The Delegation of Brazil suggested changing the wording of the fourth bullet to bring the text into conformity with paragraph 2.3 of the WTO Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS) as follows: “The inspection system and related requirements should not arbitrarily or unjustifiably discriminate between exporting countries where identical or similar conditions prevail and border/point of control inspection of imported food should not result in disguised restriction to trade”. The Committee did not support the proposal. The fourth bullet was deleted and the concept of unnecessary delays/expeditious processing of commodities was incorporated in the sixth bullet (new fifth bullet).

55. In the sixth bullet (new fifth bullet) the term “checks” was replaced by “inspection” for clarity.

56. In the seventh bullet (new sixth bullet) “acceptability” was replaced with “compliance” as being more precise.

57. The Delegation of India suggested revising the eighth bullet to read “Border/point of control inspection procedures should ensure that rejections of imported foods are scientifically justified and correct” in order to ensure that inspection procedures of imported food are scientifically justified. Some delegations considered the proposal not specific to risk-based inspection and, due to the lack of consensus, it was not retained. The Committee amended the bullet to state that the information on sampling plans and risk categories attributed to foods, requirements used to determine compliance of food products and other information on clearance procedures should be transparent, easily accessible and up-to-date.

58. The last bullet of paragraph 12 was deleted as the exchange of information on rejections resulting from inspection was already included in the Codex Guidelines for the Exchange of Information between Countries on Rejection of Imported Foods (CAC/GL 25-1997).

Designing a Risk-based Programme

59. The Committee aligned the text in paragraph 13 with the text of the first bullet of paragraph 12.

Categories of risk

60. Paragraph 14 was moved under the Section “Designing a Risk-based Programme” as it reflected both the initial categorization and the consideration of additional factors. The terms commodity/ies was substituted with “food” or “products” for consistency with the terms used in the document; in the last part of the paragraph a reference was added to the type of production, to recognize that the production method used was important in determining the risk categorization. A last sentence “The intensity of inspection may be adjusted according to demonstrated compliance to food safety requirements” was added to refer to the consideration of additional factors.

Additional factors for assigning food to a risk category

61. Paragraph 15 was re-written to clarify the concept that the competent authority should use an evidence-based approach to design a risk-based programme which ensures that border/point of control checks for specific products are proportionate to the risk to human health. The Committee agreed that the use of terms related to risk categorization should be changed throughout the text for consistency with the revised paragraph and/or for grammatical correctness. Therefore, it agreed to put all these terms in square brackets in view of their revision. In the third bullet the term “growers” was deleted in accordance with previous decisions and a new bullet was added to refer to the “third party inspection bodies”.

62. The Committee agreed to the proposal of the Working Group to delete the sub-headings under the Section “Designing Risk-based Programme” because of the difficulty in making them consistent with the concepts highlighted in the revised paragraph 15.
63. In the first sentence of paragraph 16 the verb “should” was changed to “may” to allow for a less demanding provision; a new sentence was added to state that the risk category and the manner of establishing it should be fully documented.

64. The Committee amended paragraph 17 to refer to risk categorization for consistency with the language used throughout the document. Although the need to ensure transparency was considered very important, the Committee felt that a requirement for advanced notification of the risk categorization’s review to the authorities of exporting countries was too cumbersome and impractical to apply and that it was already adequately covered in paragraph 35 (renumbered 33).

**Developing Requirements and Procedures**

65. The Committee noted that the provisions outlined in the Section “Other Consideration” of the Codex Guidelines for Food Import Control Systems related to the agreements where the competent authorities assess the control that importers impose on suppliers were relevant to a risk-based inspection programme and included language in this regard to paragraph 18.

66. The last part of the first sentence of paragraph 18, the last part of paragraph 20 and the first sentence of paragraph 21 were amended for consistency with the revised text in paragraph 15 and for grammatical correctness.

67. In paragraph 22, the Committee expanded the list of factors leading to changes in the risk categorisation of a product to include: results of audits conducted in the exporting country; the detection of non-compliances at the point of import and detection of pathogens, contaminants and potentially harmful residues in imported food; and the results of border/point of control checks. The sentence was also modified to underscore the concept that a product was placed in a higher category of risk until it was confirmed that corrective measures had been introduced and were implemented effectively. In this regard, it was understood that an importing country should evaluate that corrective action had been put in place by the exporting country within a reasonable interval of time. The third sentence was clarified to state that the occurrence of further outbreaks should be prevented. The last sentence related to the inclusion in some instances of auditing of exporting countries procedures was deleted.

68. In paragraph 23, the Committee specified that audit results and results of border/point of control inspections demonstrated the conformance of foods with the importing country’s requirements.

69. Paragraph 25 was deleted in its entirety as it repeated the principle in sixth bullet of paragraph 12 (i.e. new fifth bullet).

70. The Committee removed the term “credible” in the first bullet of paragraph 26 (renumbered 25); it deleted the second bullet as information of epidemiological results was implicitly included in the meaning of risk assessment. In recognising that it was not realistic to aim at statistical validity of sampling plans at border/point of control checks and there were no validated inspection procedures, the Committee agreed to refer to “scientifically based sampling plan” in the third bullet and to amend the fourth bullet point to “appropriate inspection procedures, appropriate sampling techniques and competent laboratories using validated analytical methods”.

71. The second sentence of paragraph 27 (renumbered 25) was removed as it left a margin for arbitrariness and a new paragraph was added to provide a list of procedures that can be used for the clearance of imported food. The new paragraph also highlighted that the intensity and type of inspection were related to the risk to the human health of the imported food and that a lot-by-lot inspection should be reserved for products that presented a significant and scientifically supportable public health risk.

72. Paragraphs 28 and 29 were removed, the first for consistency with the decision regarding paragraph 26 (renumbered 25) and the second as it was not specific to risk-based inspection and it was adequately addressed under the Section regarding Control and Inspection Procedures of the Codex Principles for Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification (CAC/GL 20-1995).

**Implementing the Risk-based Import Inspection Programme**

73. Paragraph 31 was deleted for the same reasons as paragraph 29.

74. The first sentence of paragraph 33 (renumbered 31) was made more specific to refer to training in the “importing country’s procedures for risk-based inspection of imported foods”; the second sentence was deleted as it added complexity to the paragraph.
75. The Committee clarified the third sentence of paragraph 34 (renumbered 32) to refer to testing from the country when “multiple processing establishments producing similar type of products” were involved. The term “extreme” in the last sentence was changed to “serious” as it is a more appropriate term. A last sentence was added to provide a procedure for appeal.

76. “Procedures for risk categorization” was added to the second sentence of paragraph 35 (renumbered 33), for completeness.

77. In paragraph 36 (renumbered 34) the Committee changed the term “exporter” with “importer” for consistency with provisions in paragraph 4 of the Codex Guidelines for the Exchange of Information between Countries on Rejection of Foods (CAC/GL 25/1997). As it could not reach a consensus on whether the importer and/or the food control authorities of the exporting countries should be notified when a shipment fails to meet the requirements, the Committee put “and/or” in square brackets for further discussion. The first sentence was modified to refer to “corrective and preventive action” instead of “correction of the problem”.

78. Paragraph 37 was entirely removed as it was covered adequately in the Codex Guidelines for Food Import Control Systems.

**Status of the proposed draft Guidelines for Risk-Based Inspection of Imported Foods**

79. The Committee agreed to return the renamed proposed draft “Principles and Guidelines for Risk-Based Inspection of Imported Foods” (see Appendix III) to Step 3 for circulation and comments. It further agreed that a Working Group led by the United States in cooperation with Argentina, Australia, Canada, Chile, China, Costa Rica, EC, France, Haiti, India, Iran, Ireland, Japan Malaysia, New Zealand, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Switzerland and Thailand would revise the proposed draft Principles and Guidelines on the basis of the written comments requested at Step 3 and the above discussion, for circulation, comments at Step 3 and further discussion at its 14th Session.

80. The Committee also agreed that the Working Group would primarily work by correspondence and consider the possibility of a physical meeting in light of the discussion held among its members.

**DISCUSSION PAPER ON TRACEABILITY/PRODUCT TRACING IN THE CONTEXT OF FOOD IMPORT AND EXPORT INSPECTION AND CERTIFICATION SYSTEMS (Agenda Item 4)**

81. The Chairperson of the Committee introduced the discussion paper and informed the Committee that the document distilled the progress on the issue of traceability/product tracing in Codex since the last meeting. These included the comments in relation to the Circular Letter (CL 2004/6-FICS), adoption of the definition developed by the Codex Committee on General Principles by the 27th Session of the Commission and the exchange of views that had been expressed during seminars conducted in Mexico, Singapore, the Philippines and Samoa. He informed the Committee that there were other seminars planned before the next Session of the Commission, the first of them to be held in conjunction with the 16th Session of the FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Africa (January 2005).

82. The Chairperson indicated that it was clear from his participation in these seminars that there were diverse views on this subject and a number of points to be debated and discussed in full in relation to the application of principles for traceability/product tracing and whether they should be developed for both food safety and fair trade together or separately. He said that this discussion could not take place at this Committee’s Session due to time constraints.

83. In order to comply with the request of the 27th Session of the Commission to “present a proposal for new work on principles for the application of traceability/product tracing as a matter of priority” the Chairperson pointed out that the Committee should agree to put forward to the 28th Session of the Commission a proposal for new work broad enough to allow for this discussion.

---

8 CX/FICS 04/13/6 and comments submitted in response to CL 2004/6-FICS by Argentina, Bolivia, Canada, Costa Rica, EC, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Indonesia, Panama, the United States, Venezuela, Croplife International, Europabio, International Dairy Federation, 49th Parallel 49P (CX/FICS 04/14/6-Add.1); Mexico (CX/FICS 04/14/6-Add.2); and Brazil (CRD 2). Comments submitted by Consumers International (CRD 8); EC (CRD 11); and Indonesia (CRD 13); Discussion on Traceability/Product tracing in other Codex Committees, Task Forces and Coordinating Committees (CX/FICS 04/13/2, part 2)
Scope of the application of traceability/product tracing

84. The Committee noted that there was divergence of views on the scope of the application of traceability/product tracing. In this regard, the Committee recognized the broad application of traceability/product tracing covering food safety and non-food safety matters and the dual mandate of Codex to protect consumers’ health and ensure fair practices in food trade.

85. The Delegation of Korea, as Coordinator of CCASIA, informed the Committee of the outcome of the discussion on this matter at the 14th Session of FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Asia (September 2004) indicating that the Committee favoured the elaboration of principles for the application of traceability/product tracing, that it should be implemented on a case-by-case basis taking into account the following criteria: the nature and extent of risk has to be determined on the basis of specific risk assessment and only after this assessment should a product be consider for traceability/product tracing; it should be demonstrated that traceability/product tracing was an effective management option for the identified risk and that there was no other more cost effective alternative to manage that risk; the extent of application of traceability/product tracing in the food chain should be clearly listed out on the basis of the risk assessment; practical applicability and the cost effectiveness; the cost/benefit analysis should be worked out in advance before traceability/product tracing is considered for a particular product; and there should be a clear demonstration of the fact that traceability/product tracing will not be used as a technical barrier to trade.

86. The Delegation of Argentina, as Coordinator of CCLAC, also informed the Committee of the outcome of the discussion on this matter at the 14th Session of the FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Latin America and the Caribbean (December 2004) by quoting the view of the Coordinating Committee namely: “The Committee also agreed that no reference should be made to the aspects of fair trade practices, since traceability/product tracing should be used only as a risk management tool for the purpose of ensuring food safety”10. This view was supported by some other delegations.

87. Another Delegation was of the opinion that traceability/product tracing should apply to processed foods only as in most developing countries farming was carried out by a large number of small scale farmers unevenly distributed across the country and hence, facing difficulties in implementing traceability/product tracing for fresh product, especially food crops and horticulture. Some other delegations shared this view. It was also noted the linkages between matters surrounding traceability/product tracing and equivalence and the importance of working in parallel on these two subjects was highlighted.

88. Other delegations, while recognizing the dual mandate of Codex, were of the opinion that in order to progress work within Codex and in consideration of the great deal of agreement to develop principles for traceability/product tracing applicable to food safety, first priority should be given to the development of traceability/product tracing principles in food import and export inspection and certification systems related to food safety and, in a second step, consideration should be given to the development of principles related to non-food safety matters.

89. The Delegation of the EC indicated that the two main objectives of Codex, protecting consumers’ health and ensuring fair practices in food trade could not be dissociated when dealing with traceability/product tracing. In addition, the Delegation indicated that traceability/product tracing was a tool that might be applied within a broader food inspection and certification system for different purposes, food safety but also to protect consumers against deceptive marketing practices and to ensure fair practices in food trade on the basis of accurate product description. Other delegations and Observers also held this view. These delegations felt that the same principles should apply in both cases while some specific provisions could be taken up when elaborating the Principles. It was also noted that there were other international standardization organizations, such as ISO, already working on this matter and that Codex as the internationally recognized food standardization body should take the lead in the development of the traceability/product tracing principles applicable to food safety and fair practices in food trade.

90. It was further noted that traceability/product tracing systems applying to both food safety and fair trade practices were already in place in a number of countries and it was important to share these experiences in addition to work in Codex, other international organizations and taking into account existing legislations.

---

9  ALINORM 04/28/15, paras 5-6
10 ALINORM 04/28/36
The Committee noted that the current proposal for new work in Annex 1 to CX/FICS 04/13/6 referred to “traceability/product tracing requirements”. In this regard, it agreed that the term “requirements” was too restrictive as traceability/product tracing was a tool that food control authorities could use as a risk management option to recall/withdraw foods when a problem in food arose. In view of this, the Committee agreed to delete the reference to “requirements” throughout the text. It was noted that, as a risk management option, the establishment of a traceability/product tracing system should not be imposed by countries on other countries, but that it was a matter for national governments to decide.

**Further work on the Principles for the Application of Traceability/Product Tracing in the context of Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems**

92. The Committee agreed on the need to develop principles for the application of traceability/product tracing in the context of food import and export inspection and certification systems. The Committee also agreed that, at this stage, the project document to be submitted for approval as new work by the 28th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (July 2005) should be kept simple and broad and that further discussion on the extent of the scope of the principles could be taken up in a physical meeting of a Working Group after the approval of the new work by the 28th Session of the Commission. In view of the excellent work carried out by Australia, the Committee agreed that the Working Group would be chaired by Australia. In addition, two Vice-chairpersons from Argentina and Norway were designated in order to keep the inclusiveness of the process by incorporating representatives from developed/developing and importing/exporting countries considering the divergent views that Codex Members held on the matter.

93. In order to facilitate the development of the Principles, the Chairperson, in cooperation with the Vice-chairpersons would prepare a revised set of Principles for the Application of Traceability/Product Tracing in the context of Food Import and Export and Inspection and Certification Systems that would take into account relevant documents and the discussion held at the present Session.

94. The revised set of Principles would then be circulated by means of a Circular Letter. Comments submitted in response to this Circular Letter would be distributed by the Australian Secretariat to the Chairperson and Vice-chairpersons of the Working Group. The revised set of Principles along with the comments received to the Circular Letter would be considered by a physical meeting of the Working Group with a view to elaborating a set of principles that should also take into account the work done or in progress within Codex and other international organizations as well as the outcomes of regional seminars/workshops carried out in regard to traceability/product tracing.

95. The proposed draft Principles, as prepared by the Working Group, would be circulated for comments at Step 3, subject to approval by the Commission as new work, for consideration by the 14th Session of the Committee.

96. The Committee noted that an Invitation Letter from the Chair and its Vice-chairpersons would be issued to attend the meeting of the Working Group. In this regard, it was noted that participation in Working Groups was open to all Codex Members and Observers. The Invitation would be circulated by the Codex Secretariat to Codex Members and Observers through the Codex Electronic Distribution List (Codex-L).

**Project Document – CCFICS Proposal for New Work on Principles for the Application of Traceability/Product Tracing in the context of Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems**

97. The Committee agreed on a number of amendments to the project document namely:

   a) **Preparation:** The reference to the 13th Session of the Committee in the preparation of the project document;

   b) **Purpose and Scope of the proposed Standard:** the application of traceability/product tracing in relation to official food inspection and certification systems to enable the Working Group to discuss the application of principles in regard to the dual mandate of Codex;

   c) **Its relevance and timeliness:** the reference in the text to the decision of the Codex Alimentarius Commission to request CCFICS to present a proposal for new work on this matter;

   d) **An Assessment against the Criteria for the Establishment of Work Priorities:** the introduction of relevant criteria for the Establishment of New Work (a), (b) and (d);
e) Information on the relation between the proposal and other existing Codex documents: the indication that the new work should take into account the work done or being done within Codex, regional seminars/workshops carried out in regard to traceability/product tracing and should be consistent with the definition of traceability/product tracing adopted at the 27th Session of the Commission.

98. The Committee agreed to forward the amended project document, through the Executive Committee, to the 28th Session of the Commission for approval as new work (see Appendix IV).

DISCUSSION PAPER ON THE REVISION OF THE GUIDELINES FOR THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION BETWEEN COUNTRIES ON REJECTION OF IMPORTED FOODS (Agenda Item 5)\(^{11}\)

99. The Delegation of India introduced the document as lead country of the Working Group. The Delegation recalled that at its 12th Session the Committee considered a project document, prepared by India, proposing the revision of the Codex Guidelines for the Exchange of Information between Countries on Rejection of Imported Foods (CAC/GL 25-1997) to incorporate certain additional concepts designed to improve the efficacy of the principles of exchange of information, to maintain consistency and to align some of the clauses with the revised Codex Principles and Guidelines for the Exchange of Information in Food Control Emergency Situations (CAC/GL 19-1995, Rev. 1-2004).

100. The Working Group prepared a discussion paper (CX/FICS 04/13/7) which included background information, the revised guidelines (Annex 1) and a project document (Annex 2). The major changes proposed in the revised guidelines included: Revision of the presentation of the document to bring out, in a structured manner, scope, principles, nature and extent of health hazard, justification of rejection decisions, cases of rejections arising from certain serious situations/repeated & systematic failures, action taken, communication of information, role of FAO/WHO and a standard format for information exchange; consistency with the objective of CAC/GL 19-1995, Rev. 1-2004; Inclusion of both Principles and Guidelines; Incorporation of a clause to communicate justification on rejection decisions; Inclusion of the role of the competent authority of the exporting country in addition to that of the exporter and importer with regard to structured communication of information.

101. The Delegation of the Republic of Korea, as Coordinator of CCASIA, said that most of the Asian countries supported continuing the discussion on this issue. Other delegations observed that the discussion paper focused on the changes to the Guidelines rather than on first justifying that there was a clear need to initiate revision of the Guidelines.

102. The Committee agreed that a Working Group led by India in cooperation with Australia, Canada, Chile, Iran, Malaysia, Thailand and the United States, taking into account the above discussion and written comments, would revise the discussion paper to clearly justify a need for revision of the guidelines so that the Committee at its 14th Session could decide on whether to initiate this new work.

DISCUSSION PAPER ON THE REVISION OF THE GUIDELINES FOR GENERIC OFFICIAL CERTIFICATES FORMATS AND THE PRODUCTION AND ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES (Agenda Item 6)\(^{12}\)

103. In introducing the discussion paper, the Delegation of United States, as lead country of the Working Group, recalled the proposal for the further elaboration of certain provisions of the Codex Guidelines for Generic Certificate Formats and the Production and Issuance of Certificates (CAC/GL 38-2001) that was presented at the 12th Session of the Committee.

---

\(^{11}\) CX/FICS 04/13/7 and comments submitted by EC (CRD 12)

\(^{12}\) CX/FICS 04/13/8 and comments by the European Community (CRD 6); Project document for new work on the Revision of the Codex Guidelines for Generic Official Certificate Formats and the Production and Issuance of Certificates (CRD 14)
104. The Committee noted that the discussion paper suggested the revision of Section 5 (Principles) and/or Section 6 (Criteria) to incorporate additional information on: situations when attestations from national competent authorities or their officially recognised representatives might be necessary and when certification by exporters, third party or commercial bodies not recognised by competent authorities were most appropriate; and on provisions that would allow for flexibility by the importing countries to resolve difficulties associated with these problems.

105. In addition, it was suggested to:

- revise Section 5 or Section 6 to indicate when certificates were considered duplicative or redundant;
- provide clarification regarding the application of an export certificate to the shipment of multiple lots of the same products;
- consider the development of suggested attestation language for use in common attestation and the usefulness of recommending harmonised names for export certificates;
- indicate that requests for proprietary information should relate directly to the need to ensure product safety or to prevent economic fraud or deceptions, while considering adequate means to protect such information; and,
- consider the relationship between facility and label registration requirements and certifying product for export.

106. The Committee also noted the suggestion to integrate the Principles for Electronic Certification (see Agenda item 3a) in the revised Guidelines.

107. The Committee generally supported the proposal to initiate new work on the revision of the Guidelines and the scope of the revision. In this regard, it was suggested that the revised guidelines: should be outcome-focused, principles-based and less prescriptive than the current ones; should clearly separate between mandatory and marketing requirements; should not consider situations when attestations were delivered by third parties; should provide for flexibility to resolve difficulties related to specific attestation while ensuring food safety; should provide for reducing the number of certificates while maintaining the link between a specific consignment and a specific certificate.

108. The Committee considered a project document (CRD 14) for new work on the revision of Codex Guidelines for Generic Certificate Formats and the Production and Issuance of Certificates (CAC/GL 38-2001). It supported the document with the deletion of the example of multiple certificate required by different agencies in Section 3 “The main aspect to be covered”. The Committee agreed to forward the amended document, through the Executive Committee, to the 28th Session of the Commission for approval as new work (see Appendix V).

109. It also agreed that a Working Group led by the United States in cooperation with Argentina, Australia, Canada, EC, France, Ghana, India, Iran, Ireland, Japan, New Zealand, and Republic of Korea would prepare a proposed draft revised Guidelines that, pending the approval of the Commission, would be circulated for comments at Step 3 and consideration at its 14th Session.

CLARIFICATION OF THE REFERENCE TO “A REASONABLE INTERVAL” IN THE CODEX GUIDELINES FOR FOOD IMPORT CONTROL SYSTEMS (Agenda Item 7)\textsuperscript{13}

110. The Delegation of Paraguay introduced the discussion paper by giving an outline of the issue. The Committee was then invited to consider the following: to clarify if the reference to “a reasonable interval” as it appeared in paragraph 35 of the Codex Guidelines for Food Import Control Systems (CAC/GL 47-2003) meant a period of not less than 6 months or, through a revision of the guidelines replace a reasonable interval with “a period of not less than 6 months”; and if the latter applied, to consider whether in all documents prepared by CCFICS, intervals should be clearly determined in each case and not use phrases that might cause difficulties of interpretation or resulted in ambiguity.

\textsuperscript{13} CX/FICS 04/13/9 and comments submitted by Honduras (CRD 3); EC (CRD 6); and Indonesia (CRD 13).
111. The Committee had an exchange of views on the need to amend paragraph 35 of the Guidelines by replacing “a reasonable interval” with “a period of no less than 6 months” account being taken of the WTO Decision WT/MIN (01)/17 which inter-alia specified that “a reasonable interval shall be understood to mean normally a period of not less than six months” subject to a number of provisions. The Committee noted that the Decision provided additional guidance to WTO Members on the implementation of a range of provisions under the various WTO Agreements, including the SPS and TBT Agreements.

112. The Committee recognized that although the phrase “a reasonable interval” might lead to diverging interpretations, it did not feel that it was necessary to change the current paragraph 35 of the guidelines nor to apply this revision throughout CCFICS texts where intervals of time were mentioned. In this regard, it was noted that the use of term such as “less than 6 months” might not be appropriate in certain cases such as food safety emergency situations.

113. The Committee noted that the question of “undue delays” was being considered within the WTO/SPS Committee and that it had been identified as an issue for further consideration and follow-up. In addition, a number of delegations questioned the competence of Codex to take up this matter and that the application of a precise time frame would be specifically addressed in the framework of WTO when a trade dispute arose.

114. In view of the above considerations, the Committee agreed to recommend to the 28th Session of the Commission to footnote to paragraph 35 of the Codex Guidelines for Food Import Control Systems the reference to the WTO Decision WT/MIN (01)/17 in order to clarify the term.

OTHER BUSINESS AND FUTURE WORK (Agenda Item 8)

115. The Delegation of Norway drew the attention of the Committee to a recently published report “Equivalence and Mutual Recognition in Trade Arrangements - Relevance for the WTO and the Codex Alimentarius Commission” prepared by the Centre for Food Policy at the Norwegian Agricultural Economics Research Institute.

116. The report discusses the concepts of equivalence, mutual recognition and harmonization and how these concepts can be applied as tools complementing each other to facilitate trade both in the topics in both the WTO/TBT and WTO/SPS Committees and in the Codex Alimentarius. It also presents a number of examples of trade arrangements involving mutual recognition and equivalence assessments, and the factors to be considered before entering into development of such agreements.

117. The report can be found at: http://www.nilf.no/Publikasjoner/Rapporter/En/2004/R200409Contents.shtml

DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT SESSION (Agenda Item 9)

118. The Committee noted that its 14th Session was tentatively scheduled to be held in twelve-month time, subject to further discussion between the Codex and Australian Secretariats.
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Subject Matter</th>
<th>Step</th>
<th>Action by:</th>
<th>Document Reference (ALINORM 03/16)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Proposed draft Principles for Electronic Certification</td>
<td>5/8</td>
<td>Comments 28th CAC</td>
<td>Paras 26-37 and Appendix II</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Proposed draft Appendices to the Guidelines on the Judgement of Equivalence</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>Working Group Comments</td>
<td>Paras 8-25</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>of Sanitary Measures Associated with Food Inspection and Certification</td>
<td></td>
<td>14th CCFICS</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(“Documentation for evaluation of submissions of requests for equivalence</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>determinations”; “Determining an ‘objective basis of comparison’”; and,</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>“More details on the process of judging equivalence”)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Proposed draft Principles and Guidelines for Risk-based Inspection of</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>Comments Working Group</td>
<td>Paras 38-80 and Appendix III</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Imported Foods</td>
<td></td>
<td>Comments 14th CCFICS</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Discussion paper on Traceability/Product Tracing in the Context of Food</td>
<td>1/2/3</td>
<td>28th CAC Working Group</td>
<td>Paras 81-98 and Appendix IV</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Inspection and Certification Systems</td>
<td></td>
<td>Comments 14th CCFICS</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Certificate Formats and the Production and Issuance of Certificates</td>
<td></td>
<td>Comments 14th CCFICS</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Information Between Countries on Rejections of Imported Foods</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Discussion Paper on Clarification of the Reference “a reasonable interval”</td>
<td></td>
<td>28th CAC</td>
<td>Paras 110-114</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>in the Guidelines for Food Import Control Systems</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Proposed draft Appendices to the Guidelines on the Judgement of Equivalence</td>
<td>Postponed until completion of work on the first three appendices</td>
<td>Paras 8-25</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>of Sanitary Measures Associated with Food Inspection and Certification</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(Appendices on “Assessing which measures are to be the subject of an</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>equivalence determination” and “Terms for on-site visits by importing</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>country authorities undertaking a determination of equivalence”)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Discussion Paper on the development of an Appendix on “Information relating</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>US 14th CCFICS</td>
<td>Paras 8-25</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>to the need for technical assistance and cooperation between the importing</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>countries to exporting countries” to the Codex Guidelines on the Judgement</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>of Equivalence of Sanitary Measures Associated with Food Inspection and</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Certification</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
LIST OF PARTICIPANTS
LISTE DES PARTICIPANTS
LISTA DE PARTICIPANTES

CHAIRPERSON/PRESIDENT/PRESIDENTE
Mr Gregory Read
Executive Manager
Exports and Corporate Division
Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service
Australian Government Department of Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry
GPO Box 858
CANBERRA ACT 2601
AUSTRALIA
Phone: +61 2 6272 3594
Fax: +61 2 6272 4112
Email: gregory.read@daff.gov.au

ANGOLA
Dr Maria Pedro António Gaspar Sobrinho
Coordenadora Do Sub-Comite Técnico De Gepo Comestível
Eágua Mineral Natural Do Codex – Angola
Mestre Seguranca Nutricional Ealimentar
Do Instituto Nacional De Saude Publica – Minsa
Luanda – Angola
Avenida 4 Fevereiro
Cx. Postal 1337/8
ANGOLA
Phone: +244 9252 0950 / +244 9151 4721
Fax: +2442 310658
Email: mineo.dnei.ge@netangola.com

ARGENTINA/ARGENTINE
Dr Marcelo Oscar Ballerio
Asistente Tecnico, Secretaria de Agricultura Ganaderia
Pesca y Alimentos
Paseap Colon 9232
(1063) BUENOS AIRES
ARGENTINA
Phone: +5411 4349 2549
Fax: +5411 4349 2549
Email: maball@sagpya.minproduccion.gov.ar

AUSTRALIA/AUSTRALIA
Dr Ann McDonald
General Manager
Market Maintenance Group
Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service
Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
GPO Box 858
CANBERRA ACT 2601
AUSTRALIA
Phone: +61 2 6272 5254
Fax: +61 2 6271 6522
Email: ann.mcdonald@aqis.gov.au

Ms Sally Batten
Policy Officer
Food and Agriculture Group
Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
GPO Box 858
CANBERRA ACT 2601
AUSTRALIA
Phone: +61 2 6272 4674
Fax: +61 2 6272 4367
Email: sally.batten@daff.gov.au

Dr Dennis Bittisnich
Manager
International Food Standards
Food and Agriculture Group
Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
GPO Box 858
CANBERRA ACT 2601
Phone: +61 2 6272 3053
Fax: +61 2 6272 4367
Email: dennis.bittisnich@daff.gov.au

Ms Fiona Cornwell
Manager
Electronic Documentation
Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service
Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
GPO Box 858
CANBERRA ACT 2601
AUSTRALIA
Phone: + 61 2 6272 5211
Fax: + 61 2 6272 5773
E-mail: fiona.cornwell@aqis.gov.au

Email: gregory.read@daff.gov.au

Email: sally.batten@daff.gov.au

Email: dennis.bittisnich@daff.gov.au

Email: fiona.cornwell@aqis.gov.au
Ms Clare Stynes
Senior Food Scientist
Food Standards Australia New Zealand
PO Box 7186
CANBERRA BC ACT 2610
Phone: +61 2 6271 2692
Fax: +61 2 6271 2278
Email: clare.stynes@foodstandards.gov.au

Mrs Katherine West
Food Facilitation Manager
Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service
Australian Government Department of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Forestry
GPO Box 858
CANBERRA ACT 2601
AUSTRALIA
Phone: +61 2 6272 5539
Fax: +61 2 6272 5888
Email: katherine.west@aqis.gov.au

Ms Helen Arthur
Regulatory Affairs Manager
Monsanto
12/600 St Kilda Road
MELBOURNE VIC 3004
AUSTRALIA
Phone: +61 3 9522 7103
Fax: +61 3 9522 6103
Email: helen.arthur@monsanto.com

Mrs Robyn Banks
Regulatory Affairs and Nutrition Manager
Nestlé Australia Ltd.
GPO Box 4320
SYDNEY NSW 2001
AUSTRALIA
Phone: +61 2 8756 2305
Fax: +61 2 9736 0426
Email: Robyn.Banks@au.nestle.com

Mr Tony Beaver
Executive Director
Food and Beverage Importers Association
181 Drummond Street
CARLTON VIC 3053
AUSTRALIA
Phone: +61 3 9639 3644
Fax: +61 3 9639 0638
Email: tony.beaver@fbia.org.au

Mr Tony Downer
Assistant Director Scientific and Technical
Australian Food and Grocery Council
Locked Bag 1
KINGSTON ACT 2604
AUSTRALIA
Phone: +61 2 6273 1466
Fax: +61 2 6273 1477
Email: tony.downer@afgc.org.au

Mr Digby Gascoine
Consultant
PO Box 4012
MANUKA ACT 2603
AUSTRALIA
Phone: +61 2 6231 7746
Fax: +61 2 6231 7863
Email: digby.gascoine@homemail.com.au

Mr Glenn McBride
Marketing Director
Corvon Pty Ltd
PO Box 590
BALWYN VIC 3103
AUSTRALIA
Phone: +61 3 9816 9335
Fax: +61 3 9816 9225
Email: glenn.mcbride@corvon.com.au

Mr James Molan
Trade Policy Advisor
Australian Wheat Board Limited
380 La Trobe Street
MELBOURNE VIC 3000
AUSTRALIA
Phone: +61 3 9209 2632
Fax: +61 3 9670 1723
Email: jmolan@awb.com.au

BELGIUM/BELGIQUE/BELGICA

Dr Sofie Huyberechts
Veterinary Officer
Federal Agency for the Safety of the Food Chain (FASFC)
DG Control Policy
International Affairs
WTC III
Boulevard Simon Bolivar 30
1000 BRUSSELS
BELGIUM
Phone: +32 2 208 3868
Fax: +32 2 208 3823
Email: sofie.huyberechts@favv.be
BHUTAN/BHOUTAN

Mr Thuji Tshering  
Chief Regulatory and Quarantine Officer  
Bhutan Agriculture and Food Regulatory Authority  
Ministry of Agriculture  
PO Box 1071  
THIMPHU  
BHUTAN  
Phone: +975 2 327031 / 325993 / 325790  
Fax: +975 2 327 032  
Email: t_tsdering@moa.gov.bt

BRAZIL/BRESIL/BRASIL

Mr Pedro da Cunha e Menezes  
Trade Commissioner  
Consulate-General of Brazil  
Level 17  
31 Market Street  
Sydney NSW 2000  
AUSTRALIA  
Phone: +61 2 9267 6503  
Fax: +61 2 9267 4416  
Email: pmenezes@brazilsydney.org

Mr Lucio Akio Kikuchi  
Inspector Official  
Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Supply  
Esplanada dos Ministerios  
Bloco D Anexo B, Sala 445-A  
BRASILIA DISTRITO FEDERAL 70 010 370  
BRASIL  
Phone: +55 61 218 2775  
Fax: +55 61 218 2672  
Email: lucioakio@agricultura.gov.br

Mrs Ana Virginia de Almeida Figueiredo  
Food of Inspection Manager  
Brazilian National Health Surveillance Agency  
Ministry of Health  
Sepn 511 Bloco A  
Edifíatio Bittar 2° ANDAR  
BRASILIA DISTRITO FEDERAL  
BRASIL  
Phone: +55 61 448 6274  
Fax: +55 61 448 6274  
Email: ana.virginia@anvisa.gov.br

Mr Paulo Ricardo Campani  
Inspector Official  
Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Supply  
Esplanada dos Ministerios  
Bloco D, Anexo B, Sala 447-B  
BRASILIA DISTRITO FEDERAL 70 043 900  
BRASIL  
Phone: +55 61 218 2519  
Fax: +55 61 323 7438  
Email: campani@agricultura.gov.br

BURKINA FASO

Mr Yankine Oumarou  
Inspecteur de la Qualite et de la Metrologie  
Ministere du Commerce, de la Promotion de l'Entreprise et de l'Artisanat  
01BP19 OUAGADOUGOU 01  
BURKINA FASO  
Phone: +226 50 32 40 44  
Fax: +226 31 7907  
Email: oyankine@yahoo.fr

CANADA

Ms Mary Ann Green  
Director  
Fish Seafood and Production Division  
Canadian Food Inspection Agency  
159 Cleopatra Drive  
OTTAWA ONTARIO K1A 0Y9  
CANADA  
Phone: +613 221 7028  
Fax: +613 228 6648  
Email: greenma@inspection.gc.ca

Mr Ron Burke  
Director  
Bureau of Food Regulatory, International and Interagency Affairs  
Health Canada  
Building #7, Room 2395 (0702C1)  
Tunney's Pasture  
OTTAWA ONTARIO K1A 0L2  
CANADA  
Phone: +1 613 957 1748  
Fax: +1 613 941 3537  
Email: ronald_burke@hc-sc.gc.ca
Mr John Campbell  
Acting Deputy Director  
Multilateral Technical Trade Issues Team  
Markets and Trade  
Agriculture and Agri-food Canada  
Sir John Carling Building  
OTTAWA ONTARIO K1A OC5  
CANADA  
Phone: +613 759 7663  
Fax: +613 759 7503  
Email: campbelljo@agr.gc.ca

Dr Thomas Feltmate  
Manager  
Food Safety Risk Analysis  
Canadian Food Inspection Agency  
ADRI-CPQP, Floor 3, Room C311  
3851 Fallowfield Road  
PO Box 11300  
OTTAWA ONTARIO K2H 8P9  
CANADA  
Phone: +613 228 6698 Ext. 5982  
Fax: +613 228 6675  
Email: tfeltmate@inspection.gc.ca

Mr Dan Lutz  
Traceability Team Leader  
Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada  
720-9700 Jasper Avenue  
EDMONTON ALBERTA T5J 4G5  
CANADA  
Phone: +780 495 8704  
Fax: +780 495 3324  
Email: lutzd@agr.gc.ca

CHILE/CHILI

Mr Ignacio Concha  
Consul General of Chile – Melbourne  
Consulate General of Chile – Melbourne  
13th Floor  
390 St Kilda Road  
MELBOURNE VIC 3004  
AUSTRALIA  
Phone: +61 3 9866 4041  
Fax: +61 3 9866 7977  
Email: cgmelbourne1@chile.com.au

Mrs Antonieta Urrutia  
Ing. Agrónomo  
SAG, Min de Agricultura  
Av. Bulnes No 140  
SANTIAGO  
CHILE  
Phone: +56 2 345 1585  
Fax: +56 2 345 1578  
Email: antonieta.urrutia@sag.gob.cl

CHINA/CHINE

Mr Sun Guosheng  
Deputy Director  
Tianjin Entry-Exit  
Inspection and Quarantine Bureau of China  
No 33 Youyi Road  
Hexi District  
TIANJIN 300201  
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA  
Phone: +86 22 2813 4961  
Fax: +86 22 2813 4961  
Email: sungs@aqsiq.gov.cn

Mr Liu Junhua  
Vice Professor  
China National Institute of Standardization  
No 4 Zhichun Road  
Haidian District  
BEIJING 100088  
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA  
Phone: +86 10 58811641  
Fax: +86 10 58811641  
Email: liujh@cnis.gov.cn

Mr Wing Hong Lam  
Superintendent (Import/Export)  
Food and Environmental Hygiene Department  
43/F, Queen’sway Government Offices  
66 Queen’sway  
HONG KONG  
SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION OF CHINA  
Phone: +852 28675568  
Fax: +852 25214784  
Email: winghlam@fehd.gov.hk

Dr Lip Tet Ng  
Veterinary Officer  
Food and Environmental Hygiene Department  
43rd Floor, QGO  
66 Queen’sway  
Admiralty  
HONG KONG  
SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION OF CHINA  
Phone: +852 2867 5423  
Fax: +852 2521 8067  
Email: ltng@fehd.gov.hk

Mr Gu Shaoping  
Director  
Certification and Accreditation Administration of the  
People's Republic of China  
9 Madian East Road  
B Tower  
Haidian District  
BEIJING 100088  
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA  
Phone: +86 10 82262680  
Fax: +86 10 82260755  
Email: gusp@cnca.gov.cn
Mr Wang Yongtao
Officer
Import and Export Food Safety Bureau of AQSIQ
People's Republic of China
9 Madian East Road
Haidian District
BEIJING 100088
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA
Phone: +86 10 82262019
Fax: +86 10 82260175
Email: wangyt@aqsiq.gov.cn

Mr Lin Zhengyao
Section Chief
Ningbo Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine Bureau
9 Mayuan Road
NINGBO 315012
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA
Phone: +86 574 87021326
Fax: +86 574 87021326
Email: linzy@nbciq.gov.cn

COSTA RICA
Dr Ligia Quiros
Ministry of Agriculture
Post Box 662-2150
COSTA RICA
Phone: +506 2608 648
Fax: +506 2608 648
Email: ligiandres@racsa.co.cr

CUBA
Mr Gabriel Lahens Espinosa
Director
Department of Technical Regulations and Quality
Ministry of Foreign Trade
Infanta Street No. 16 Esquina 23
VEDADO CIUDAD HABANA
CUBA
Phone: +53 7 550 454
Fax: +53 7 550 461
Email: gabriel.lahens@mincex.cu

CZECH REPUBLIC/REPUBLIQUE TCEQUE/REPUBLICA CHECA
Ms Ing. Světlana Bicková
Officer of the Coordination Unit
Czech Agriculture and Food Inspection Authority (CAFIA)
Kvetna 15
603 00 Brno
CZECH REPUBLIC
Phone: +420 543 540 249
Fax: +420 5 435 0210
Email: svetlana.bickova@szpi.gov.cz

DENMARK/DANEMARK/DINAMARCA
Mr Erik Engels Petersen
Veterinary Officer
Danish Veterinary and Food Administration
Morkhoj Bygade 19
DK 2860, SOBORG
DENMARK
Phone: +45 3 395 6000
Fax: +45 3 396 6001
Email: eep@fvst.dk

EUROPEAN COMMUNITY/COMMUNAUTE EUROPEEENNE/COMUNIDAD EUROPEA
Mr Jerome Lepeintre
Administrator
European Commission
F101 4/78, B-1049
BRUSSELS
BELGIUM
Phone: +32 2 2993701
Fax: +32 2 2998566
Email: jerome.lepeintre@cec.eu.int

FINLAND/FINLANDE/FINLANDIA
Ms Leena Eerola
Veterinary Officer
Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry
Department of Food and Health
Border Inspection Unit
PO Box 30
FI-00023 GOVERNMENT
FINLAND
Phone: +358 9 1605 2943
Fax: +358 9 1605 2779
Email: leena.eerola@mmm.fi

FRANCE/FRANCIA
Ms Catherine Chapoux
Chargée d'Etudes
Ministère de L'Agriculture, de L'Alimentation, de la Pêche et des Affaires Rurales
DGAL
251 rue de Vaugirard
75732 PARIS CEDEX 15
France
Phone: +33 1 49 55 84 86
Fax: +33 1 49 55 44 62
Email: catherine.chapoux@agriculture.gouv.fr

Mrs Roseline Lecourt
Chargée de Mission
Ministère de l'Economie, des Finances et de l'Industrie
DGCCRF
59 Boulevard Vincent Auriol
75703 PARIS CEDEX 13
France
Phone: +33 1 4497 34 70
Fax: +33 1 44 97 30 37
Email: roseline.lecourt@dgccrf.finances.gouv.fr
**GEORGIA/GEORGIE**

Mr Levan Chiteishvili  
Head of Division of Relations with International Organizations  
Ministry of Agriculture of Georgia  
41 Kostava Str.  
TBILISI 0123  
GEORGIA  
Phone: +995 32 334 837  
Fax: +995 32 334 837  
Email: levanch@maf.ge

Mrs Nino Demetrashvili  
Head of Division of Sanitary Quarantine Control  
Sanitary Inspectorate of State Borders  
Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs  
23a Al Kazbegi Ave  
TBILISI 0106  
GEORGIA  
Phone: +995 99 555 674  
Fax: +995 32 479 783  
Email: ninid@usa.com

**GERMANY/ALLEMAGNE/ALEMANIA**

Dr Kristina Ravelhofer-Rotheneder  
Federal Ministry of Consumer Protection Nutrition and Agriculture  
Rochusstrasse 1  
D-53123 BONN  
GERMANY  
Phone: +49 (0) 228 529 3923  
Fax: +49 (0) 228 529 4944  
Email: 328@bmvel.bund.de

Dr Hartmut Waldner  
Federal Office of Consumer Protection and Food Safety  
Nutrition and Agriculture  
Rochusstrasse 65  
D-53123 BONN  
GERMANY  
Phone: +49 (0) 228 6198 261  
Fax: +49 (0) 228 6198 120  
Email: hartmut.waldner@bvl.bund.de

**GHANA**

Mr Joseph Charles Tetteh Armah  
Assistant Director  
Standards and Certification  
Ghana Standards Board  
PO Box MB245  
ACCRA  
GHANA  
Phone: +233 24 506 991  
Fax: +233 21 500 092  
Email: gsbdir@ghanastandards.org

Mr Peter Fleku  
Director  
Special Projects  
Ghana Standards Board  
PO Box MB 245  
ACCRA  
GHANA  
Phone: +233 24 467 581  
Fax: +233 21 500 092  
Email: pfleku@yahoo.co.uk

Mr Edmond Kojo Jack-Vesper Suglo  
Director  
Plant Protection and Regulatory Services Directorate (PPRSD)  
Ministry of Food and Agriculture (MOFA)  
PO Box M37, Pokuase  
ACCRA  
GHANA  
Phone: +233 244 388 275  
Fax: +233 21 668 248  
Email: jackvesper@yahoo.com

**HAITI**

Dr Michel Alain Louis  
Directeur  
Laboratoire Vétérinaire et de Contrôle de Qualité des Aliments (LVCQAT)  
Ministère de l’Agriculture des Resources Naturelles et du Développement Rural (MARNDR)  
Rte Nle No 1  
Tamarinier, km 15  
Bon-Repo  
PORT-AU-PRINCE  
HAITI  
Phone: +509 512 3907  
Email: michelalainlouis@yahoo.com

**HUNGARY/HONGRIE/HUNGRIA**

Mr Aurel Salamon  
Head of Department  
Ministry of Agriculture  
Kossuth ter 11  
H-1055, BUDAPEST  
HUNGARY  
Phone: +36 1 301 4364  
Fax: +36 1 301 4669  
Email: takkodex@omni.hu

Dr Ferenc Baintner  
Deputy Head of Department  
Ministry of Agriculture  
Kossuth ter 11  
H-1055, BUDAPEST  
HUNGARY  
Phone: +36 1 301 4695  
Fax: +36 1 301 4659  
Email: baintnerf@posta.fvm.hu
**INDIA/INDE**

Mr Rahul Khullar  
Joint Secretary  
Department of Commerce & Industry  
Udyog Bhavan  
NEW DELHI 110001  
INDIA  
Phone: +91 11 2301 5215  
Fax: +91 11 2301 4418  
Email: rkhullar@ub.nic.in

Ms Shashi Sareen  
Director  
Export Inspection Council  
Ministry of Commerce and Industry  
3rd Floor  
NDYMCA Cultural Centre Building  
1 Jai Singh Road  
NEW DELHI 110001  
INDIA  
Phone: +91 11 2374 8025  
Fax: +91 11 2374 8186  
Email: director@eicindia.org

Ms Rita Teaotia  
Joint Secretary  
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare  
Nirman Bhavan  
NEW DELHI 110001  
INDIA  
Phone: +91 11 2301 9195  
Fax: +91 11 2301 8842  
Email: irst@nb.nic.in

**INDONESIA/INDONESIE**

Mr Syukur Iwantoro  
Director  
Ministry of Agriculture  
Center for Standardization and Accreditation  
7th Floor, Building E  
Jl. Harsono RM No. 3  
Ragunan  
Pasar Minggu  
JAKARTA 12550  
INDONESIA  
Phone: +62 21 7884 2042 Ext. 114  
Fax: +62 21 7884 2042 Ext. 114  
Email: syukur@deptan.go.id

Mr Rismansyah Danasaputra  
Director  
PPH- NAK BPPIP  
Ministry of Agriculture  
GD. D LT 3, Kanpus Deptan  
JL Harsono RM 3, Ragunan  
PS. Minggu, Jakarta Selatan  
INDONESIA  
Phone: +62 21 7884 2044  
Fax: +62 21 7881 5880  
Email: risman@deptan.go.id

Mr Daryanto  
Director  
Directorate of Horticulture Protection  
Ministry of Agriculture  
Jln. AUP Pasar Minggu  
JAKARTA 12520  
INDONESIA  
Phone: +62 21 781 9117  
Fax: +62 21 7884 5628  
Email: ditlinhor@deptan.go.id

Ms Ms Shara Hartati  
Official Province Government of Marine and Fisheries  
Jln. Bambu Apus Raya  
Cipayung  
JAKARTA  
INDONESIA  
Phone: +62 21 845 5748  
Fax: +62 21 845 5753  
Email: tatimarwin@yahoo.com

Ms Erminingsih Haryadi  
Secretariat Codex Contact Point Indonesia  
Head of Standard Implementation System Division  
National Standardization Agency Indonesia  
Manggala Wanabakti Block IV 4th Floor  
Jl. Jend. Gatot Subroto  
Senayan  
JAKARTA 10270  
INDONESIA  
Phone: +62 21 5747043-44  
Fax: +62 21 574 7045  
Email: sps-2@bsn.or.id ; bsn@bsn.or.id

Ms Husniaty  
Head of Import Quality Inspection Division  
Directorate of Inspection and Quality Control  
Ministry of Industry and Trade  
Jln. Raya Bogor Km. 26  
Ciracas  
JAKARTA 13740  
INDONESIA  
Phone: +62 21 871 0321-3  
Fax: +62 21 871 0478  
Email: yatty@indosat.net.id

Ms Soleha Hasan  
Ministry of Industry and Trade  
MI. Ridan Rais 5  
Jakarta  
INDONESIA  
Phone: +62 21 385 8202  
Fax: +62 21 385 8202  
Email: ferdy_piay@kjri-melbourne.org
Mr Meddy Hermadi Sewaka
Deputy Director
Directorate of Commodity and Standardization
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
INDONESIA
Phone: +62 21 381 4211
Fax: +62 21 351 9614
Email: meddy_sewaka@yahoo.com

Ms Rosalia Surtiasih
National Standardization Agency Indonesia
Head of Sub Division of Testing Laboratory Accreditation
Manggala Wanabakti Block IV 4th Floor
Jend. Gatot Subroto
Senayan
JAKARTA 10270
INDONESIA
Phone: +62 21 5747043-44
Fax: +62 21 5790 2948
Email: laboratorium@bsn.or.id

Mr Hadi Wardoko
Ministry of Agriculture
Agriculture Quarantine Agency
5th Floor, Building E
Jl. Harsono RM No. 3
Ragunan
Pasar Minggu
JAKARTA 12550
INDONESIA
Phone: +62 21 780 5642 Ext. 1526
Fax: +62 21 780 5085
Email: hadiw@depan.go.id

Mr Ongki Wiratno
Ministry of Agriculture
Center for Standardization and Accreditation
7th Floor, Building E
Jl. Harsono RM No. 3
Ragunan
Pasar Minggu
JAKARTA 12550
INDONESIA
Phone: +62 21 7884 2042 Ext. 105
Fax: +62 21 7884 2042 Ext. 116
Email: ongkiw@yahoo.com

IRAN
Mr Mohammad Hosein Kalantar Motamedi
Isri President Adviser
Institute of Standards & Industrial Research of Iran
PO Box 14155-6139
TEHRAN
IRAN
Phone: +9821 888 9664
Fax: +9821 887 9475
Email: motamedi@isiri.or.ir

Mr Anoushiravan Parsanejad
Overseas Inspection Manager
International Goods Inspection Co. (IGI)
No. 314 Ostad Motahari Ave
TEHRAN 5886-33644
IRAN
Phone: +9821 8833175-6
Fax: +9821 8833179
Email: commercial@igico.com

IRELAND/IRLANDE/IRLANDA
Ms Paula Barry Walsh
Senior Superintending Veterinary Inspector
Department of Agriculture and Food
Agriculture House
Kildare Street
DUBLIN 2
IRELAND
Phone: +353 1 607 2648
Fax: +353 1 678 9733
Email: paula.barrywalsh@agriculture.gov.ie

Mr Jeffrey Moon
Chief Specialist in Environmental Health
Food Safety Authority of Ireland
Abbey Court
Lower Abbey Street
DUBLIN 1
IRELAND
Phone: +3531 817 1309
Fax: +3531 817 1209
Email: jmoon@fsai.ie

ITALY/ITALIE/ITALIA
Mr Ciro Impagnatiello
Ministero delle Politiche Agricole e Forestali
Via XX Settembre 20
ROME 00187
ITALY
Phone: +39 06 46656511
Fax: +39 06 4880 273
Email: cirompa@tiscalit.it

JAPAN/JAPON
Dr Tamami Umeda
Director
International Food Safety Planning
Department of Food Safety
Pharmaceutical and Food Safety Bureau
Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare
1-2-2 Kasumigaseki
Chiyoda-ku
TOKYO 100-8916
JAPAN
Phone: +81 3 3595 2326
Fax: +81 3 3503 7965
Email: umeda-tamami@mhlw.go.jp
Mr Makoto Tanaka  
Deputy Director  
Office of Import Food Safety  
Inspection and Safety Division  
Department of Food Safety  
Pharmaceutical and Food Safety Bureau  
Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare  
1-2-2 Kasumigaseki  
Chiyoda-Ku  
TOKYO 100-8916  
JAPAN  
Phone: +81 3 3595 2337  
Fax: +81 3 3503 7964  
Email: tanaka-makototm@mhlw.go.jp

Dr Masayuki Tasai  
Deputy Director  
Office of Quarantine Stations Administration  
Policy Planning and Communication Division  
Department of Food Safety  
Pharmaceutical and Food Safety Bureau  
Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare  
1-2-2 Kasumigaseki  
Chiyoda-ku  
TOKYO 100-8916  
JAPAN  
Phone: +81 3 3595 2333  
Fax: +81 3 3591 8029  
Email: tasai-masayuki@mhlw.go.jp

Mr Ryosuke Ogawa  
Director  
International Affairs Office  
Food Safety and Consumer Policy Division  
Food Safety and Consumer Affairs Bureau  
Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries  
1-2-1 Kasumigaseki  
Chiyoda-ku  
TOKYO 100-8950  
JAPAN  
Phone: +81 3 5512 2291  
Fax: +81 3 3597 0329  
Email: ryousuke_ogawa@nm.maff.go.jp

JORDAN/JORDANIE/JORDANIA

Dr Mahmoud Zoubi  
Jordan Institution for Standards and Metrology (JISM)  
PO Box 941287  
Amman 11194  
JORDAN  
Phone: +962 6 568 0139  
Fax: +962 6 568 1009  
Email: zoubim@jism.gov.jo

KENYA

Mr Antony Irungu  
Import Inspection Officer  
Kenya Bureau of Standards  
P.O. Box 54974  
NAIROBI  
KENYA  
Phone: +254 020 605 490  
Fax: +254 020 609 660  
Email: Irungu@kebs.org

Dr James Karitu  
Senior Veterinary Officer  
Department of Veterinary Services – Kenya  
Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries Development  
PO Box 00625  
Kangemi  
NAIROBI  
KENYA  
Phone: +254 020 631 390 / 631 289  
Fax: +254 020 631 273  
Email: ngandukaritu@yahoo.com

KOREA, REPUBLIC OF/COREE, REPUBLIQUE/COREA, REPUBLICA

Mr Hong-Seup Lee  
Deputy Director  
National Veterinary Research & Quarantine Service  
Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry  
480 Anyang6-dong  
Manan-gu, Anyang-city  
GYEONGGI-DO 430-824  
REPUBLIC OF KOREA  
Phone: +82 31 467 1961  
Fax: +82 31 467 1974  
Email: leehs@maf.go.kr

Mr Yeong Chang Ahn  
Assistant Director  
National Veterinary Research & Quarantine Service  
Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry  
480 Anyang6-dong  
Manan-gu, Anyang-city  
GYEONGGI-DO 430-824  
REPUBLIC OF KOREA  
Phone: +82 31 467 1948  
Fax: +8231 467 1717  
Email: andres@nvrqs.go.kr

Mr Jong Sung Ahn  
National Agricultural Products Management Service  
Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry  
310 Chingangro  
AHNYANG CITY  
GYEONGGI-DO  
430-016  
REPUBLIC OF KOREA  
Phone: +88 31 446 0127  
Email: ahnjs@naqs.go.kr
Dr Myung-Sub Chung
Director
Korea Health Industry Development Institute
57-1 Noryangjin-dong
Dongjak-ku
SEOUL
REPUBLIC OF KOREA
Phone: +82 2 2194 7336
Fax: +82 2 824 1763
Email: chungms@khidi.or.kr

Miss Jeong Mi Hong
Senior Researcher
Ministry of Health and Welfare
#1 Jooang-dong, Gwacheon-si
GYEONGGI-DO
REPUBLIC OF KOREA
Phone: +82 2 504 6233
Fax: +82 2 503 7552
Email: hjm0514@mohw.go.kr

Dr Soo Hyun Kim
Assistant Director
Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry
#1 Jungang-dong, Gwacheon-si
GYEONGGI-DO
REPUBLIC OF KOREA
Phone: +82 2 500 1727
Fax: +82 2 504 6659
Email: kimsh@maf.go.kr

Mr Song Boo Koh
Deputy Director
Korea Food and Drug Administration
#5 Nokbun-Dong, EunPyung-Ku
SEOUL
REPUBLIC OF KOREA
Phone: +82 2 3148 6922
Fax: +82 02 3148 6919
Email: kohsb@klda.go.kr

Mr Cheon IL Park
Fisheries Products Quality and Safety Division
Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Fisheries
50 Chungjeong-No, Seodaemun-Gu
SEOUL 120-715
REPUBLIC OF KOREA
Phone: +82 2 3148 6922
Fax: +82 02 3148 6919
Email: pci0000@momaf.go.kr

MALAYSIA/MALAYSIE/MALASIA

Dr Hj Abd. Rahim Mohamad
Director
Food Safety and Quality Division
Ministry of Health Malaysia
Health Offices Complex
3rd Floor, Block B
Jalan Cenderasari
KUALA LUMPUR 50590
MALAYSIA
Phone: +603 2694 6512
Fax: +603 2694 6517
Email: abd_rahim@moh.gov.my

Mr Raj R. D’Nathan
Deputy Undersecretary (Livestock)
Crops, Livestock and Fisheries Industry Division
Ministry of Agriculture and Agro-Based Industry
Level 19, The Mall
100 Putra Place
Jalan Putra
KUALA LUMPUR 50350
MALAYSIA
Phone: +603 4045 3050
Fax: +603 4045 8900
Email: raj@agri.moa.my

YM Raja Shahrom Raja Kamaruddin
Director of Licensing and Enforcement
Malaysian Palm Oil Board (MPOB)
Lot 6, SS6, Jalan Perbandaran
47301 Kelana Jaya
SELANGOR
MALAYSIA
Phone: +603 7803 7294
Fax: +603 7803 3914
Email: shahrom@mpob.gov.my

Dr A’aisah Senin
Principle Assistant Director
Food Safety and Quality Division
Ministry of Health Malaysia
Health Offices Complex
3rd Floor, Block B
Jalan Cenderasari
KUALA LUMPUR 50590
MALAYSIA
Phone: +603 2694 6601
Fax: +603 2694 6517
Email: aaisah60@yahoo.com

Mrs Thalathiah Saidin
Department of Fisheries
Ministry of Agriculture & Agro-Based Industry
Wisma Tani
8th & 9th Floor, Jalan Sultan Salahuddin
KUALA LUMPUR 50628
MALAYSIA
Phone: +603 2617 5616
Fax: +603 2698 0227
Email: thalathiah2003@yahoo.com

LITHUANIA/LITUANIE/LITUANIA

Mr Darius Remeika
Deputy Director
State Food and Veterinary Service
Siesiku Str. 19
07170 Vilnius-10
LITHUANIA
Phone: +370 5 249 1629
Fax: +370 5 240 4362
Email: dremeika@vet.lt
Dr Moktir Singh s/o Gardir Singh  
Senior Veterinary Officer  
Department of Veterinary Services Malaysia  
Ministry of Agriculture and Agro-Based Industry  
8th & 9th Floor Wisma Chase Perdana  
Damansara Heights  
KUALA LUMPUR 50630  
MALAYSIA  
Phone: +603 2094 0077 ext 168  
Fax: +603 2093 5804  
Email: moktir@jph.gov.my

Mr Guillermo Arroyo Gómez  
Executive Manager of Special Programmes  
Federal Commission Against Safety Hazards (COFEPRIS)  
Secretaria de Salud  
Monterrey No.33, Col Roma  
C.P. 06700, MEXICO D.F.  
MEXICO  
Phone: +52 (55) 5080 5262  
Fax: +52 (55) 5514 1407  
Email: garroyo@salvd.gob.mx

Dr Jorge Leyva  
Director General de Inspección  
Servicio Nacional de Sanidad  
Municipio Libre #377  
Delegacion Benito Juarez  
03310 MEXICO DF  
MEXICO  
Phone: +55 9183 1000 Ext. 34057  
Fax: +55 9183 1010 Ext. 34079  
Email: dgrf.dir@senasica.sagarpa.gob.mx

Mvz Lamberto Osorio Nolasco  
Gerente de Importaciones y Exportaciones de Alimentos  
PLAFEST Y OTROS  
Comision Federal par la Proteccion Contra Riesgos Sanitarios (Secretaria de Salud)  
Monterrey No. 33, Col.Roma  
Deleg. Cuauhtemoc  
C.P. 06700, MEXICO, D.F.  
MEXICO  
Phone: +52 55 5080 5200 Ext. 1343  
Fax: +52 55 5208 2010  
Email: lonosorio@salud.gob.mx

Dr Tika Bahadur Karki  
Director General  
Department of Food Technology and Quality Control  
HMG/Nepal, Babarmahal  
KATHMANDU  
NEPAL  
Phone: +00977-1-4262369  
Fax: +0097-1-4262337  
Email: dgdftqc@mail.com.np

Mrs Celia Steegmann  
Senior Policy Advisor Food Quality  
Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality  
PO Box 20401  
2500 EK, THE HAGUE  
NETHERLANDS  
Phone: +31 70 378 43 56  
Fax: +31 70 378 63 89  
Email: c.c.steegman@minlnv.nl

Mrs Anneke Van de Kamp  
Head of Department of Food and Nutrition  
Main Board for Arable Products  
PO Box 29739  
2502 LS, THE HAGUE  
NETHERLANDS  
Phone: +31 70 370 85 02  
Fax: +31 70 370 84 44  
Email: a.van.de.kamp@hpa.agro.nl

Mrs Anneke Van de Kamp  
Policy Officer,  
Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport  
PO Box 20350  
2500 EJ, THE HAGUE  
NETHERLANDS  
Phone: +31 70 3 406 942  
Fax: +31 70 3 405 554  
Email: j.warmerhoven@minvws.nl
NEW ZEALAND/NOUVELLE ZELANDE/NUEVA ZELANDIA

Mrs Cherie Flynn
Programme Manager
Policy - Food Act & Animal Products
Policy Group
New Zealand Food Safety Authority
PO Box 2835
WELLINGTON
NEW ZEALAND
Phone: +64 4 463 2572
Fax: +64 4 463 2583
Email: cherie.flynn@nzfsa.govt.nz

Mr Steven Ainsworth
Programme Manager, Animal Products
New Zealand Food Safety Authority
PO Box 2835
WELLINGTON
NEW ZEALAND
Phone: +64 4 463 2645
Fax: +64 4 463 2643
Email: steven.ainsworth@nzfsa.govt.nz

Mr Phil Fawcet
Programme Manager Regulatory Standards
Dairy and Plant Products Group
New Zealand Food Safety Authority
PO Box 2835
WELLINGTON
NEW ZEALAND
Phone: +64 4 463 2656
Fax: +64 4 463 2675
Email: phil.fawcet@nzfsa.govt.nz

Mr John Lee
Programme Manager, Animal Products
New Zealand Food Safety Authority
95 McGregor Road
RD 2
PAPAKURA
NEW ZEALAND
Phone: +64 9 292 9131
Fax: +64 9 292 9131
Email: john.lee@nzfsa.govt.nz

Mr Basker Nadarajah
National Co-ordinator Imported Products
New Zealand Food Safety Authority
PO Box 92605
AUCKLAND
NEW ZEALAND
Phone: +64 9 262 1855
Fax: +64 9 630 7470
Email: baskern@adhb.govt.nz

Mr Drasko Pavlovic
E-cert Manager, Animal Products
New Zealand Food Safety Authority Verification Agency
Custom House
PO Box 1254
AUCKLAND
NEW ZEALAND
Phone: +64 9 302 1803
Fax: +64 9 625 0024
Email: Drasko.Pavlovic@nzfsa.govt.nz

Mr Ian Baldick
PSA Organiser
PSA
Private Bag 68906
AUCKLAND
NEW ZEALAND
Phone: +64 9 376 7430
Fax: +64 9 376 7469
Email: ian.baldick@psa.org.nz

Mr Keith Gutsell
PSA President
Assure New Zealand
c/- Alliance Lorneville
Private Bag 1410
INVERCARGILL
NEW ZEALAND
Phone: +64 3 215 6418
Fax: +64 3 215 7909
Email: keith.kg@es.co.nz

NORWAY/NORVEGE/NORUEGA

Mr Lennart Johanson
Deputy Director General
Norwegian Ministry of Fisheries
PO Box 8118 Dep
NO - 0032, OSLO
NORWAY
Phone: +47 2224 2665
Fax: +47 2224 5678
Email: Lennart.Johanson@fkd.dep.no

Mr Nils Ole Baalsrud
Head of Section for Control Strategies and Contingency Planning
Norwegian Food Safety Authority
Head Office
P.O. Box 383
BRUMUNDDAL N-2381
NORWAY
Phone: +47 23 21 67 50
Email: nioab@mattilsynet.no
Ms Lena Brungot  
Adviser  
Norwegian Food Safety Authority  
National Fish and Seafood Centre  
P.O. BOX 383  
2381 BRUMUNDDAL  
NORWAY  
Phone: +47 5521 5732  
Fax: +47 5521 5707  
Email: lena.brungot@mattilsynet.no

Mrs Vigdis Veum Moellersen  
Adviser  
Norwegian Food Safety Authority  
Mattilsynet, Head Office  
P.O. Box 383  
N-2381 BRUMUNDDAL  
NORWAY  
Phone: +47 2321 6669  
Fax: +47 2321 6801  
Email: visvm@mattilsynet.no

Mr Mame Kasalau  
Special Projects Advisor  
Department of Agriculture & Livestock  
PO Box 2033  
PORT MORESBY  
PAPUA NEW GUINEA  
Phone: +675 320 2957  
Fax: +675 321 1046  
Email: scitech@global.net.pg

Mr John Susub  
Export Program Manager  
National Agriculture Quarantine & Inspection Authority  
PO Box 741  
PORT MORESBY  
PAPUA NEW GUINEA  
Phone: +675 325 9977  
Fax: +675 325 9310  
Email: naqia@dg.com.pg

Ms Veronica Talis  
Audit & Certification Officer  
National Fisheries Authority  
P.O. Box 2016  
PORT MORESBY  
PAPUA NEW GUINEA  
Phone: +675 309 0444  
Fax: +675 320 2061  
Email: vtalis@fisheries.gov.pg

Dr Dora Estela Rivelli Britoéz  
Coordinadora del SCT  
Sistemas de Inspección y Certificación de Importaciones y Exportaciones de Alimentos - Miembro del Codex - Capítulo Paraguay  
Instituto Nacional de Tecnología y Normalización  
Intn Punto Focal Del Codex Paraguay  
Avenida Artigas 3973 y Gral. ROA, C.C. 967  
ASUNCION  
PARAGUAY  
Phone: +595 21 290160 / 290156  
Fax: +595 21 290873  
Email: dlaboratorio@intn.gov.py

Ms Marzena Wódka  
Head of International Co-operation Department  
Codex Contact Point  
Agricultural and Food Quality Inspection  
30 Wspolna St.  
00-930 WARSAW  
POLAND  
Phone: +48 22 623 29 02  
Fax: +48 22 623 29 97  
Email: integracja@ijhar-s.gov.pl, kodeks@ijhar-s.gov.pl

Dr Sin Bin Chua  
Deputy CEO and Director  
Food & Veterinary Administration  
Agri-Food & Veterinary Authority of Singapore  
5 Maxwell Road #04-00  
Tower Block, MND Complex  
SINGAPORE 069110  
Phone: +65 6 325 7622  
Fax: +65 6 220 6068  
Email: chua_sin_bin@ava.gov.sg

Dr Astrid Yeo  
Assistant Director (Import and Export)  
Food and Veterinary Administration  
Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority of Singapore  
5 Maxwell Road #02-00  
Tower Block MND Complex  
SINGAPORE 069110  
Phone: +65 6 325 7686  
Fax: +65 6 220 6068  
Email: astrid_yeo@ava.gov.sg
**SOUTH AFRICA/AFRIQUE DE SUD/SUDAFRICA**

Dr Boitshoko Ntshabele  
Manager  
Meat, Poultry and Dairy Products  
Department of Agriculture  
Private Bag X250  
0001 PRETORIA  
SOUTH AFRICA  
Phone: +27 12 319 6754  
Fax: +27 12 319 6867  
Email: boitshokon@nda.agric.za

Mr Deon Jacobs  
Senior Inspector  
Food and Associated Industries Department  
Regulatory Affairs and Consumer Protection Division  
South African Bureau of Standards  
PO Box 615  
7701 Rondebosch  
CAPE TOWN  
SOUTH AFRICA  
Phone: +27 21 689 5511  
Fax: +27 21 689 6128  
Email: jacobsdc@sabs.co.za

Mr Gideon Joubert  
Technical Adviser  
Food and Associated Industries Department  
Regulatory Affairs and Consumer Protection Division  
South African Bureau of Standards  
Private Bag X191  
0001 PRETORIA  
SOUTH AFRICA  
Phone: +27 12 428 6086  
Fax: +27 12 428 6466  
Email: joubergj@sabs.co.za

**SPAIN/ESPAGNE/ESPAÑA**

Miss Almudena de Arriba Hervás  
Veterinary Officer - Técnico Superior  
Ministerio de Sanidad y Consumo  
Subdirección General de Sanidad Exterior  
Paseo del Prado, 18-20  
MADRID  
SPAIN  
Phone: +34 915 961 347  
Fax: +34 915 962 047  
Email: garriba@msc.es

Ms Amparo Parrilla Peláez  
Veterinary Officer - Técnico Superior  
Ministerio de Sanidad Consumo  
Subdirección General de Sanidad Exterior  
Paseo del Prado, 18-20  
MADRID  
SPAIN  
Phone: +34 915 961 049  
Fax: +34 915 962 047  
Email: aparrilla@msc.es

**SWEDEN/SUEDE/SUECIA**

Dr Tor Bergman  
Deputy Chief Veterinary Officer PH  
Swedish National Food Administration  
Box 622, SE – 75126  
UPPSALA  
SWEDEN  
Phone: +46 1817 5587  
Fax: +46 1817 5310  
Email: tor.bergman@slv.se

Ms Eva Rolfsdotter Lönberg  
Codex Co-ordinator for Sweden  
National Food Administration  
SE-751 26  
UPPSALA  
SWEDEN  
Phone: +46 1817 5547  
Fax: +46 1817 5310  
Email: evlo@slv.se

**SWITZERLAND/SUISSE/SUIZA**

Mrs Awilo Ochieng Pernet  
Codex Alimentarius  
International Food Safety Issues  
Swiss Federal Office of Public Health  
Schwarzenburgstrasse 165  
CH-3003 BERNE  
SWITZERLAND  
Phone: +41 31 322 0041  
Fax: +41 31 322 9574  
Email: awilo.ochieng@bag.admin.ch

Dr Jürg Rüfenacht  
Head of Border Inspections  
Federal Veterinary Office  
Schwarzenburgstrasse 161  
CH-3097, LIEBEFELD  
SWITZERLAND  
Phone: +41 31 323 85 10  
Fax: +41 31 323 56 86  
Email: juerg.ruefenacht@bvet.admin.ch

**THAILAND/THAILANDE/TAILANDIA**

Mr Montri Klitsaneephaiboon  
Director  
Office of Commodity and System Standards Accreditation  
National Bureau of Agricultural Commodity and Food Standards  
3 Rajdamnern Nok Avenue  
BANGKOK 10200  
THAILAND  
Phone: +66 2 579 8643 Ext. 3020  
Fax: +66 2 579 8427  
Email: montri@acsfs.go.th
Ms Usa Bamrungbhuet
Standard Officer
Office of Commodity and System Standards
National Bureau of Agricultural Commodity and Food Standards
3 Rajdamnern Nok Avenue
BANGKOK 10200
THAILAND
Phone: +66 2 283 1600 Ext. 1184
Fax: +66 2 280 3899
Email: usa@acfs.go.th

Ms Chuleeporn Chantree
Information Analysis
Office of Agricultural Affairs
Royal Thai Embassy
10 Bulwarra Close
O’MALLEY ACT 2606
AUSTRALIA
Phone: +61 2 6586 8837
Fax: +61 2 6286 8847
Email: agrithai@bigpond.net.au

Mr Ronachai Juangphanich
Director of Livestock Standards Division
Bureau of Livestock Standards and Certification
Department of Livestock Development
Phayathai Rd
Rajathevee
BANGKOK 10400
THAILAND
Phone: +66 2 653 4444 Ext. 3141-42
Fax: +66 2 653 4444 Ext. 3145
Email: juangvet@hotmail.com

Ms Srinuan Korrakochakorn
Director of Import and Export Inspection Division
Food and Drug Administration
Tiwanond Rd
Amphoe Muang
Nonthaburi 11000
THAILAND
Phone: +66 2 590 7351
Fax: +66 2 591 8477
Email: grinuan@fda.moph.go.th

Mr Manat Larpphon
Standard Officer
Office of Commodity and System Standards
National Bureau of Agricultural Commodity and Food Standards
3 Rajdamnern Nok Avenue
BANGKOK 10200
THAILAND
Phone: +66 2 283 1600 Ext. 1186
Fax: +66 2 280 3899
Email: mlarpphon@yahoo.com

Ms Krissana Sukhumparnich
Head of Product Standard Development Group
Fish Inspection and Quality Control Division
Department of Fisheries
Kaset Klang
Chatuchak
BANGKOK 10900
THAILAND
Phone: +66 2 558 0150-5
Fax: +66 2 558 0134
Email: krissana_s@yahoo.com

Ms Raschanee Suvaparp
Senior Scientist
Pesticide Research Group
Department of Agriculture
Kaset Klang
Chatuchak
BANGKOK 10900
THAILAND
Phone: +66 2 940 5504
Fax: +66 2 561 4695
Email: raschane@doa.go.th

Ms Supapun Brillantes
Technical Vice-Manager
Thai Food Processors’ Association
170/21-22 Ocean Tower 1 Bld
Ratchadaphisek Rd
Klongtoey
BANGKOK
THAILAND
Phone: +66 2 261 2684-6
Fax: +66 2 261 2996-7
Email: vice-manager@thaifood.org

Mr Boonpeng Santiwattanatam
Committee
The Federation of Thai Industries
Queen Sirikit National Convention Center Zone C
4th Floor, 60 New Rachadapisek Road
Klongtoey
BANGKOK
THAILAND
Phone: +66 2 229 4255 Ext. 153
Fax: +66 2 229 4927
Email: boonpeng@cpf.co.th

Ms Malinee Subvanich
Thai Food Processors’ Association
170/21-22 Ocean Tower 1 Bld.
Ratchadaphisek Rd
Klongtoey
BANGKOK
THAILAND
Phone: +66 2 261 2684-6
Fax: +66 2 261 1996-7
Mr Lers Thisayakorn  
Treasurer  
Thai Frozen Foods Association  
92/6 6th Floor Sathorn Thani II  
North Sathorn Rd  
Bangrak  
BANGKOK 10500  
THAILAND  
Phone: +66 2 235 5622-4  
Fax: +66 2 235 5625  
Email: unitedco@anet.net.th

Ms Mary Stanley  
Director  
US Department of Agriculture  
Food Safety Inspection Service, Office of International Affairs  
1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Room 3843 South Building  
WASHINGTON DC 20250  
USA  
Phone: +1 202 720 0287  
Fax: +1 202 720 6050  
Email: Mary.Stanley@fsis.usda.gov

Ms Karen Stuck  
Assistant Administrator,  
Food Safety Inspection Service, Office of International Affairs  
Department of Agriculture  
1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Room 3143 - South Building  
WASHINGTON DC 20250  
USA  
Phone: +1 202 720 3473  
Fax: +1 202 690 3856  
Email: karen.stuck@fsis.usda.gov

Ms Audrey Talley  
Deputy Director, Food Safety and Technical Services Division  
Foreign Agricultural Service  
US Department of Agriculture  
1400 Independence Avenue SW  
Room 5545 - South Building  
WASHINGTON DC 20250  
USA  
Phone: +1 202 720 9408  
Fax: +1 202 690 0677  
Email: Talley@fas.usda.gov

Mr H Michael Wehr  
Codex Program Coordinator  
Centre for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition  
Food and Drug Administration  
5100 Paint Branch Parkway  
Room 1B-003, -HFS-550 College Park  
MARYLAND 20740  
USA  
Phone: +1 301 436 1724  
Fax: +1 301 436 2618  
Email: Michael.Wehr@cfsan.fda.gov

Mr Richard White  
Office of the United States Trade Representative  
600 17th Street, NW  
Winder Building, Room 415  
WASHINGTON DC 20508  
USA  
Phone: +1 202 395 9582  
Fax: +1 202 395 4579  
Email: richard_white@ustr.eop.gov

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA/ETATS-UNIS/ESTADOS UNIDOS

Dr Catherine Carnevale  
Director  
Office of Constituent Operations  
Centre for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition  
Food and Drug Administration  
5100 Paint Branch Parkway  
Room 1B-061-HFS-550 College Park  
MARYLAND 20740  
USA  
Phone: +1 301 436 1723  
Fax: +1 301436 2618  
Email: catherine.carnevale@cfsan.fda.gov

Mr Donald A. Hodgen  
Senior International Economist  
International Trade Administration  
US Department of Commerce  
14th & Constitution Ave, NW  
Room 1015 (mail stop)  
WASHINGTON DC 20230  
USA  
Phone: +1 202 482 3346  
Fax: +1 202 482 3981  
Email: donald_a_hodgen@ita.doc.gov

Mr Joseph Jacanin  
SPS Officer  
US Department of State  
WASHINGTON DC 20520  
USA  
Phone: +1 202 647 3424  
Fax: +1 202 647 2302  
Email: JacaninJS@state.gov

Ms Edith Kennard  
Staff Officer  
US Codex Office / FSIS/ USDA  
1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Room 4861 South Building  
WASHINGTON DC 20250  
USA  
Phone: +1 202 720 5261  
Fax: +1 202 720 3157  
Email: edith.kennard@fsis.usda.gov

Ms Mary Stanley  
Director  
US Department of Agriculture  
Food Safety Inspection Service, Office of International Affairs  
1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Room 3843 South Building  
WASHINGTON DC 20250  
USA  
Phone: +1 202 720 0287  
Fax: +1 202 720 6050  
Email: Mary.Stanley@fsis.usda.gov

Ms Karen Stuck  
Assistant Administrator,  
Food Safety Inspection Service, Office of International Affairs  
Department of Agriculture  
1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Room 3143 - South Building  
WASHINGTON DC 20250  
USA  
Phone: +1 202 720 3473  
Fax: +1 202 690 3856  
Email: karen.stuck@fsis.usda.gov

Ms Audrey Talley  
Deputy Director, Food Safety and Technical Services Division  
Foreign Agricultural Service  
US Department of Agriculture  
1400 Independence Avenue SW  
Room 5545 - South Building  
WASHINGTON DC 20250  
USA  
Phone: +1 202 720 9408  
Fax: +1 202 690 0677  
Email: Talley@fas.usda.gov

Mr H Michael Wehr  
Codex Program Coordinator  
Centre for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition  
Food and Drug Administration  
5100 Paint Branch Parkway  
Room 1B-003, -HFS-550 College Park  
MARYLAND 20740  
USA  
Phone: +1 301 436 1724  
Fax: +1 301 436 2618  
Email: Michael.Wehr@cfsan.fda.gov

Mr Richard White  
Office of the United States Trade Representative  
600 17th Street, NW  
Winder Building, Room 415  
WASHINGTON DC 20508  
USA  
Phone: +1 202 395 9582  
Fax: +1 202 395 4579  
Email: richard_white@ustr.eop.gov
Ms Jane Earley  
President  
Earley Associates  
1101 King Street, Suite 444  
ALEXANDRIA VIRGINIA 22314 USA  
Phone: +1 703 838 0602  
Fax: +1 703 739 9098  
Email: jearley@promarinternational.com

Mr C W McMillan  
President  
C. W. McMillan Co.  
PO Box 10009  
ALEXANDRIA VIRGINIA 22314 USA  
Phone: +1 703 960 1982  
Fax: +1 703 960 4976  
Email: cwmco@aol.com

Ms Peggy Rochette  
Director of International Affairs  
National Food Processors Association  
1350 I Street, NW  
WASHINGTON DC 20005 USA  
Phone: +1 202 639 5921  
Fax: +1 202 639 5932  
Email: prochet@nfpa-food.org

Mrs Victoria Francolino  
First Secretary  
Embassy of Uruguay  
PO Box 5058  
KINGSTON ACT 2604  
Phone: +61 2 6273 9100  
Fax: +61 2 6273 9099  
Email: urucan@austarmetro.com.au

Dr Jorge Alves  
Consultant (Asesor)  
National Meat Institute  
Rincón 545 Piso 4  
MONTEVIDEO URUGUAY  
Phone: +598 2 916 0430  
Fax: +598 2 916 0430  
Email: jorgealvessuarez@adinet.com.uy

Mr Ta Van Lam  
Officer of the Food Safety Quality Division  
National Fisheries Quality Assurance and Veterinary Directorate (NAFIQAVED)  
10 Nguyen Cong Hoan Street  
Ba Dinh Hanoi  
HANOI VIETNAM  
Phone: +84 4 8310 938  
Fax: +84 4 8317 221  
Email: talam.nafi@mofi.gov.vn

Mr Nguyen Nhu Tiep  
Head of the Veterinary Division  
National Fisheries Quality Assurance and Veterinary Directorate (NAFIQAVED)  
10 Nguyen Cong Hoan Street  
Ba Dinh 11a Noi  
HANOI VIETNAM  
Phone: +84 4 7715 383  
Fax: +84 4 8317 221  
Email: nhutiep.naf@mofi.gov.vn

INTERNATIONAL GOVERNEMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS/ORGANISATIONS GOUVERNEMENTALES INTERNATIONALES/ORGANIZACIONES GUBERNAMENTALES INTERNACIONALES

INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF REFRIGERATION (IIR)  
Dr Silvia Estrada-Flores  
Senior R&D Engineer Refrigerated Transport & Storage  
Food Science Australia  
11 Julius Avenue  
Riverside Corporate Park  
NORTH RYDE NSW 2113 AUSTRALIA  
Phone: +61 2 9490 8431  
Fax: +61 2 9490 8530  
Email: silvia.estradaflores@foodscience.afisc.csiro.au

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION  
Dr Lee Ann Jackson  
Economic Affiars Officer  
World Trade Organization  
154 Rue de Lausanne  
CH-1211 GENEVA 21 SWITZERLAND  
Phone: +41 22 769 6907  
Fax: +41 22 769 5760  
Email: leeann.jackson@wto.org

VIETNAM/VIET NAM

Mr Nguyen Nhu Tiep  
Head of the Veterinary Division  
National Fisheries Quality Assurance and Veterinary Directorate (NAFIQAVED)  
10 Nguyen Cong Hoan Street  
Ba Dinh 11a Noi  
HANOI VIETNAM  
Phone: +84 4 7715 383  
Fax: +84 4 8317 221  
Email: nhutiep.naf@mofi.gov.vn
INTERNATIONAL NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS/ORGANISATIONS NON-GOUVERNAMENTALES INTERNATIONALES/ORGANIZACIONES INTERNACIONALES NO GUBERNAMENTALES

49th PARALLEL BIOTECHNOLOGY CONSORTIUM
Mr Bob Phelps
Executive Director
GeneEthics Network
Floor 1, 60 Leicester Street
CARLTON VIC 3053
AUSTRALIA
Phone: +61 3 9347 4500
Fax: +61 3 9345 1166
Email: info@geneethics.org

BIOTECHNOLOGY INDUSTRY ORGANIZATION
Dr Janet Collins
Lead, Global Regulatory Organization
Biotechnology Industry Organization
1300 Eye Street NW, Suite 450 East
WASHINGTON DC 20005
USA
Phone: +1 202 383 2861
Fax: +1 202 789 1748
Email: janet.e.collins@monsanto.com

CONSUMERS INTERNATIONAL
Ms Clare Hughes
Food Policy Officer
Australian Consumers' Association
Consumers International
57 Carrington Road
MARRICKVILLE NSW 2204
AUSTRALIA
Phone: +61 2 9577 3375
Fax: +61 2 9577 3377
Email: chughes@choice.com.au

CROP LIFE INTERNATIONAL
Mr Kay Khoo
Regulatory Affairs and PGA Manager
Crop Life International
391-393 Tooronga Road
East Hawthorn VIC 3123
AUSTRALIA
Phone: +61 3 9248 6857
Fax: +61 3 9248 6605
Email: kay.khoo@bayercropscience.com

GREENPEACE INTERNATIONAL
Mr Bruno Heinzer
Greenpeace International
C/o Greenpeace
PO Box
8031 ZURICH
SWITZERLAND
Phone: +41 1 447 41 41
Fax: +41 1 447 41 99
Email: bheinzer@ch.greenpeace.org

INTERNATIONAL ACCREDITATION FORUM
Mr John Owen
Corporate Secretary
International Accreditation Forum
53 Manuka Circle
CHERRYBROOK NSW 2126
AUSTRALIA
Phone: +61 2 9481 7343
Fax: +61 2 9481 7343
Email: secretary@iaf.nu

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF GROCERY MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATIONS
Dr Mark Nelson
Vice President
Scientific & Regulatory Policy
International Council of Grocery Manufacturers Associations (ICGMA)
2nd Floor, 2401 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
WASHINGTON D.C. 20037-1730
USA
Phone: +202 295 3955
Fax: +202 337 4508
Email: mnelson@gmabrands.com

INTERNATIONAL DAIRY FEDERATION
Dr Michael Donkin
Technical Manager - Food Assurance
Fonterra Cooperative Group Ltd.
Private Bag 11029
PALMERSTON NORTH
NEW ZEALAND
Phone: +64 6 350 4661
Fax: +64 6 350 4607
E-mail: mike.donkin@fonterra.com
Ms Slava Zeman
Manager, Processed Foods Policy
Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service
Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry
GPO Box 858
CANBERRA ACT 2601
AUSTRALIA
Phone: +61 2 6272 5027
Fax: +61 2 6271 6522
Email: slava.zeman@aqis.gov.au
INTERNATIONAL UNION OF PURE & APPLIED CHEMISTRY

Dr Sue-Sun Wong
Research Specialist
International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC)
TACTRI
Residue Control Division
11 Kung-Ming Road
Wufeng
TAICHUNG HSIEN
TAIWAN
Phone: +886 4 233 006 12
Fax: +886 4 233 247 38
Email: sswong@tactri.gov.tw

CODEX SECRETARIAT/SECRETARIAT DU CODEX/SECRETARIADO DEL CODEX

Ms Annamaria Bruno
Food Standards Officer
Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme
Viale delle Terme di Caracalla
0100 ROME
ITALY
Phone: +39 06 5705 6254
Fax: +39 06 5705 4593
Email: annamaria.bruno@fao.org

Ms Gracia Brisco
Food Standards Officer
Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme
Viale delle Terme de Caracalla
0100 ROME
ITALY
Phone: +39 06 5705 2700
Fax: +39 06 5705 4593
Email: gracia.brisco@fao.org

AUSTRALIAN SECRETARIAT/SECRETARIAT AUSTRALIEN/SECRETARIADO AUSTRALIANO

Ms Ann Backhouse
Manager
Codex Australia
Product Safety and Integrity
Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
GPO Box 858
CANBERRA ACT 2601
AUSTRALIA
Phone: +61 2 6272 5692
Fax: +61 2 6272 3103
Email: ann.backhouse@daff.gov.au

Ms Suzanne Blake
Executive Officer
Codex Australia
Product Safety and Integrity
Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry
GPO BOX 858
CANBERRA ACT 2601
AUSTRALIA
Phone: +61 2 6272 5112
Fax: +61 2 6272 3103
Email: suzanne.blake@daff.gov.au

Ms Rose Hockham
Assistant Manager
Codex Australia
Product Safety and Integrity
Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
GPO Box 858
CANBERRA ACT 2601
AUSTRALIA
Phone: +61 2 6272 5060
Fax: +61 2 6272 3103
Email: rose.hockham@daff.gov.au

Ms Rebecca Lathbury
Communications Officer
Codex Australia
Product Safety and Integrity
Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
GPO Box 858
CANBERRA ACT 2601
AUSTRALIA
Phone: +61 2 6272 4848
Fax: +61 2 6272 5697
Email: rebecca.lathbury@daff.gov.au

Ms Eles Parancin
Executive Assistant
Exports and Corporate Division
Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service
Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
GPO Box 858
CANBERRA ACT 2601
AUSTRALIA
Phone: +61 2 6272 4461
Fax: +61 2 6272 4112
Email: eles.parancin@aqis.gov.au
APPENDIX II

PROPOSED DRAFT PRINCIPLES FOR ELECTRONIC CERTIFICATION
(N05-2004)
(at Steps 5/8 of the Elaboration Procedure)

Objective
1. This document elaborates Section 5 of the document “Guidelines for Generic Official Certificate Formats and the Production and Issuance of Certificates (CAC/GL 38 – 2001) in relation to the principles for production, transfer and acceptance of electronic certificates. These principles are intended to provide guidance for competent authorities where export certification is exchanged electronically.

Definitions

Principles for Electronic Certification
3. Where export certification is exchanged electronically between the competent authorities of the exporting and importing countries the system should:
   • Comply with the principles of the Codex Guidelines for Generic Official Certificate Formats and the Production and Issuance of Certificates (CAC/GL 38 - 2001);
   • Consider data elements and message structure such as those set/ratified by the United Nations Centre of Trade Facilitation and Electronic Commerce for electronic certification exchanged between government border authorities (refer ISO/UNTDDE/1). The importing and exporting countries will need to agree on the data elements to be exchanged and on the standardized conversion fields that allow each country to send and receive data according to its preferred standard;
   • Assure integrity of the certification system during the exchange of electronic data to protect against fraud, infection from viruses and other malicious software and maintain system integrity. Examples of such security measures which may be considered include:
     - digital authentication certificates;
     - encryption;
     - controlled and audited access;
     - firewalls;
     - any other specifically developed security measures.
   • Include a mechanism to control and protect system access against unauthorised entry. This will require the competent authorities of both the exporting and importing countries to agree on access rights, including officials authorised to access the system;
   • Take into account the limitations of infrastructure and capabilities of developing countries;
   • Include a contingency plan to ensure disruption to trade is minimal in the event of system failure.

1 The UNTDED (United Nations Trade Data Elements Directory) contains descriptions of all elements by number and short description plus attributes (www.unece.org/etrades/codesindex.htm). As an example, DE1004 is a "Document/Message Number". A similar identification in X12 is 324 "Purchase Order Number".
APPENDIX III

PROPOSED DRAFT PRINCIPLES AND GUIDELINES FOR RISK-BASED INSPECTION OF IMPORTED FOODS

(N06-2004)

(at Step 3 of the Elaboration Procedure)

INTRODUCTION

1. The food safety risk presented by an imported food is dependent upon a number of factors, including the nature of the food, the presence and concentration of a hazard, and the handling conditions to which the product is subjected. While these guidelines generally reference the “product”, that is, the imported food, it is important to note that the reference to the product includes the hazard(s) associated with the product.

2. As trade in food grows, as more countries engage in producing food for the world market, as the variety of food products increases, and as concerns with ensuring the safety of food increases, regulatory agencies face new challenges in developing an appropriate system to ensure compliance of imported foods with importing countries health and food safety requirements.

3. As part of a programme to assure that imported foods meet their public health and food safety requirements, an importing country may develop a programme to inspect products when they enter the country.

4. To increase the effectiveness of an imported food programme, the implementation of a risk-based design ensures that a greater attention is given to products that present a higher level of risk to human health.

5. This document establishes principles and guidelines for developing a risk-based programme for carrying out border/point of control inspections of imported food products.

SCOPE


7. These principles and guidelines apply to all imported food (including food ingredients).

8. The subject of these principles and guidelines is food safety.

OBJECTIVE

9. These principles and guidelines are intended to provide competent authorities with information to assist them with the design and implementation of inspection programmes for imported food, based on the risk to human health presented by the product.

---

1 [Risk-based definition is being developed by Codex Committee on Meat Hygiene]
2 Codex defines “risk” as “a function of the probability of an adverse health effect and the severity of that effect, consequential to a hazard(s) in food (Codex Procedural Manual, 13th Edition, p. 52).
10. Risk-based programmes help countries to focus resources on those products presenting the greatest potential public health risk to consumers. A risk-based approach can support the recognition that information can be provided or gathered in a variety of ways to assist in placing foods [into different risk categories] with intensity\(^3\) of inspection which is proportionate to this risk.

11. Various forms of assurance of compliance can be utilised (e.g. certification, systems audits, equivalence determinations) to allow for further refinement to the level of risk and hence, the intensity of the inspection.

**PRINCIPLES**

12. The following principles apply to the risk-based inspection of imported food:

- Requirements for the inspection of imported foods should be developed using a risk analysis approach;
- [The risk category of the] imported food should be based on the assessed risk to human health the food presents or is likely to present based on available scientific information in relation to the consumption of the food;
- The intensity of inspection of a specific imported food should be [correlated with the risk category] attributed to it and take into account, where available and when appropriate, the compliance history of: the exporting country; producer and manufacturer; the food control system in the exporting country; and, those involved with the exporting or importing of the product;
- Sampling plans can be [modulated by risk categorisation] and should, as far as possible, be based on Codex standards, guidelines and recommendations where they exist. In the absence of Codex sampling plans, reference should be made to internationally accepted or scientifically based sampling plans;
- The inspection system and related requirements should be applied consistently to all exporting countries; and border/point of control inspection of imported food should not result in unjustified barriers to trade or any unnecessary delays;
- Requirements used to determine the compliance of food products in a border/point of control inspection programme should be no more stringent than the requirements imposed on the same or similar products in the domestic market;
- Information about the sampling plans and [the risk categories attributed to imported food], requirements used to determine the compliance of food products and other information about the clearance procedures should be transparent, easily accessible and up to date.

**DESIGNING A RISK-BASED PROGRAMME**

13. Requirements for the inspection of imported food, should be developed and implemented using a risk analysis approach.

14. Border/point of control checks should be applied to particular products in proportion to the risk to human health associated with the food, including consideration of the type of production and/or the processing method used. The intensity of inspection may be adjusted according to demonstrated compliance to food safety requirements.

15. The competent authority should use an evidence based approach to design a risk based programme which ensures that border/point of control checks for specific products are proportionate to the risk to human health. This should take into account:

- The scientifically demonstrated ability of the food product to present a public health risk\(^4\);

---

\(^3\) Intensity includes the frequency of inspection, the sampling plan and the nature of the inspection (e.g., visual examination, sampled and tested).

\(^4\) Risk assessments, foodborne illness outbreak and epidemiological findings/history, contaminant and/or residue information can be key components of this information.
• The compliance history of the food product type generally, irrespective of the source of the food;

• The compliance history of the food with respect to the source of the food including, where available, the compliance history with respect to:
  - the exporting country or region/area within an exporting country;
  - the producer and manufacturer;
  - the exporter;
  - the shipper;
  - the importer; and
  - the third party inspection bodies

• The adequacy of processing controls in place in the exporting country as evidenced by the country’s laws, regulations, and other policies; its infrastructure; and its ability to effectively enforce food safety requirements.

16. The competent food safety authority may [establish categories of risk based on] the above factors and place a given food from a given country, producer/manufacturer, exporter, shipper, and importer [into a specific category]. The [risk category and the manner of establishing] it should be fully documented. [These categories] will determine the type and intensity of inspections at the border/point of control.

17. Countries should periodically review [their risk categorisation]

18. Any certifications made by the competent authorities in the exporting country regarding the exported products, or the existence of equivalence determinations and programmes involving the use of memoranda of understanding and mutual recognition agreements or a programme where the competent authority assesses the controls their importers implement over their suppliers, may enable the importing country to alter the intensity of inspection of the imported food. They can provide information on the systems and controls in place in the exporting country and can also provide a form of assurance to the importing country that a particular food product complies with the food safety requirements of the importing country.

19. Production controls, inspection, sampling, and analysis may be verified or determined by audits of the foreign country’s inspection controls, where appropriate, and the information gained from these audits should be used to [determine the appropriate risk categories for] food products from that country.

20. When an importing country does not have prior knowledge of a product, that is, a compliance history is lacking, or cannot readily obtain such information, an importing country may establish a higher inspection intensity proportionate to the risk to human health.

21. [Products with a known history of compliance may establish a lower inspection intensity proportionate to the risk to human health]. Sustained conformance with the importing country’s requirements—demonstrated by audit results and results of border/point of control checks—provides an opportunity for importing countries to place the product [into a lower risk category] and to reduce the level of sampling at the border/point of control.

22. Foodborne illness outbreaks; epidemiological findings; results of audits conducted in the exporting country; the detection of non-compliances at the point of import and detection of pathogens, contaminants and potentially harmful residues in imported food; the results of border/point of control checks, may lead an importing country to place a [food product in a higher risk category] until it is confirmed that corrective measures have been introduced and are being implemented effectively. An importing country may work with an exporting country to prevent the occurrence of further outbreaks.

---

5 Laboratory sampling programmes and results may provide this type of information. Audits are another way of gaining information.

6 In such cases, the importing country will do its utmost to ensure that corrective measures put in place by the exporting country are evaluated in a reasonable interval.
23. The importing country should, as appropriate, [verify the placement of a food into a category of risk]. Where the importing country is satisfied with the sustained conformance of the food with its requirements as demonstrated by audit results and results of border/point of control inspections the food [should be placed into a lower risk category and thus] reduced intensity of border/point of control inspection.

DEVELOPING REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES

24. Countries should take into account Codex standards, recommendations, and guidelines, whenever appropriate, in developing requirements for border/point of control checks of imported food.

25. In developing requirements for border/point of control checks, importing countries should make use of available:
   - internationally accepted scientific risk assessments for the biological, chemical and physical hazards associated with the type of product.
   - Scientifically based sampling plans, acceptable for the level of risk to human health posed by the product.
   - Appropriate inspection procedures, appropriate sampling techniques and competent laboratories using validated analytical methods.

26. The intensity and type of inspection performed should be determined by the potential risk to human health of the shipment, taking into account the factors noted above. However, further examination (e.g., visual examination only, product sampling and laboratory testing) can be by random selection of shipments and of products within the shipment. In general, lot-by-lot inspection should be reserved for those products that present or have the potential to present a significant and scientifically supportable public health risk.

27. The intensity and type of inspection performed should be determined by the potential risk to human health of the imported food [and the category of risk the food has been placed into]. A range of procedures can be used for clearance of imported foods, for example:
   - Checking the documentation and/or the general condition of the shipment;
   - Checking documentation plus periodic product sampling (eg 1-20 or 1 –40 shipments) to confirm the accuracy of the documentation;
   - Visual examination only;
   - Random product sampling and testing of shipments;
   - Random product sampling and testing within shipment;
   - Lot-by-lot inspection, sampling and testing.

28. Increasing the intensity and type of inspection performed should also be related to the risk to human health of the imported food [and the category of risk the food has been placed into]. In general lot-by-lot inspection should be reserved for those products that present or have the potential to present a significant and scientifically supportable public health risk.

IMPLEMENTING THE RISK-BASED IMPORT INSPECTION PROGRAMME

29. Countries should implement risk-based border/point of control inspection that has been designed using the above guidelines.

30. It is recognized that multiple government agencies may have responsibilities at the border/point of control of importing countries. In these cases, procedures and policies that impact imported food should be implemented in a coordinated and consistent manner. Personnel should be cross-trained, when appropriate, and information should be shared among agencies and importers transparently so that delays are reduced and movement of products is facilitated.

31. Inspection personnel performing the border/point of control checks need to be adequately trained in the importing country’s procedures for risk based inspection of imported foods and in the ability to recognize abnormalities that present public health risks.
32. Actions of an importing country with respect to failure of an exporting country to meet the requirements of the importing country should be proportional to the risk to human health. [Placement of a product into a higher risk category is an appropriate response]. Product detention combined with enhanced sampling and testing from the establishment involved, or in certain instances from the country if multiple processing establishments producing similar types of product are involved, may also be an appropriate response. Prohibition of an exporting country’s product by an importing country should be reserved only for those rare situations where a serious public health threat exists. Procedures should provide for appeal.

33. Requirements and procedures for carrying out border/point of control checks should be transparent so that exporting countries will have access to them and to their application. The inspection procedures and procedures for risk categorisation should be documented in a manner that is accessible to exporting countries and other interested parties, such as through the Internet or available upon request.\footnote{Any changes to import protocols, including specifications, which may significantly affect trade, should be promptly communicated to trading partners, allowing a reasonable interval between the publication of regulations and their application (CAC/GL 47-2003)}.

34. When the results of border/point of control checks indicate failure of a shipment to meet the requirements of the importing country, the importer [and/or] the food control authorities of the exporting country should be promptly notified of the reason for the rejection in order to facilitate corrective and preventive action. Notification to the exporting country should be immediate for violations involving potential health risk to consumers. Countries should refer, as appropriate, to the Codex Guidelines for the Exchange of Information Between Countries on Rejection of Imported Food (CAC/GL 25-1997) or to the Codex Principles and Guidelines for the Exchange of Information in Food Safety Emergency Situations (CAC/GL 19-1995, Rev 1-2004)
APPENDIX IV

PROJECT DOCUMENT

CCFICS PROPOSAL FOR NEW WORK ON PRINCIPLES FOR THE APPLICATION OF TRACEABILITY/PRODUCT TRACING IN THE CONTEXT OF FOOD IMPORT AND EXPORT INSPECTION AND CERTIFICATION SYSTEMS

PREPARED BY:

13th Session of the Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certifications Systems
Melbourne, Australia 6-10 December 2004.

PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF THE PROPOSED STANDARD

The work as proposed will cover the principles for the application of traceability/product tracing in relation to official food inspection and certification systems.

ITS RELEVANCE AND TIMELINESS

The proposed work is directly related to CCFICS terms of reference, i.e.:

- to develop principles and guidelines for food import and export inspection and certification systems with a view to harmonising methods and procedures which protect the health of consumers, ensure fair trading practices and facilitate international trade in foodstuffs;
- to develop principles and guidelines for the application of measures by the competent authorities of exporting and importing countries to provide assurance where necessary that foodstuffs comply with requirements, especially statutory health requirements.

The 27th Session of the Commission adopted the definition of traceability/product tracing as proposed by the Codex Committee on General Principles and requested the CCFICS to present a proposal for new work on principles for the application of traceability/product tracing as a matter of priority.

THE MAIN ASPECTS TO BE COVERED

Principles relating to traceability/product tracing within food inspection and certification systems and could take into consideration other work by international standards setting bodies.

AN ASSESSMENT AGAINST THE CRITERIA FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF WORK PRIORITIES.

The proposed work could assist in harmonising national traceability/product tracing and minimising potential impediments to international trade.

The new work proposed is specifically relevant to the Criteria for the Establishment of New Work criteria (a), (b), and (d) as stated in the Codex Procedural Manual 13th Edition.

- Consumer protection from the point of view of health and fraudulent practices;
- Diversification of national legislations and apparent resultant or potential impediments to international trade;
- work already undertaken by other international organizations in this field.

1 For the purpose of this document the word “standard” is meant to include any of the recommendations of the Commission intended to be submitted to Governments for acceptance
2 ALINORM 04/27/41, para 20
INFORMATION ON THE RELATION BETWEEN THE PROPOSAL AND OTHER EXISTING CODEX DOCUMENTS

The previous working group lead by Switzerland provided detailed assessment of the relationship between existing CCFICS texts and the concept of traceability / product tracing. The analysis was presented to CCFICS at the 11th Session of CCFICS, CX/FICS 02/11/7. That analysis found that the existing CCFICS texts did not adequately cover the principles for traceability/product tracing.

The new work will take into consideration other work within Codex Committees and Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Task Forces and current and future regional seminars or workshops in regard to traceability/product tracing.

The 27th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (July 2004) adopted the definition of traceability/product tracing, prepared by the Codex Committee on General Principles. The proposed work shall be consistent with the adopted definition and the relevant considerations identified during the elaboration of this definition.3

IDENTIFICATION OF ANY REQUIREMENT FOR AND AVAILABILITY OF EXPERT SCIENTIFIC ADVICE

Nil

IDENTIFICATION OF ANY NEED FOR TECHNICAL INPUT TO THE STANDARD FROM EXTERNAL BODIES SO THAT THIS CAN BE PLANNED FOR

Nil

THE PROPOSED TIMELINE FOR COMPLETION OF THE NEW WORK, (including the start date, the proposed date for adoption at Step 5, and the proposed date for adoption by the Commission; the time frame for developing a standard should not normally exceed five years.)

In response to the request of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, the new work should commence following the 2005 Commission meeting. A draft set of principles elaborated by a working group subject to approval of the new work could be circulated at Step 3 as early as August 2005.

WORK TO BE LEAD BY:

Australia with Vice-Chairs from Argentina and Norway.

---

3 ALINORM 04/27/33A, paras 89-95
APPENDIX V

PROJECT DOCUMENT

CCFICS PROPOSAL FOR NEW WORK ON THE REVISION TO THE CODEX GUIDELINES FOR GENERIC OFFICIAL CERTIFICATE FORMATS AND THE PRODUCTION AND ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES (CAC/GL 38-2001)

PREPARED BY:

13th Session of the Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems (Melbourne, Australia, 6-10 December 2004).

PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF THE PROPOSED STANDARD

To revise the existing Codex Guidelines for Generic Official Certificate Formats and the Production and Issuance of Certificates (CAC/GL 38-2001) to include updating of existing guidance and to expand and/or clarify certain sections of the Guidelines.

ITS RELEVANCE AND TIMELINESS

CAC/GL 38-2001 is intended to provide guidance to countries on the issuance of export certificates to protect consumer health and to ensure fair practices in food trade. The existing guidance is relatively prescriptive and does not provide the flexibility needed by countries to meet the various needs of countries in issuing export certificates. A revision of the Guidelines is desired to provide for more appropriate principles and guidance.

Additionally, the proposed work is designed to assist countries in resolving emerging certification issues, including for example:

- the handling of requests for export certification that may be beyond the jurisdiction of the certifying authorities of some exporting countries;
- the handling of export certification requests that may be duplicative or redundant;
- The need for recommended common attestation language for similar certification requests in order to simplify and harmonize the system.

THE MAIN ASPECTS TO BE COVERED.

1. Revise the Guidelines to make them more appropriate and flexible.
2. Revise the Guidelines to:
   o Clarify when export certificates should be issued by competent authorities to assure product safety, and ensure fair trade practices, or when attestations are more appropriately provided by commercial entities;
   o Cover situations when national legislation does not authorize the specific attestations requested by importing countries and that a certain level of flexibility by importing and exporting countries may be necessary to resolve difficulties associated with these problems;
   o Indicate when certificates could be considered redundant;
   o Clarify the Guidelines regarding the application of an export certificate to the shipment of multiple lots of the same product providing that information required by importing countries is still conveyed;
   o Clarify the Guidelines to indicate that requests for proprietary information should relate directly to the need for official certification and that, if such information is requested, adequate means to protect such information shall be employed;

---

1 For the purpose of this document the word “standard” is meant to include any of the recommendations of the Commission intended to be submitted to Governments for acceptance.
Recognize that there should be harmonized attestations for similar certification needs to prevent misunderstanding and mistakes; develop specific attestation examples for common types of certifications.

The proposed new work to revise the Guidelines recognizes that the CCFICS has recommended for adoption by the Commission an Annex to the existing Guidelines encompassing Principles for Electronic Certification. This proposal for new work should not delay the adoption of these principles. The principles, if adopted by the Commission will be incorporated into the revision to the Guidelines.

AN ASSESSMENT AGAINST THE CRITERIA FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF WORK PRIORITIES

This new work proposal is consistent with the following criteria applicable to general subjects:

a) Consumer protection from the point of view of health and fraudulent practices.

b) Diversification of national legislations and apparent resultant or potential impediments to international trade.

RELEVANCE TO CODEX STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

This new work proposal is consistent with:

a) Promoting sound regulatory frameworks.

In this regard, this proposal would provide guidance to governments that clarifies several points relating to the issuance of export certificates as noted in (3) above.

INFORMATION ON THE RELATION BETWEEN THE PROPOSAL AND OTHER EXISTING CODEX DOCUMENTS

This proposal relates to revisions to the Codex Guidelines for Generic Official Certificate Formats and the Production and Issuance of Certificates (CAC/GL 38-2001).

IDENTIFICATION OF ANY REQUIREMENT FOR AND AVAILABILITY OF EXPERT SCIENTIFIC ADVICE

None identified

IDENTIFICATION OF ANY NEED FOR TECHNICAL INPUT TO THE STANDARD FROM EXTERNAL BODIES SO THAT THIS CAN BE PLANNED FOR

None identified.

THE PROPOSED TIMELINE FOR COMPLETION OF THE NEW WORK, (including the start date, the proposed date for adoption at Step 5, and the proposed date for adoption by the Commission; the time frame for developing a standard should not normally exceed five years.)

If agreed to by the Commission at its 28th (2005) Session, an initial revision of the Codex Guidelines for Generic Official Certificate Formats and the Production and Issuance of Certificates would be presented to CCFICS at its 14th (2005) Session for consideration at Step 3. It is expected that the work can be completed within the five-year timeframe.

WORK TO BE LEAD BY:

United States.