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CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION

Twenty-ninth Session

International Conference Centre, Geneva (Switzerland), 3 - 7 July 2006

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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**DRAFT TIMETABLE FOR AGENDA ITEMS
PART I – PART VII**

DAY	ITEMS
Monday, 3 July	1-3, 15, 4-7
Tuesday, 4 July	8-12
Wednesday, 5 July	13, 14, 16, 17
Thursday, 6 July (a.m.)	(if necessary)
Friday, 7 July (p.m.)	18 (Adoption of report)

NOTES ON THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

General Note: The 57th Session of the Executive Committee (Geneva, December 2005) recommended for the 29th Session of the Commission a five working day meeting. With the exception of Agenda Item 15, for which the election process will begin on the opening day and continue through Wednesday, it is recommended that all items be taken in the order in which they appear. The adoption of the Report will take place on Friday 7 July in the afternoon.

PART I: INTRODUCTION (Items 1-2)

In accordance with Rule VII.2 of the Rules of Procedure, the first item on the Agenda is the Adoption of the Agenda. In accordance with Rule V.7 of the Rules of the Procedure the Executive Committee shall report to the Commission on the sessions of the Executive Committee held since the previous Regular Session of the Commission.

PART II: PROCEDURAL MATTERS (Item 3)

The Commission is invited to consider amendments to the Rules of Procedure transmitted to it by the Codex Committee on General Principles if there is any. The quorum required for the purpose of adopting amendments to the Rules of Procedure is the majority of the Members of the Commission, and such amendments require a two-thirds majority of votes cast for their adoption (Rule VI.7 and Rule XV.1).¹ Such amendments come into force only upon the approval of the Directors-General of FAO and WHO (Rule XV.1). The Commission may also be invited to consider other amendments to the Procedural Manual transmitted to it by the Codex Committee on General Principles. The quorum required for such amendments is the normal quorum required for the transaction of business (Rule VI.7). They take effect upon the adoption of the report of the present session of the Commission.

PART III: CODEX STANDARDS AND RELATED TEXTS (Items 4-7)

The Commission is invited to consider draft standards and related texts submitted to it for adoption by subsidiary Codex Committees and Task Forces; these include drafts submitted at Step 8 of the Uniform Procedure for the Elaboration of Codex Standards, drafts submitted at Step 5 with the recommendation to omit Steps 6 and 7, and drafts submitted at Step 5 of the Accelerated Procedure. The Commission is also invited to confirm the revocation of existing Codex standards and related texts, as recommended by Codex Committees and Task Forces. It is also invited to approve proposals to undertake the elaboration of new standards and texts (including the amendment or revision of existing texts) and proposals to discontinue work, taking into consideration the advice of the Executive Committee in the framework of the Critical Review.

PART IV: PROGRAMME AND BUDGETARY MATTERS (Items 8-9)

The Secretariat will present to the Commission a report on financial and budgetary matters, including the expenditures of the previous financial period. The Commission will be invited to endorse the decisions and recommendations of the Executive Committee concerning the preparation of the Strategic Plan 2008-2013.

PART V: POLICY AND GENERAL MATTERS (Items 10-14)

The 26th Session of the Commission approved a number of proposals to implement the recommendations of the Joint FAO/WHO Evaluation of the Codex Alimentarius and Other FAO and WHO Work on Food Standards. The Commission will be invited to note the progress made in this regard and to follow up on the review of Codex committee structure and mandates of subsidiary bodies. The Commission will be invited to consider matters referred to it from its previous session and by its subsidiary bodies, including Codex future work on antimicrobial resistance and on animal feeding. The Commission will be informed of the status of the relations between the Commission and other international governmental and non-governmental organizations. In accordance with the Principles Concerning the Participation of International Non-governmental Organizations in

¹ The current Membership of the Commission being 173 countries, the quorum for this purpose is 87 Members.

the Work of the Codex Alimentarius Commission², a list of organizations granted observer status will be presented to the Commission. The 25th (Extraordinary) Session of the Commission requested to be kept informed of the progress and operations of the FAO/WHO Project and Trust Fund for Enhanced Participation in Codex. A Progress Report will be presented to the Commission in this regard. The Commission will be invited to consider matters arising from FAO and WHO, including the Consultative Process on Provision of Scientific Advice to Codex and to Member States.

PART VI: ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS (Items 15-16)

The election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of the Commission is governed by Rule III.1 of the Rules of Procedure. Because of the sequential nature of the election process a specific timetable is followed. A detailed explanatory note on the election procedure and voting is provided in document ALINORM 06/29/2. In accordance with Rule XI.10 of the Rules of Procedure, the Commission is also required to designate those countries responsible for appointing the chairpersons of Codex Committees and Task Forces ("Host Countries").

PART VII: OTHER MATTERS (Items 17-18)

In accordance with Rule VII.5 of the Rules of Procedure, any Member of the Commission, and the Directors-General of FAO and WHO, may, after the dispatch of the Provisional Agenda, propose the inclusion of specific items in the Agenda with respect to matters of an urgent nature. In accordance with Rule X.1 of the Rules of Procedure and established practice, the Commission shall adopt the report of its 29th Session, based on a draft provided by the Secretariat.

DRAFT TIMETABLE FOR THE ELECTION OF THE OFFICERS OF THE COMMISSION

	OPENING OF NOMINATIONS	CLOSURE OF NOMINATIONS	SECRET BALLOT (IF REQUIRED)
Chairperson:	Monday 13:00	Tuesday 12:00	Tuesday 17:30
Vice-Chairpersons:	Wednesday 09:30	Wednesday 15:00	Wednesday 17:30

² Procedural Manual of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, 15th Edition.