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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CODEX STRATEGIC PLAN 2008-2013

(Replies to CL 2010/43-AFRICA on activities 4.5 and 5.5 received from Mali)

MALI

Observations and information on Activity 4.5 of the Strategic Plan 2008-2013

In 2002 Mali adopted a Food Safety National Policy and Institutional Framework. A National Food Safety Agency was established by Law N° 03-043 of 30 December 2003, charged with coordinating all food safety actions in Mali, and a National Food Safety Council was created by Decree N° 04-066/PRM of March 2004, subsequently amended by Decree N° 05-536/PRM of 7 December 2005.

As part of the strengthening of the National Food Safety System, a work commission, referred to as the National Codex Committee (NCC), was established within the Ministry of Health by order N° 05-1812/MS-SG of 1 August 2005, grouping all stakeholders (government services, producers, private sector, research institutes, civil society, FAO, WHO).

The National Food Safety Agency (ANSSA) was designated as the Codex Central Liaison Unit for Mali to facilitate the active and effective participation of the country in the activities of the Codex Commission.

With logistic support to the NCC Secretariat from ANSSA, each subcommittee convenes before a meeting of the corresponding Codex Committee to determine the national position. This is then communicated to the national delegation.

Feedback meetings on Codex Committee discussions are organized for delegations to report the outcome of Committee meetings and mission reports are emailed to the NCC members and other interested parties.

National Codex Committee activity reports and reports of Mali's delegates to Codex sessions are emailed to the members of the NCC and subcommittees, the representatives of FAO and WHO and other stakeholders.

In order to enhance the contribution of Mali's scientists to Codex activities, the fifth session of the National Codex Committee in 2009 set up a working group tasked with evaluating the Codex subcommittees.

- Participation of a Malian delegate at the support meeting to enhance the preparation of Codex sessions and ensure the coordination of common positions of Member States of the African Union, initiated by AU-IBAR in collaboration with the CCAFRICA, held from 1 to 4 December 2009 in Nairobi, Kenya.
- Presentation of Mali's experience in organizing and operating the NCC at the training workshop on the Codex held from 12 to 16 April 2010 in Praia, Cape Verde.
- Participation of a delegate from Mali at the workshop on the Codex, organized by the USDA, from 9 to 11 August 2010 in Pretoria, South Africa.
- Participation of a Malian expert microbiologist at the physical meeting of the working group of the CCAFRICA in collaboration with the AU-IBAR, held in Nairobi, to draw up a common position for the 42nd session of the Codex Committee on Food Hygiene.

- Exchanges with selected Codex Contact Points at regional and international level to determine national positions;
- Consideration of regional positions when drawing up national positions.

Observations and information on Activity 5.5 of the Strategic Plan 2008-2013

Non-governmental organizations working in the field of food safety are represented on all bodies of the national standard-setting and food safety system (National Codex Committee and subcommittees, National Food Safety Council, National Committee on Standards and Quality Control, Technical Committees on Standards, Executive Board of the Food Safety Technical Services, Organizational Committees of the National Food Safety Week and Prize, National Committee of the Week on Standards) .

In order to better coordinate their actions, and with support from the National Food Safety Agency, the consumer associations have set up a network of associations operating in the field of food safety, known as the "MASSA Network".

The Codex Central Liaison Unit for Mali (ANSSA) has made a computer with Internet connection available to the documentation centre of the MASSA Network.

The National Codex Committee and its subcommittees are open to all interested parties.

With the logistical and financial support of the Codex Central Liaison Unit for Mali, provided by the ANSSA:

- The National Codex Committee holds a regular session each year and extraordinary sessions when needed;
- Each subcommittee convenes before the meeting of the corresponding Codex Committee to draw up the national position which is then communicated to the national delegation;
- A meeting on the outcome of Codex Committee discussions is organized for delegations to provide feedback on meetings attended and mission reports are sent by email to the members of the NCC and other interested parties;
- A national Codex activity report is drawn up by the National Secretariat and submitted to the NCC at its statutory session;
- Circular letters from the Codex Commission are sent to the members of the National Codex Committee and subcommittees and to other stakeholders for comment;
- Management of the library holding all standards, codes of practice, guidelines, documents and publications on or connected with food safety;
- Distribution of Codex documents, publications and other data to stakeholders.