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MATTERS ARISING FROM THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION AND OTHER SUBSIDIARY BODIES

MATTERS ARISING/REFERRED FROM THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION (35TH SESSION)

A. Proposed Draft Standard on Processed Cheese¹

1. The 35th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (July 2012) agreed to discontinue work on the development of a standard for processed cheese. The Commission further requested the Codex Secretariat to prepare a Circular Letter asking Members to identify gaps in the safety and quality provisions of Codex texts that would justify new work on processed cheese and describe the scope of any new work to be considered to address such gaps. The Commission further agreed to request the upcoming sessions of the FAO/WHO Coordinating Committees to further discuss the need for a standard for processed cheese and document the scope of the work that might be needed in this area.

2. The Committee is **invited** to discuss the need for a standard for processed cheese as requested by the 35th Session of the Commission.

B. Proposal for establishment of a subsidiary body of the Codex Alimentarius Commission²

3. The 35th Session of the Commission considered a proposal of the Delegation of India to establish a new subsidiary body on spices, aromatic herbs and their formulations (see document CX/CAC 12/35/19³). Noting the merits and general support for this work, but also that further analysis was needed, the Commission agreed to request the Delegation of India to prepare a discussion paper for consideration at the next session of the Commission, taking into account comments made at the Session, in particular the need to better clarify the scope of work; an analysis of the gaps in terms of work in the Commission; and the mechanism to undertake this work. Interested delegations were invited to provide their contribution to India in the preparation of the paper. The Commission also agreed to ask the Coordinating Committees for their views on the proposal for the establishment of a Committee on spices, aromatic herbs and their formulations. The next Session of the Commission would further consider the proposal based on the abovementioned discussion paper as well as the views of the Coordinating Committees.

4. The Committee is **invited** to provide their view on the proposal for the establishment of a Committee on Spices, Aromatic Herbs and their Formulations. A summary of the proposal of the Delegation of India is presented in CX/AFRICA 13/20/2-Add.1.

¹ REP12/CAC para. 163

² CX/CAC 12/35/19 and REP12/CAC para. 278

³ [ftp://ftp.fao.org/codex/Meetings/CAC/cac35/cac35_19x.pdf](http://ftp.fao.org/codex/Meetings/CAC/cac35/cac35_19x.pdf)