



## Agenda Item 9

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### DISCUSSION PAPER ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF A REGIONAL STANDARD FOR EDIBLE CRICKETS AND THEIR PRODUCTS

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#### **Background**

The 17<sup>th</sup> session of the CCASIA agreed to establish an electronic working group (EWG) on the development lead by Lao PDR, to develop a discussion paper on a regional standard for crickets and their products based on Codex Alimentarius Commission procedural manual. The outcome of the EWG is to be presented to for new work to present to the CCASIA18 in November 2012.

#### **Issue**

In June 2011 Lao PDR did invite all interested codex members and observers to assist in this task by becoming members of the EWG and provide data on production volumes and trade volume of crickets and their products in their respective countries. Lao PDR received positive response to this invitation from Thailand, Vietnam and France. The EWG has received some data on the consumption of crickets from Thailand. In May 2014 Thailand submitted interim report on the house cricket farming and chain distribution to consumer for preliminary identification of the quality and safety and critical points of hazard of the produces. Other than that no relevant information contributing to facilitating the development of a regional standard has been disseminated or circulated.

#### **Recommendation**

Lao PDR would like to proposed to discontinue this work as no relevant data adding to further development of the discuss paper on the Edible Crickets standard has been disclosed and revisit when the data is available.