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## **JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME** **FAO/WHO COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR EUROPE**

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### **IMPLEMENTATION OF CODEX STRATEGIC PLAN 2008-2013 (REPLIES TO CL 2008/4-EURO, PART C (I) AND (II))**

*(I) MECHANISMS AND EVALUATION CRITERIA AT COUNTRY LEVEL TO IMPROVE HORIZONTAL COORDINATION AND COMMUNICATION AMONG NATIONAL DELEGATES TO VARIOUS FOOD-STANDARDS-RELATED INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS (SEE ACTIVITY 4.5 OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN)*

#### **NORWAY**

The organization in place meets these criteria.

#### **PORTUGAL**

The rules of coordination are covered by the national internal procedure.

#### **SWEDEN**

The National Food Administration (NFA) is the Codex Contact Point. NFA falls under the ministry of agriculture. Coordination at administrative and ministerial level is quite easy when it comes to Codex matters or other matters concerning food. Coordination concerning some issues like GM-labelling or global strategy on diet physical activity and health involves other ministries. Draft instructions for meetings are sent for consideration among all ministries.

#### **SWITZERLAND**

There are regular exchanges between members of Swiss delegations attending Codex committee sessions and meetings of other food-standards related organisations. This is either via the National Codex Committee or direct contacts between representatives from the concerned federal authorities (health, agriculture, veterinary affairs, and foreign economic affairs).

*(II) ESTABLISHMENT OF SOUND STRUCTURES AND PROCESSES FOR CONSULTATION ON CODEX MATTERS TO ENSURE EFFECTIVE INVOLVEMENT AND PARTICIPATION OF ALL INTERESTED PARTIES, WITH A VIEW TO IN PARTICULAR NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN CODEX WORK AT NATIONAL, REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVELS (SEE ACTIVITY 5.5 OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN).*

#### **NORWAY**

The organization in place meets these criteria.

**SWEDEN**

The internet and especially the NFA website is becoming more and more important as a tool for exchange of views.

**SWITZERLAND**

The consultation procedure is carried out in a very transparent manner via the National Codex Contact Point and the aforementioned Swiss National Codex Committee.