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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION

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DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE TWENTY-FOURTH SESSION OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION

1. In accordance with Rule V.1 of the Rules of Procedure of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, the Provisional Agenda for each Commission session is prepared by the Directors-General of FAO and WHO in consultation with the Chairperson of the Commission or with the Executive Committee. It has been the usual practice for the Secretariat to provide a Draft Provisional Agenda for consideration by the Executive Committee at the regular session prior to the year in which the Commission meets. A proposed Draft Provisional Agenda for the 24th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission is attached as Annex 1 and is submitted to the Executive Committee's **consideration**.
2. The Secretariat is proposing to maintain a six-day schedule for the 24th Session of the Commission. There are several standing items for the Commission's consideration, most of which are required under the Rules of Procedure. In addition, some items have been included on the Draft Provisional Agenda directly as a result of discussions at the Commission's previous Session. The core business of the Commission, namely the final adoption of standards and related texts, is given full prominence.
3. In addition to its standing items and core business, the Commission usually discusses one or more thematic papers of relevance to its work. The Secretariat proposes the inclusion of two thematic papers for consideration at the 24th Session: *Consideration of Matters arising from FAO and WHO Conferences and Governing Bodies*; and *Risk Analysis Policies of the Codex Alimentarius Commission*. A list of thematic papers considered by the Commission since the 19th Session (1991) is attached as Annex 2 for information.
4. Although not required by the Rules of Procedure, the Secretariat also proposes the re-introduction of an item on the Timetable of Codex Meetings for the future biennium. This proposal would allow Member countries to plan effectively for participation at meetings.
5. The final Provisional Agenda will be prepared by the Directors-General on the basis of the Executive Committee's recommendations and in consultation with the Chairperson.

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**PROPOSED DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE TWENTY-FOURTH SESSION OF
THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION**

*Twenty-fourth Session, 2-7 July 2001
International Conference Centre, Geneva Switzerland
commencing at 09:30 hrs on Monday 2 July 2001*

Item	Subject Matter	Document
1.	Adoption of the Agenda	ALINORM 01/1
2.	Election of Officers of the Commission and appointment of Regional Coordinators	ALINORM 01/2
3.	Report by the Chairperson on the Forty-seventh and Forty-eighth Sessions of the Executive Committee	ALINORM 01/3 ALINORM 01/4
4.	Report on the financial situation of the Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme for 2000/01 and 2002/03	ALINORM 01/5
5.	Report by the Secretariat on relations between the Codex Alimentarius Commission and international non-governmental organizations	ALINORM 01/8
6.	Consideration of matters arising from FAO and WHO Conferences and Governing Bodies	ALINORM 01/7
7.	Consideration of the Draft Medium-Term Plan 2003-2007	ALINORM 01/6
8.	Risk analysis policies of the Codex Alimentarius Commission	ALINORM 01/9
9.	Consideration of proposed amendments to the Procedural Manual of the Codex Alimentarius Commission	ALINORM 01/10
10.	Consideration of Codex standards and related texts	ALINORM 01/21
	a) Draft standards and related texts at Step 8 or equivalent	Part I
	b) Proposed draft standards and related texts at Step 5	Part II
	c) Proposals to elaborate new standards and/or related texts	Part III
11.	Matters arising from reports of Codex Committees	ALINORM 01/21 Part IV
12.	Codex Committees and <i>ad hoc</i> Task Forces	ALINORM 01/16
	a) Designation of Host Governments	Part I
	b) Proposed schedule of Codex Sessions 2002-2003	Part II
13.	Other business	
14.	Adoption of report	

NOTES ON THE PROPOSED DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. **Adoption of the Agenda:** In accordance with Rule V.2 of the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the first item on the Provisional Agenda shall be the Adoption of the Agenda.
2. **Election of Officers of the Commission and appointment of Regional Coordinators:** In accordance with Rules II and III of the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the Commission is required to elect a Chairperson and three Vice-Chairpersons from among the delegates present. It is also required to appoint Regional Coordinators (ALINORM 01/2: See also the Timetable for Election of Officers below).
3. **Report by the Chairperson on the Forty-seventh and Forty-eighth Sessions of the Executive Committee:** These reports shall be provided in accordance with Rule III.5 of the Commission's Rules of Procedure (ALINORM 01/3 and ALINORM 01/4).
4. **Report on the financial situation of the Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme for 2000/01 and 2002/03:** This is a standing item on the Commission's Agenda in accordance with Rule XI of the Commission's Rules of Procedure (ALINORM 01/5).
5. **Report by the Secretariat on relations between the Codex Alimentarius Commission and international non-governmental organizations:** In accordance with the Commission's *Principles concerning the Participation of International Non-Governmental Organizations in the Work of the Codex Alimentarius Commission* the Secretariat is required to submit a report for consideration by the Commission (ALINORM 01/8).
6. **Consideration of matters arising from FAO and WHO Conferences and Governing Bodies:** This paper draws the attention of the Commission to matters arising from the FAO Conference on Food Trade beyond the Year 2000 (Melbourne, October 1999), the 30th Session of FAO Conference (Rome, November 1999) and the 53rd Session of the World Health Assembly (May 2000). The paper will be supplemented with information from sessions of the FAO Council and the WHO Executive Board and World Health Assembly held prior to the Commission session (ALINORM 01/7).
7. **Consideration of the Draft Medium-Term Plan 2003-2007:** This item forms part of the on-going planning of the Commission's overall programme of work and consideration will be based on a draft prepared by the Executive Committee (ALINORM 01/6).
8. **Risk analysis policies of the Codex Alimentarius Commission:** The item will complete the work begun at the Commission's 20th Session (1993) by providing a comprehensive statement of policies in regard to risk analysis. A draft prepared by the Secretariat on the basis of work undertaken by various Codex Committees will be submitted for consideration (ALINORM 01/9).
9. **Consideration of proposed amendments to the Procedural Manual of the Codex Alimentarius Commission:** The Commission will be invited to consider amendments proposed by the Committee on General Principles to the Rules of Procedure and other matters (ALINORM 01/10).
10. **Consideration of Codex standards and related texts:** The Commission will be invited to adopt the draft standards and related texts submitted by Codex Committees at Step 8 and Step 5/8 of the normal Procedure and Step 5 of the Accelerated Procedure. The Commission will also be invited to adopt proposed draft standards at Step 5 of the normal Procedure and approve new work submitted at Step 1 (ALINORM 01/21; Parts I, II and III).
11. **Matters arising from reports of Codex Committees:** Matters raised by Codex Committees but not covered by the above Agenda Items will be considered. A special section will highlight the work of Regional Coordinating Committees (ALINORM 01/21, Part IV).

12. Codex Committees and ad hoc Task Forces:

- a) **Designation of Host Governments:** In accordance with Rule IX.10 of the Commission's Rules of Procedure and established practices, the Commission is required to designate the Member country responsible for appointing the Chairperson of each Codex Committee or *ad hoc* Intergovernmental Task Force (ALINORM 01/16, Part I).
 - b) **Proposed schedule of Codex Sessions 2002-2003:** Sessions of Codex Committees and *ad hoc* Task Forces are convened by the Directors-General in consultation with the Chairpersons of each subsidiary body in accordance with Rules IX.6 and IX.7 of the Commission's Rules of Procedure. The Commission will be invited to endorse the Directors'-General proposals.
13. **Other business:** In accordance with Rule V.5 of the Commission's Rules of Procedure, any Member of the Commission may propose the inclusion of specific items of an urgent nature.
 14. **Adoption of report:** In accordance with Rule VIII.1 of the Commission's Rules of Procedure and with established practice, the Commission will be invited to adopt the report of its 24th Session based on a draft provided by the Secretariat.

Provisional Timetable for the Twenty-fourth Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission

Date		Agenda Item
2 July	Monday	1-6
3 July	Tuesday	7-8
4 July	Wednesday	9-10a
5 July	Thursday	10b-11
6 July	Friday (Morning only)	12-13
7 July	Saturday	Adoption of Report

Provisional Timetable for the Election of Officers¹

Opening of Nominations	Closure of Nominations	Secret Ballot (if required)
Chairperson: Monday 12:30	Tuesday 12:30 (lunch)	Tuesday 17:30
Vice-Chairpersons Wednesday 09:00	Wednesday 17:30	Thursday 12:30 (Lunch)

¹ See ALINORM 01/2 for full details.

**THEMATIC PAPERS CONSIDERED BY THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION
1991-1999**

Session/Year	Title	Reference
19 th /1991	Matters arising from the report of the FAO/WHO Conference on Food Standards, Chemicals in Food and Food Trade	ALINORM 91/10
	Implications of biotechnology on international food standards and codes of practice	ALINORM 91/11
	Consideration of “organically/biologically” produced foods	ALINORM 91/37
20 th /1993	Consumer involvement in decision-making in relation to food standards and the Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme	ALINORM 93/10
	Risk assessment procedures used by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and its subsidiary and advisory bodies	ALINORM 93/37
21 st /1995	Implementation of the Uruguay Round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations	ALINORM 95/7 Parts I and II
22 nd /1997	Involvement of non-governmental organizations in the work of the Codex Alimentarius Commission	ALINORM 97/8
	Application of risk analysis principles in Codex	ALINORM 97/9
	Matters relating to the implementation of the WTO Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures and the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade	ALINORM 97/7
23 rd /1999	Consumers’ involvement in the work of the Codex Alimentarius Commission	ALINORM 99/8
	Principles of risk analysis	ALINORM 99/9