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Agenda Item 2 (b)

JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION

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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE JOINT FAO/WHO EVALUATION OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS AND OTHER FAO AND WHO WORK ON FOOD STANDARDS

1. The 26th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (July 2003) examined specific proposals that had originated from the Joint FAO/WHO Evaluation of the Codex Alimentarius and other FAO and WHO Work on Food Standards¹. The implementation status of those proposals endorsed by the 26th Session of the Commission and other decisions by the Commission related to the Joint FAO/WHO Evaluation is summarised in Tables 1 and 2.
2. The Executive Committee is invited to take note of the progress being made and to provide any guidance deemed necessary to ensure the timely and continuous implementation of the proposals/decisions.

¹ ALINORM 03/26/11 and its addenda 1-6; ALINORM 03/41 paras. 149-183

TABLE 1 : IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF PROPOSALS ENDORSED BY THE 26TH SESSION OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION

Proposal No.	Title	Follow-up Actions Required
1	Annual meetings of the Commission	Implemented.
2	Follow-up and progress monitoring of the Implementation of the Evaluation	On-going at CCEXEC and CAC.
3	Priorities for implementation	None.
4	Acceptable levels of protection	None.
5	Review of the mandates of Codex Committees and Task Forces	On-going (see ALINORM 05/28/41 paras 136-159); CAC29 to follow up.
6	Review of the Regional Coordinating Committees	On-going (CAC28 considered this matter ²); CCGP23 to follow up on the Terms of reference of Coordinating Committees.
7	Strategic and Managerial Functions of the Executive Committee	Implemented (see ALINORM 05/28/41 paras 21-25).
8	Budgetary, Planning and Programming Functions of the Executive Committee	Implemented (see ALINORM 05/28/41 paras 21-25).
9	Retention of the Executive Committee as a Strategic and Standards Management body	Implemented (see ALINORM 05/28/41 paras 21-25).
10	Removal of additional functions of the Executive Committee	Implemented (see ALINORM 05/28/41 paras 21-25).
11	Executive Committee Membership	Implemented (see ALINORM 05/28/41 para. 20).
12	Participation of observers in the Executive Committee	On-going (CCGP21 and CAC28 considered this matter ³); CAC and the Codex Secretariat to follow up.
13	Strategic Planning	On-going (see CX/EXEC 05/57/2 Part I).
14	Critical review of proposals to undertake work	Implemented.
15	Monitoring progress of standards development	Implemented.
16	Standards management responsibility	None.
17	Time-bound decision making	Implemented (as part of critical review and monitoring of progress).
18	Simplified procedures for standards development	None.
19	Use of facilitators	On-going (CCGP21 considered this matter ⁴ ; see also ALINORM 05/28/41 para. 123).
20	Establishment of electronic working groups	Implemented (see ALINORM 05/28/41 para. 41).
21	Establishment of physical working groups	Implemented (see ALINORM 05/28/41 para. 41).
22	Adoption of Standards	None.
23	Responsibility for the procedural review	None (CCGP was identified as the responsible body).
24	Amendment of the Codex Mandate	None.
25	Revision of the Rules and working procedures governing the Executive Committee	See Proposals Nos. 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 above.

² ALINORM 05/28/41 paras 128-135.

³ ALINORM 05/28/33 paras 62-69; ALINORM 05/28/41 para. 122

⁴ ALINORM 05/28/33 paras 60-61

26	Subsequent revision of the Rules and working procedures governing the Executive Committee	See Proposal No. 12 above.
27	Right to address the Chair	Implemented (see ALINORM 05/28/41 para. 27).
28	Observer Organizations	Implemented (see ALINORM 05/28/41 paras 26 and 42).
29	Chairpersons of Codex Committees and Task Forces	Implemented (see ALINORM 04/27/41 para. 14).
30	Revision of Rule XI.4 ⁵	Implemented (see ALINORM 05/28/41 para. 20).
31	Separation of advice to host governments and advice on the conduct of meetings	Implemented (see ALINORM 04/27/41 para. 14).
32	Co-chairmanship	On-going (CCGP21 considered this matter ⁶ ; see also ALINORM 05/28/41 para. 124).
33	Criteria for the selection of Chairpersons	See Proposal No. 29 above.
34	Determination of consensus	CCGP21 agreed not to undertake new work on the definition of “consensus” at this stage ⁷ ; CCGP23 to consider a discussion paper ⁸ .
35	Conduct of Meetings: Reports	None (see ALINORM 05/28/41 para. 126).
36	Conduct of Meetings: Country groupings	None (see ALINORM 05/28/41 para. 126).
37	Relations with OIE	Implemented (see ALINORM 05/28/41 paras 43-44 and 200-203); CAC30 to review current arrangements.
38	Criteria for the establishment of work priorities	Implemented (see ALINORM 05/28/41 paras 39-40).

TABLE 2 : OTHER DECISIONS OF THE 26TH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION (RELATED TO THE JOINT FAO/WHO EVALUATION) REGARDING THE CURRENT UNIFORM PROCEDURE FOR THE ELABORATION OF CODEX STANDARDS AND RELATED TEXTS⁹

No.	Title	Follow-up Actions Required
1	Subsequent Procedure Concerning Publication and Acceptance of Codex Standards	CAC28 recommended an amendment to the Statutes and adopted amendments to the relevant sections of the Procedural Manual (see ALINORM 05/28/41 paras 29-36); FAO Conference and World Health Assembly to endorse the amendment to the Statutes.
2	Guide to the Consideration of Standards at Step 8	CCGP23 to consider the matter.
3	Guide to the Procedure for the Revision and Amendment of Codex Standards	CCGP23 to consider the matter.
4	Arrangements for the Amendment of Codex Standards Elaborated by Codex Committees which have Adjourned <i>sine die</i> .	CCGP23 to consider the matter.

⁵ Currently Rule XIII.4 (Procedural Manual, 15th Edition)

⁶ ALINORM 05/28/33 paras 56-59.

⁷ ALINORM 05/28/33 paras 9-10.

⁸ ALINORM 05/28/33A paras 8-16.

⁹ ALINORM 03/26/11: Add.4 para. 31; ALINORM 03/41 para.178.