1. In accordance with Rule VII.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.

2. A proposed Draft Provisional Agenda for the 31st Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission is attached in Annex and is submitted for the Executive Committee’s consideration.

3. 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.
ANNEX

DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE 31ST SESSION OF 
THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION 
(30 June - 5 July 2008)

PART I: INTRODUCTION
  1. Adoption of the Agenda and Arrangements for the Session
  2. Report by the Chairperson on the 60th and 61st Sessions of the Executive Committee

PART II: PROCEDURAL MATTERS
  3. Amendments to the Procedural Manual

PART III: CODEX STANDARDS AND RELATED TEXTS
  4. Draft Standards and Related Texts at Step 8 of the Procedure (including those submitted at Step 5 with a recommendation to omit Steps 6 and 7 and those submitted at Step 5 of the Accelerated Procedure)
  5. Proposed Draft Standards and Related Texts at Step 5
  6. Revocation of existing Codex Standards and Related Texts
  7. Proposals for the Elaboration of new Standards and Related Texts and for the Discontinuation of Work

PART IV: PROGRAMME AND BUDGETARY MATTERS
  8. Financial and Budgetary Matters
  9. Strategic Planning of the Codex Alimentarius Commission

PART V: POLICY AND GENERAL MATTERS
  10. Review of Codex Committee Structure and Mandates of Codex Committees and Task Forces
  11. Matters arising from the Reports of the Commission, Codex Committees and Task Forces
  12. Relations between the Codex Alimentarius Commission and other International Organizations
  13. FAO/WHO Project and Trust Fund for Enhanced Participation in Codex
  14. Other Matters arising from FAO and WHO

PART VI: ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS
  15. Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of the Commission
  16. Designation of Countries responsible for Appointing the Chairpersons of Codex Committees and Task Forces

PART VII: OTHER MATTERS
  17. Other Business
  18. Adoption of the Report