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CRITICAL REVIEW FOR THE ELABORATION OF CODEX STANDARDS AND RELATED TEXTS

CRITICAL REVIEW FOR THE ELABORATION OF CODEX STANDARDS AND RELATED TEXTS - MONITORING OF STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT

1. The critical review is carried out under the following agenda items for review by the Executive Committee:
 - (a) Draft Standards and Related Texts submitted to the Commission for Adoption (CX/EXEC 11/65/2)
 - (b) Monitoring of Standards Development (present document)
 - (c) Proposals for the Elaboration of New Standards and Related Texts and for the Discontinuation of Work (CX/CAC 11/34/9, CX/CAC 11/34/9-Add.1 and CX/CAC 11/34/9-Add.2)

All items of work for consideration by the Commission and Codex Committees are presented under one of these three items. In addition, the 63rd Session of the Executive Committee (2009) agreed that a list of discussion papers should be included in the document on monitoring for information purposes only, in order to present a complete view of the workload of each Committee, but would not be discussed as such. A list of discussion papers was therefore included for each committee in the present document, when applicable.

2. The format included in the Strategic Plan 2008-2013 was used in the presentation of the critical review, as follows. The Job Identification Number provides information on standards and related texts that were approved as new work from 2004 onwards. The first column in the Table indicates either the Identification Number, or the year when new work was approved, or the year when work actually started, as applicable. The target year is the year by which the text is to be adopted at Step 8, as agreed by the Commission on the basis of the project document (from 2004 onwards), or the date specified by the Committee at another stage of the process, where applicable.

3. The output codes are specified in Part 2 of the Strategic Plan: 1.1: Review and develop Codex standards and related texts for food safety; 1.2: Review and develop Codex standards and related texts for food quality; 1.3: Review and develop Codex standards and related texts for food labelling and nutrition; 1.4: Review and develop Codex standards and related texts for food inspection and certification, and methods of sampling and analysis.

4. Scientific advice is mentioned when it has been required and when it has been provided. The last column presented in the Draft Strategic Plan referred to advice from the Executive Committee but for practical reasons this advice is included in the report of the Committee.

5. The comments received from Chairpersons or host countries of the committees concerned are included in the Tables. If further comments are received they will be presented as room documents to the Executive Committee.

6. In accordance with Rule V.2 of the Rules of Procedure and with Paragraphs 5-8 in Part 2 “Critical Review” of the Procedures for the Elaboration of Codex Standards and Related Texts, the Executive Committee is invited to review the status of development of draft standards against the timeframe agreed by the Commission. In particular, the Executive Committee may propose an extension of the time frame; cancellation of work; or propose that the work be undertaken by a Committee other than the one to which it was originally entrusted.

7. To facilitate the conduct of monitoring progress of standards development, the 58th Session of the Executive Committee (June 2006) agreed on the following criteria to be applied:

- When progress on a standard is delayed due to the need for scientific advice, the Executive Committee could encourage FAO and WHO to schedule an expert consultation to provide such advice in a timely manner, and recommend suspension of work until such time as scientific advice became available;
- When scientific advice has been provided and a standard has been under consideration for more than five years, the Executive Committee should urge the Committee concerned to take action within a specified timeframe;
- When an item has been considered for several sessions without any progress and there is no prospect of reaching consensus, the Executive Committee could propose suspension of work at a particular Step in the Elaboration Procedure for a specified period of time or discontinuation of work, or corrective action to be taken to achieve progress, fully taking into consideration the information provided by the subsidiary body concerned.¹

¹ ALINORM 06/29/3A, para. 47. The criteria were endorsed by the Commission (ALINORM 06/29/41, para. 13).

Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods (19 th Session, 30 August, 3 September 2010 -20 th Session, 7-11 May 2012)	Timeframe		Current Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
	Job ID or year	Target Year				
Draft MRL for narasin (cattle tissues)	ongoing		7	1.1	70 th JECFA	The draft MRL for narasin in pig tissue was forwarded to Step 8. The analytical method for the control of narasin in cattle tissues has been included in the Call for Data for the 75 th JECFA, scheduled on 7-17 November 2011.
Proposed Draft Sampling Plans for Residue Control for Aquatic Animal Products and Derived Edible Products of Aquatic Origin			3	1.1		For inclusion in Table C, Annex B of the <i>Guidelines for the Design and Implementation of National Regulatory Food Safety Assurance Programmes Associated with the Use of Veterinary Drugs in Food Producing Animals</i> (CAC/GL 71-2009)
<p>Comments by the Chairperson/host country of the Committee:</p> <p><u>Texts under Development</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft MRLs for narasin in cattle tissues at Step 7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>History:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Narasin (in poultry, pigs, and cattle tissues) was added to the priority list for evaluation by JECFA at the 17th CCRVDF meeting. ▪ At the 18th CCRVDF meeting, the draft MRLs for narasin in chicken tissues were advanced to Step 5/8, while the draft MRLs for narasin in pigs and cattle tissues were advanced to Step 5. ▪ The 19th CCRVDF advanced the draft MRLs in pig tissues to Step 8. ▪ At the 19th CCRVDF meeting, the draft MRLs for cattle tissues were held at Step 7 so that the JECFA could evaluate the analytical method ○ <i>Summary:</i> Once the JECFA evaluates the analytical method for the draft MRLs in cattle tissues, these MRLs are expected to advance to Step 8 for adoption. • Draft Sampling Plans for Residue Control for Aquatic Animal Products and Derived Products of Aquatic Origin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>History:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ At the 18th CCRVDF Meeting, the <i>Guidelines for the Design and Implementation of National Regulatory Food Safety Assurance Programmes Associated with the Use of Veterinary Drugs in Food Producing Animals</i> (CAC/GL 71-2009) were finalized, but the Sampling Plans for Residue Control for Aquatic Animal Products and Derived Products of Aquatic Origin were removed because further discussion was required. 						

- An electronic Working Group was established to revise the sampling plans. A draft was presented to the 19th Session and distributed for comment at Step 3.
- *Summary:*
 - An electronic Working Group chaired by the United States was established to revise the Sampling Plans based on the comments received at Step 3. The revised Sampling plans will be presented to the 20th CCRVDF.

Draft MRLs held at Step 8

Draft MRL for ractopamine	ongoing	8	1.1	62 nd and 66 th JECFA JECFA review of additional data submitted by China in June 2010	Held at Step 8 by the 32 nd and 33 rd CAC (2009 and 2010) for consideration at the 34 th CAC. The 32 nd CAC agreed to hold the MRLs at Step 8 and to reconsider them in the light of the outcome of the JECFA evaluation of the Chinese depletion studies in pig. The 33 rd CAC agreed to consider further the MRLs at its next session along with proposals of the Friends of the Chair Group (see CX/CAC 11/34/3 Add.2).
Draft MRLs for bovine somatotropin	ongoing	8	1.1		No proposal has been received in the recent sessions of the Commission to change the status of the draft MRLs.

Comments by the Chairperson/host country of the Committee:

- Draft MRLs for ractopamine in cattle and pigs tissues for adoption at Step 8.
 - *Summary:* The draft MRLs for ractopamine were forwarded to the 32nd CAC for adoption at Step 8 by the 17th CCRVDF. A Friends of the Chair Group is currently working to find a path forward for the draft MRLs for ractopamine.
- Draft MRLs for bovine somatotropin in cattle and pigs tissues for adoption at Step 8.

Summary: The draft MRLs remain at Step 8, but they have not been discussed at recent Commission meetings.

Committee on Processed Fruits and Vegetables (25 th Session, 25 – 29 October 2010 – 26 th Session 15-19 October 2012)	Timeframe		Current Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
	Job ID or year	Target Year				
Proposed Draft Sampling Plan including Methodological Provisions for Controlling Minimum Drained Weight of Canned Fruits and Vegetables in Packing Media	N04-2007	2011 <i>Re-scheduled for finalization / discontinuation: 2013</i>	2/3	1.4	.	The sampling plans were returned for redrafting and further consideration by the 26 th CCPFV with the understanding that, if no compromise can be reached on a revised text, work on this item will be discontinued.
Proposed Draft Standard for Table Olives (Revision of CODEX STAN 66-1981)	N02-2009	2013	2/3	1.2	.	The Standard was returned for redrafting and further consideration by the 26 th CCPFV in particular for those sections that require further consultation with the International Olive Council in order to have a harmonized Codex and IOC standards for table olives to address the mandate of both organizations and the needs of their member countries.
<p>Comments by the Chairperson/host country of the Committee:</p> <p>Proposed Draft Standard for Table Olives</p> <p>During its 25th session, the CCPFV reviewed the output of the Table Olive Working Group (WG) led by the EU that had met electronically and then physically prior to the session. The Committee reviewed the draft revised standard the WG prepared as well as observations offered by the WG. The Committee noted a lack of consensus regarding several areas of the draft, including issues regarding what to include in the Standard and how to handle those areas that the Committee agreed should be included. Areas in which delegations had differing positions included (1) criteria for packing media, (2) inclusion or exclusion of trade categories in the standard (i.e., quality levels such as “extra,” “first,” and “second”), (3) defect definitions and tolerances, and (4) the approach to take with respect to food additives and the GSFA. As a result of the lack of consensus among the full Committee on how to handle these areas, the Committee agreed to reconvene the WG electronically, with the task of incorporating comments from the 25th CCPFV session into a new revised draft for review at the next CCPFV session. The Committee also agreed to ask the WG on Food Additives (initially created to review food additives for Desiccated Coconut) to address the handling of food additives with respect to the Table Olives draft and the GSFA.</p>						
<p><u>Discussion papers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Extension of territorial application of the <i>Codex Standard for Ginseng Products</i> - Need for a Codex Standard for chemically flavoured water-based drinks 						

Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses (32nd Session, 1-5 November 2010 - 33rd Session 14-18 November 2011)	Timeframe		Current Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
	Job ID or year	Target Year				
Proposed Draft Additional or Revised Nutrient Reference Values (NRVs)	N06-2008	2012	4	1.3	FAO/WHO review of existing NRVs	CCNFSDU requested FAO/WHO to provide a review of existing daily vitamin and mineral intake reference values and their basis for an apparently healthy population (request described in REP 11/NFSDU, Appendix III) and held the NRVs at Step 4 pending advice from FAO/WHO, which should be provided to the 33rd session (2011)
Amendment of the Codex General Principles for the Addition of Essential Nutrients to Foods (CAC/GL 9-1987)	N02-2010		2/3			The Committee discussed extensively the definitions and the application to mandatory and voluntary fortification, which are complex issues and will require further consideration.
Revision of the Codex Guidelines on Formulated Supplementary Foods for Older Infants and Young Children (CAC/GL 8-1991)	N03-2010		2/3			The Committee discussed extensively the title and description of the products to be covered by the standard and could not discuss the rest of the text at the session.
Proposed Draft Annex to the <i>Guidelines on Nutrition Labelling</i> (CAC/GL 2-1985): General Principles for Establishing Nutrient Reference Values for Nutrients Associated with Risk of Diet-Related Non-communicable Diseases (NRV-NCDs) for the General Population	N04-2010		3			The Annex was discussed in detail and as some issues are complex and require further consideration, it was returned to Step 3 for further comments. CCNFSDU agreed to ensure as much consistency as possible with the Draft General Principles for Establishing Nutrient Reference Values of Vitamins and Minerals for General Population (at Step 8), both sets of principles for inclusion in the <i>Guidelines on Nutrition Labelling</i> . Work is also ongoing on Proposed Draft Additional or Revised Nutrient Reference Values (NRVs). Advice was also requested from the CCFL on the principles and on the definition of NRV, for which CCFL agreed to initiate new work.

Comments by the Chairperson/host country of the Committee:						
<u>Discussion paper</u>						
Consideration of the revision of the Standard for Follow-up Formula (CODEX STAN 156-1987)						

FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Asia (17 th Session, 22-26 November 2010 – 18 th Session, 5-9 November 2012)	Timeframe		Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
	Job ID or year	Target Year				
Proposed Draft Standard for Non Fermented Soybean Products	N06-2005	2009	2/3	1.2		Due to late availability of the redrafted Standard and extensive discussion on the products to be covered, the CCASIA returned Proposed Draft Standard to Step 2/3 for a third time. Note: the 63 rd CCEXEC (2009) recommended that the CCASIA consider a target date of 2012 as it might not complete its work in 2010 (ALINORM 10/33/3, para. 18).

Comments by the Chairperson/ host country of the Committee:

Discussion papers

- Regional standard for yuza
- Regional standard for edible crickets and their products

Committee on Food Hygiene (42 nd Session, 29 November-3 December 2010 – 43 rd Session, 5-9 December 2011)	Timeframe		Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
	Job ID or year	Target Year				
Revision of the Principles for Establishment and Application of Microbiological Criteria for Foods (CAC/GL 21-1997)	N06-2010	2012	2/3	1.1		The revision is rather complex. Much clearer guidance was given at the CCFH42 on what should be included in the revised document and the format it should take. A new proposed

						draft will be prepared by a physical working group led by Finland and co-chaired by Japan for consideration by next CCFH.
Proposed Draft Code of Practice for Control of Virus in food	N07-2009	2012	3	1.1	FAO/WHO Viruses in Food meeting: Scientific advice to support risk management activities: (2008)	Much progress was made at the CCFH42 with many amendments and proposals for amendments to the proposed draft text for consideration by an electronic working group. The work should be finalized by the next session of the CCFH, In order to achieve this, a physical working group has been established to meet immediately prior to the 43 rd Session to consider comments and prepare a proposal for consideration at CCFH43.
<p>Comments by the Chairperson/ host country of the Committee:</p> <p><i>Proposed Draft Guidelines on the Application of General Principles of Food Hygiene to the Control of Viruses in Food</i></p> <p>The Committee recalled that at its 41st session it had agreed to establish a physical working group, led by The Netherlands, to revise the proposed draft Guidelines for circulation for comments at Step 3 and consideration at the 42nd session.</p> <p>The Committee agreed to circulate the proposed draft Guidelines, as amended during the meeting, for comments at Step 3 and to establish an electronic working group, led by The Netherlands, to prepare a revised proposed draft Guideline based on the written comments at Step 3 and the recommendations and discussions at this session. It was further agreed that a physical working group, led by The Netherlands, would meet immediately prior to the next session to consider comments submitted and to prepare a proposal for consideration by the next session to facilitate the finalization of the proposed draft Guidelines.</p> <p><i>Proposed Draft Revision of the Principles for the Establishment and Application of Microbiological Criteria for Foods</i></p> <p>The Committee recalled the decision of the 41st session to start new work on the revision of the Principles for the Establishment and Application of Microbiological Criteria for Foods (CAC/GL 21-1997) and that a physical working group led by Finland and co-chaired by Japan would develop the proposed draft revision of the Principles for circulation for comments at Step 3 and consideration by the current session of the Committee. The Delegations of Finland and Japan highlighted the challenges that lay ahead in the further development of the document and requested the input of countries and observers, in particular to facilitate the development of the annexes on examples and the technical and statistical aspects. Given the complexity of this issue, the importance of training material to facilitate the application of the proposed draft guidelines was highlighted. While training on the application of the guidelines was still premature, the ongoing work of FAO and WHO on the development of a tool to assess the performance of sampling plans was considered very useful and the collaborative efforts of national governments, FAO, WHO, and ICMSF to facilitate capacity development in the general area of sampling were welcomed by the Committee.</p> <p>In light of the discussion, the Committee agreed that the document be returned to Step 2 for further elaboration. The Committee agreed to establish a physical working group led by Finland and co-chaired by Japan, to meet in Ireland in 11-13 July 2011 with the following terms of reference:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further consider the main document taking into account the comments received before and during the current session; • Elaborate an Annex with practical examples on the establishment and application of MC; and 						

- Initiate development of an Annex to address the statistical and mathematical aspects of establishing MC including the elaboration of a sampling plan.

Discussion paper:

Review of the risk analysis principles and procedures applied by the Codex Committee on Food Hygiene.

Committee on Fats and Oils (22nd Session, 21-25 February 2011 – 23rd Session, 25 February – 1 March 2013)						
Proposed Draft Amendment to the Standard for Olive Oils and Olive Pomace Oils: Linolenic Acid	2003		3	1.2		The Standard was adopted in 2003 with the exception of this provision, which was discussed in the following sessions. CCFO agreed in 2009 that if no agreement could be reached at the next session, it would recommend discontinuation of work. This recommendation was supported by CCEXEC ² In 2011, the CCFO recognised that there was no agreement and proposed discontinuation of work (see CX/CAC 11/34/9).

Comments by the Chairperson/host country of the Committee:

Proposed Draft Amendment to the Standard for Olive Oils and Olive Pomace Oils: Linolenic Acid

In an effort to resolve outstanding issues and make progress, the Chair proposed an in-session working group among interested members. The Committee noted that the working group could not come to a consensus.

The Committee recalled that the 62nd Session of the Executive Committee had endorsed the recommendation of the 21st CCFO to discontinue work if no agreement could be reached at the current session as the matter has been deliberated for several sessions.

Recognising that there was no agreement on the level of linolenic acid in olive oils and olive pomace oils, the Committee agreed to recommend to the 34th Session of the Commission the discontinuation of this work.

General comments

- I feel that the 22nd Session of the CCFO was successfully concluded. With the cooperation of all delegates, the Committee has been able to tackle all the

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The 62nd CCEXEC (June 2009) encouraged CCFO to finalise the Proposed Draft and endorsed the CCFO Chair recommendation that if no agreement could be reached, work should be discontinued (ALINORM 09/32/3, para. 27). Confirmed by 63rd CCEXEC (December 2009) (ALINORM 10/33/3, para. 12).

items on the agenda for this session.

- I believe that we have made significant progress on some of the issues and is ready to move these forward on the step procedure. On other items on the agenda, we have a clear sense of direction on how to move forward in future sessions of the Committee.
- I note that there was generally good cooperation among Delegations. I observed that there were efforts to try to make progress, to find ways to resolve differences in positions. This can also be evidenced from the willingness of members to participate in the two in-session working groups that were held in efforts to resolve long outstanding issues.

Several proposals for new work were made during this session. It is also to be noted that not all the proposals submitted were prepared following the relevant guidelines, namely (1) Exec Committee/CAC Guidelines on the Application of Criteria for the Establishment of Work Priorities Applicable to Commodities; and (2) specific information required by the CCFO when proposing the addition of new oils to the Standard for Named Vegetable Oils, as stipulated in its 16th session.

Discussion papers on the following Amendments to the Standard for Named Vegetable Oils:

- Addition of palm oil with high oleic acid OxG (*Elaeis oleifera* x *Elaeis guinensis*)
- Provisions for several cold pressed oils
- Revision of the provisions for sunflower seed oils

Committee on Food Additives (43 rd Session, 14-18 March 2011, 44 th Session, 12-16 March 2012)	Timeframe		Current Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
	Job ID or year	Target Year				
Draft and Proposed Draft Food Additive Provisions of the General Standard for Food Additives (GSFA)	ongoing		various steps	1.1	JECFA ongoing	In order to make more consistent progress with the current backlog of the GSFA, the 43 rd CCFA agreed to consider at its next session the provisions in Table 1 and 2 of the GSFA for those food additives in Table 3 with the function “acidity regulators” or “emulsifiers, stabilizer, thickeners” and to develop a horizontal approach, i.e. to identify those food categories in the Annex to Table 3 in which the use of “acidity regulators” or “emulsifiers, stabilizers, thickeners” is technologically justified and those food categories in which it was not (see REP11/FA, paras 71-73).
Amendments to the International Numbering System for Food Additives (CAC/GL 36-1989)	ongoing		1/2/3	1.1		

Specifications for the Identity and Purity of Food Additives arising from the 74 th JECFA meeting (CAC/MISC 6)	ongoing		1/2/3	1.1	JECFA ongoing	
Comments by the Chairperson/host country of the Committee:						
<u>Discussion papers</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Alignment of the food additive provisions of the Standards for Meat Products and relevant provisions of the GSFA - Revision of the name and descriptor of food category 16.0 “Composite foods – foods that could not be placed in categories 01-15” - Use of Note 161 “Subject to national legislation of the importing country aimed in particular at consistency with Section 3.2 of the Preamble” - Mechanisms for re-evaluation of substances by JECFA. - Principles for Risk Analysis applied by CCFA (the proposed revision aims at making the document specific to CCFA only). 						

Committee on Contaminants in Foods (5 th Session, 21-25 March 2011 – 6 th Session, 26-30 March 2012)	Timeframe		Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
	Job ID or year	Target Year				
Proposed Draft Maximum Levels for DON and its Acetylated Derivatives in Cereals and Cereal-based Products	N10-2010	2012	2/3	1.1	72 nd JECFA	The proposed draft MLs for DON and its acetylated derivatives in cereals and cereal-based products was returned to step 2/3 for further elaboration by an electronic working group, including the development of associated sampling plans. There are questions around which commodities to set MLs for and at what levels.
Proposed Draft Maximum Level for Total Aflatoxins in Dried Figs	N11-2010	2012	2/3	1.1	68 th JECFA	The proposed draft MLs for total aflatoxins in dried figs was returned for redrafting and comments mainly to allow the development of sampling plans according to the proposed ML of 10µg/kg.

Comments by the Chairperson/host country of the Committee:

Discussion papers

- Maximum levels for lead in various foods
- Mycotoxins in sorghum
- Risk management options from different risk assessment outcomes
- Ochratoxin A in cocoa
- Pyrrolizidine alkaloids in foods
- Principles for Risk Analysis as applied by CCCF (revision to make the document specific to CCCF and to consider how to include reference to feeds)

Committee on Pesticide Residues (43 rd Session, 4-9 April 2011 - 44 th Session 23-28 April 2012)	Timeframe		Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
	Job ID or year	Target Year				
Proposed Draft and Revised Draft MRLs	ongoing		3, 4, 6 and 7	1.1	JMPR ongoing	
Draft Revision of the Classification of Foods and Animal Feeds: Tree Nuts, Herbs and Spices	N11-2004 N09-2006	2012	7	1.1		This is part of the ongoing revision of the Classification by commodity groups. Other fruit commodity groups are currently retained at Step 7 waiting for the finalization of the fruit group. The fruit commodities are scheduled for finalization in 2012 in order to present a single revised classification for fruit commodity groups for adoption by the 35 th CAC.
Draft Revision of the Codex Classification of Foods and Animal Feeds: Herbs - Edible Flowers	N11-2004 N09-2006	2012	6	1.1		The sub-group is being circulated for comments to further identify commodities that should fall under this category for finalization by the 44 th CCPR.
Draft Revision of the Codex Classification of Foods and Animal Feeds: Herbs - Proposed Draft Revision of the Classification of Foods and Animal Feeds: Other vegetable commodity groups	N11-2004 N09-2006	2012	2/3	1.1		This is part of the ongoing revision of the Classification by commodity groups. This work will initiate the revision of the vegetable groups. A new timeframe for this work should be defined by the 44 th CCPR in order to present a single revised classification for vegetable commodity groups for adoption by the CAC (see also Principles and Guidance).
Proposed Draft Principles and Guidance for the Selection of Representative Commodities for the Extrapolation of MRLs to Commodity Groups (including Table 1 on fruit commodities)	N11-2004 N09-2006		7	1.1		Initially approved under the revision of the Classification of Food and Feeds. The document intends to provide principles by which representative commodities should be described in order to facilitate the establishment of MRLs for minor uses and specialty crops by extrapolation of MRL data. The 40 th CCPR (2008) decided that this document should be developed separately from

						<p>the Classification.</p> <p>Retained at Step 7 waiting for the finalization of the Classification as per the fruit commodity groups by the 44th CCPR in order to present a single document with all the fruit commodity groups for adoption by the 35th CAC.</p> <p>Further work on tables for vegetable commodity groups is foreseen vis-à-vis the development of these groups in the revision of the Classification and will be included as a consequential amendment to the adopted Principles and Guidance once the vegetable commodities are finalized.</p>
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Committee on Fish and Fishery Products (31 st Session, 11-16 April 2011 – 32 nd Session, 1-5 October 2012)	Timeframe		Current Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
	Job ID or year	Target Year				
Proposed Draft Standard for Smoked Fish Smoke-Flavoured Fish and Smoke-Dried Fish	1996	2011	6 and 7	1.2		Chair's comments: CCFFP 31 st Session made good progress Agreed to hold the draft Standard at step 7 pending further work on the food additive requirements (at Step 6).
Proposed Draft Code of Practice on the Processing of Scallop Meat	N02-2005	2008	3	1.1 1.2		Proposed Draft Standard for Quick Frozen Scallop Adductor Muscle Meat advanced to Step 5. Chair's comments: Development of this document has been delayed by slow progress on the Standard for these products. Physical WG prior to next session is expected to give good progress at next session, also based on the progress for the Standard in the 31 st

						session.
Proposed Draft Performance Criteria for Reference and Confirmatory Methods for Marine Biotoxins in the Standard for Live and Raw Bivalve Molluscs			3	1.1	FAO/WHO Expert Consultation on Marine Biotoxins (2004)	Initially Draft List of Methods for the Determination of Biotoxins retained for further consideration when the <i>Standard for Raw and Live Bivalve Molluscs</i> was adopted in 2008. The CCFFP agreed that section I-8.6 Determination of Biotoxins would include only the performance criteria and that no list of methods would be included.
Revision of the Procedure for the Inclusion of Additional Species in Standards for Fish and Fishery Products	2007	2012	2/3	1.2		Chair's comments: CCFFP's 31 st session decided to facilitate further discussions through an electronic WG prior to next session. Unless substantive progress is made during next session, the CCFFP might need to refer this item to the EXEC for further advice.
Proposed Draft Amendment to the Standard for Quick Frozen Fish Sticks (nitrogen factors)	N01-2007	2009	2/3	1.2		The Proposed Draft Amendment was forwarded to Step 5/8 with the exception of the nitrogen factor for South Atlantic Hake for which more supporting data should be provided.
Comments by the Chairperson: See above.						
<u>Discussion papers</u>						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion Paper on a Code of Practice for Fish Sauce - Discussion Paper on Histamine (Note: scientific advice from FAO/WHO may be needed in the future) 						

Committee on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables (16 th Session, 2-6 May 2011 - 17 th Session, 3-7 September 2012)	Timeframe		Current Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
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Proposed Draft Revised Standard for Avocado (CODEX STAN 197-1995)	N19-2008	2011	7	1.2		Held at Step 7 pending completion of the provisions on size uniformity by the 17 th

						CCFFV.
Comments by the Chairperson/host country of the Committee:						

Codex Committee on Food Labelling 39 th Session, 9-13 May 2011 – 40 th Session, 14-18 May 2012)	Timeframe		Current Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
	Job ID or year	Target Year				
Draft Amendment to the Guidelines for Organically Produced Foods: inclusion of ethylene for other uses (in addition to kiwifruit and bananas)	N10-2006	2008	7	1.3		The use of ethylene for kiwifruit and bananas was adopted by CAC31 (2008)
Proposed draft amendment to the <i>Guidelines for the production, processing, labelling and marketing of organically produced foods</i> (CAC/GL 32-1999): to include of aquaculture animals and seaweed	N13-2010	2014	2/3	1.3		
Additional conditions for nutrient content claims and comparative claims in the <i>Guidelines for Use of Nutrition and Health Claims</i> (CAC/GL 23-1997) and proposed amendments to the <i>Guidelines on Nutrition Labelling</i> regarding the requirements for mandatory nutrition labelling	N16-2008	2013 and 2015	2/3	1.3		

Comments by the Chairperson/host country of the Committee:

Global Strategy on Diet, Physical Activity and Health

The Codex Committee on Food Labelling (CCFL) continued its work on texts relevant to the implementation of the *Global Strategy on Diet, Physical Activity and Health*. Items related to the Global Strategy are being afforded high priority by the Committee.

The CCFL having agreed to principles, upon which claims for non-addition of sugars and salt would be based, agreed to return to Step 3 proposed draft revisions to the *Guidelines for Use of Nutrition and Health Claims* to include non-addition claims for sugars and salt. In addition, inclusion of conditions for comparative claims,

and claims and conditions for use related to trans fatty acids will be developed.

The Committee established an electronic working group to draft the proposed amendments to the *Guidelines on Nutrition Labelling* regarding the requirements for mandatory nutrition labelling for circulation at Step 3. It is anticipated that the draft proposed amendments will be proposed for adoption at steps in 2012 as foreseen in the project document.

Organically Produced Foods

The Committee continued work on a structured approach to reviewing new substances for inclusion into the *Guidelines for the Production, Processing, Labelling and Marketing of Organically Produced Foods*. This approach streamlines work by evaluating proposals for inclusion of new substances on a 2-year cycle outside of the Committee, and recommended for review by the Committee once sufficient justification is supplied.

A project document is submitted for consideration of the Commission for approval of new work to include the new substances considered using the structured approach.

The Committee agreed to hold at Step 7 consideration of extending uses of ethylene for ripening of other fruits until its next session. The Committee also agreed to re-circulate at Step 3 revisions to the *Organic Guidelines* to include aquaculture animals and seaweeds.

Discussion paper

Inventory of existing Codex texts related to modified standardized common names

Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems (18th Session, 1-5 March 2010 -19th Session 17-21 October 2011)	Timeframe		Current Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
	Job ID or year	Target Year				
Proposed Draft Principles and Guidelines for National Food Control Systems	N06-2009	2014	2/3	1.4		

Comments by the Chairperson/host country of the Committee:

The 32nd Session of the Commission approved as new work the development of Proposed Draft Principles and Guidelines For National Food Control Systems (N06-2009). This document is currently at Step 3. Since the 2010 Session of CCFICS this work has been progressed through an electronic working group and a physical working group, which met in Brazil in March 2011. Due to the complex nature of this work we expect that it may progress to Step 5 in October this year.

With regard to the proposed timeline for completion of the new work, including the start date, the proposed date for adoption at Step 5, and the proposed date for adoption by the Commission; As noted by Australia at the last session of the CCEXEC due to the scheduling of CCFICS meeting this work would not be completed within the timeframe proposed in the original project document which was for adoption of the proposed Principles and Guidelines by the Commission in 2011.

Australia would like to ask the Executive committee to note that this document may not be ready for adoption at Step 8 until the Commission in 2013 (with no session of CCFICS planned for 2012). Australia may also be willing to host a further physical working group in 2012 if this will facilitate further development and

completion of this work."

Note of the Codex Secretariat

In case the document is advanced at Step 5, it would be preferable if the physical Working Group is held immediately prior to the CCFICS session to consider the comments submitted at Step 6 and facilitate the discussion in Plenary.

Ad hoc Intergovernmental Task Force on Animal Feeding (6th Session 20-24 February 2012)	Timeframe		Current Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
	Job ID or year	Target Year				
Proposed Draft Guidelines on application of risk assessment for feed	2010		2/3	1.1		Decision to reconvene the Task Force and to initiate new work taken by the 33 rd CAC (2010)
Proposed draft prioritised list of hazards in feed	2010		2/3	1.1		
Comments by the Chairperson/host country of the Committee:						

Note: The work of the **Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling** is not mentioned in the present document as work items are either for adoption by the Commission or for approval as new work.