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CRITICAL REVIEW FOR THE ELABORATION OF CODEX STANDARDS AND RELATED TEXTS
DRAFT STANDARDS AND RELATED TEXTS SUBMITTED TO THE COMMISSION FOR ADOPTION

BACKGROUND

1. In accordance with the Uniform Procedure for the Elaboration of Codex Standards and Related Texts, Part 2. Critical Review, the texts submitted to the Commission for consideration for adoption should be examined:

- For consistency with the mandate of Codex, the decisions of the Commission, and existing Codex texts;
- To ensure that the requirements of the endorsement procedure have been fulfilled, where appropriate;
- For format and presentation; and
- For linguistic consistency.

2. This document should be read in conjunction with CX/CAC 15/38/3 - 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 at Step 5 of the Accelerated Procedure) and CX/CAC 15/38/4 - Proposed Draft Standards and Related Texts at Step 5.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

3. Texts submitted by various Committees are presented for adoption in accordance with the above requirements. Therefore, the **CCEXEC is invited to recommend that** CAC38 adopts all the texts, as proposed by the relevant committees and endorsed as appropriate, with the exception of the following for which specific recommendations are made:

- Draft Standard for Ginseng Products (CCPFV)
Recommendation: Adopt at Step 5/8 without the sampling plan.
- Draft Regional Standard for Non-Fermented Soybean Products (CCASIA)
Recommendation: Adopt at Step 8 subject to the endorsement of the food labelling provisions by CCFL.
- Draft MLs for DON in cereal-based foods for infants and young children; in flour, meal, semolina and flakes derived from wheat, maize or barley; and in cereal grains (wheat, maize and barley) for further processing including sampling plans and performance criteria for methods of analysis (CCCF)
Recommendation: Adopt the MLs for DON at Step 8 and sampling plan and performance criteria for methods of analysis subject to endorsement by CCMAS.
- Proposed Standard for Non-Centrifugated Dehydrated Sugar Cane Juice (CCS)
Recommendation: Adopt at Step 8 subject to the endorsement of the food labelling and methods of analysis and sampling provisions by CCFL and CCMAS.

PART I - DRAFT STANDARDS AND RELATED TEXTS AT STEP 8, 5/8 or 5 Accelerated¹

Committee on Processed Fruits and Vegetables (27 th Session, 8-12 September 2014)	Timeframe		Current Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
	Job ID or year	Target Year				
Draft Standard for Certain Canned Fruits (general provisions)	N20-2011	2015	8	1.2	-	<u>Status of Endorsement:</u> Food additives - endorsed by CCFA47. Labelling – endorsed by CCFL42. Methods of analysis and sampling – endorsed by CCMAS36.
Draft Annex on Canned Mangoes (draft Standard for Certain Canned Fruits)	N20-2011	2015	8	1.2	-	<u>Status of Endorsement:</u> Food additives - endorsed by CCFA47. Labelling and methods of analysis and sampling – covered by the general provisions for canned fruits (see draft Standard for Certain Canned Fruits).
Draft Standard for Quick Frozen Vegetables (general provisions)	N19-2011	2015	8	1.2	-	<u>Status of Endorsement:</u> Food additives and processing aids – endorsed by CCFA47. Labelling – endorsed by CCFL42. Methods of analysis and sampling – to be further developed by CCPFV. This does not affect the adoption of the general provisions and specific annexes at Steps 8 and 5/8 by CAC38.
Proposed draft Annex on Canned Pears (draft Standard for Certain Canned Fruits)	N20-2011	2015	5/8	1.2	-	<u>Status of Endorsement:</u> Food additives - endorsed by CCFA47. Labelling and methods of analysis and sampling – covered by the general provisions for canned fruits (see draft Standard for Certain Canned Fruits).
Proposed draft Annexes for Certain Quick Frozen Vegetables: Carrots, Corn-on-the-Cob, Leeks, Whole Kernel Corn (draft Standard for Quick Frozen Vegetables)	N19-2011	2015	5/8	1.2	-	<u>Status of Endorsement:</u> Food additives – none permitted. Labelling – endorsed by CCFL42. Methods of analysis and sampling – see Draft Standard for Quick Frozen Vegetables (general

¹ “**Job Identification Number**”: Job Identification Number, or the year when new work was approved, or the year when work actually started, as applicable.

“**Target Year**”: 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, where applicable.

“**Output Codes**”: the following codes are used: 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.

Explanatory Notes: includes specific issues only for relevant provisions and the status of endorsement when applicable. There are no comments when no specific problems exist as regards the criteria mentioned in the Critical Review or other related issues.

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Proposed draft Standard for Ginseng Products	N04-2013	2017	5/8	1.2	-	<u>Status of Endorsement:</u> Food additives – none permitted. Labelling – endorsed by CCFL42. Methods of analysis - endorsed by CCMAS36. Sampling plans - not endorsed by CCMAS36 which requested CCPFV to reconsider the sampling plan. This does not preclude the adoption of the Standard at Step 5/8 by CAC38.
Amendments to food additive provisions in the Standards for Canned Chestnuts and Canned Chestnut Puree, Canned Bamboo Shoots and Canned Mushrooms (Annex to the Standard for Certain Canned Vegetables)	-	-	-	1.1/1.2	-	CCPFV undertook this work following the advice / request of CCFA44 to commodity committees to cross-reference the <i>General Standard for Food Additives</i> (GSFA) wherever possible to reduce inconsistencies with the GSFA. <u>Status of Endorsement:</u> Food additives for mushrooms – endorsed by CCFA47 Food additives for canned chestnuts and canned chestnut puree and canned bamboo shoots follow the advice of CCFA. No endorsement required.
Amendments to food additive and packing media provisions in <i>Standard for Pickled Fruits and Vegetables</i>	-	-	-	1.1/1.2	-	Updating of food additive provisions (see amendments to food additive provisions above) and packing media provisions for pickled vegetables in view of discontinuation of work on <i>Guidelines for Packing Media for Canned Vegetables</i> <u>Status of Endorsement:</u> Food additives – endorsed by CCFA47

Comments by the Chairperson/host country:

For the last several sessions, the CCPFV has taken a two track approach to its work: One track has been to revise (and when possible simplify) existing standards and the other track has been to elaborate new standards. The recommendations going to the Commission at step 8 or 5/8 for adoption are almost entirely completed revisions. The revisions include conversions from individual “stand alone” standards for single products, to general standards (containing horizontal provisions for a group of products) with commodity-specific annexes attached. The CCPFV agreed to forward to the Commission for adoption two general standards (covering Certain Canned Fruit and Certain Quick Frozen Vegetables) and several annexes that are associated with these general standards.

The CCPFV also agreed to forward to the Commission for adoption the Draft Standard for Ginseng Products. This draft standard is a conversion of the Regional Standard for Ginseng Products to a worldwide standard. During the discussion regarding this draft, the Committee noted the differing approaches various countries take with respect to their classification of ginseng. To ensure clarity with respect to the purpose of the standard, the Committee agreed to the following text in the scope of the draft: “This Standard applies to ginseng products used as a food or food ingredient and does not apply to products used for medicinal purposes.¹” The footnote states: “¹ Some countries also consider ginseng as a medicine.”

FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Asia (19 th Session, 3 -7 November 2014)	Timeframe		Current Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
	Job ID or year	Target Year				
Draft Regional Standard for Non-Fermented Soybean Products	N06-2005	2015 (initially 2009)	8	1.2	-	Target year extended to 2015 in CCEXEC65, due to prolonged discussion on: definitions of products, essential requirements, and consistency with the format of commodity standards. <u>Status of Endorsement:</u> Methods of analysis and sampling - endorsed by CCMAS34. Food additives - endorsed by CCFA47 with the exception of the provisions for tocopherols (INS 307a,b,c), caramel II-sulfite caramel (INS 150b), caramel IV-sulfite ammonia caramel (INS 150d). Labelling – to be endorsed by CCFL43.
Sections “Food Additives” and “Methods of Analysis And Sampling” of the <i>Regional Standard for Tempe</i> (CODEX STAN 313R-2013) (Amendments)	-	-	adoption	1.1/1.2-	-	CCASIA19 prepared these amendments following the recommendations of CCMAS34 (to replace the method of analysis for lipid content) and CCFA45 (to include text for processing aids).

Comments by the Chairperson/host country:

Draft Regional Standard for Non-Fermented Soybean Products: In response to concerns expressed in CCFL41 about the use of the term “soybean milk”, which are commonly used in number of the Asian countries, Japan in the capacity of the Asian Coordinator tried to find a landing zone through many informal meetings with interested members. With regard to food additive provisions, we are keen to discuss them at the CCASIA20. This has been a standing item for CCASIA for more than ten years since it was proposed at CCASIA13 in 2002 and adopted at CAC28 in 2005 as a new work. We expect the document will be adopted except the three additives. CCASIA19 considered and solved all outstanding issues and, therefore, the draft standard could be advanced for adoption at Step 8 noting that food additives and labelling provisions would be endorsed by CCFA and CCFL, respectively.

Committee on Food Hygiene (46 th Session, 17-21 November 2014)	Timeframe		Current Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
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Draft Guidelines for the Control of <i>Trichinella</i> spp. in Meat of Suidae	N07-2011	2013	8	1.1	FAO/WHO (Expert Meeting on a Risk-based Approach for the Control of <i>Trichinella</i> spp. in pigs)	The work had previously been submitted to CAC37 for adoption at Step 5/8, but due to some outstanding issues, in particular in relation to sections 7.3 “selection of risk-based control measures” and 9 “monitoring and review”, CAC37 adopted at Step 5 only. All previous concerns were addressed by CCFH46 and with full agreement the text has been advanced for adoption.

Committee on Food Hygiene (46 th Session, 17-21 November 2014)	Timeframe		Current Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
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Proposed Draft Code of Hygienic Practice for Low-Moisture Foods	N06-2013	2016	5/8	1.1	FAO/WHO (Ranking of Low-Moisture Foods in Support of Microbiological Risk Management)	Work on the main document has been finished ahead of schedule with full agreement of the Committee. Work on various annexes is still ongoing. The scientific advice from FAO/WHO was taken into account and will continue to be of importance in the development of the annexes to the Code.
Hygiene sections in meat commodity standards (Amendments)	-	-	adoption	1.1/1.2	-	CCFH undertook this work following the request of CAC32 (2009) to update relevant sections of the five meat standards, developed in the early '80s. CCFH addressed the CAC request after CCFA46 had completed the revision of the food additive provisions (adopted by CAC37).

Comments by the Chairperson/host country:

The Chair wishes to highlight the spirit of cooperation from the delegations to the accomplishment of the two documents above. One was completed ahead of schedule and the other one required delicate and dedicated discussion to integrate the cooperative work with OIE and FAO/WHO. CCFH expects future work will continue to require close collaboration with OIE. Secretariat's support and leadership along the way made both accomplishments possible.

Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses (36 th Session, 24-28 November 2014)	Timeframe		Current Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
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Draft <i>General Principles for the Addition of Essential Nutrients to Foods</i> (Revision)	N02-2010	2013/2014	8	1.3	-	The document was fully discussed by CCNFSDU with agreement to advance to Step 8.
Proposed Draft Additional or Revised Nutrient Reference Values for Labelling Purposes in the <i>Guidelines on Nutrition Labelling</i> (CAC/GL 2-1985)	-	-	5/8	1.3	-	See comments by the Chairperson
Proposed Draft Nutrient Reference Value for Potassium in Relation to the Risk of Non-Communicable Disease	N01-2014	2015	5/8	1.3	WHO (scientific reviews)	
Amendments to the Annex of the <i>Guidelines on Nutrition Labelling</i> (CAC/GL2-1985)	-	-	adoption	1.3	-	This amendment is to clarify section 3.2.1.1.to the <i>General Principles for Establishing Nutrient Reference Values to for the General Population</i> (an annex to the <i>Guidelines on Nutrition Labelling</i>).
Proposed Draft Revision of the List of Food Additives in CODEX STAN 72-1981	-	-	adoption		-	<u>Status of Endorsement:</u> Food additives - endorsed by CCFA47.
Inclusion of zinc citrates in the <i>Advisory Lists of Nutrient Compounds for Use in Foods for Special Dietary Uses Intended for Infants and Young Children</i> (CAC/GL10-1979)	-	-	adoption		-	This is a consequential amendment following an earlier agreement to include zinc citrate once the specification for zinc citrate became available.

Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses (36 th Session, 24-28 November 2014)	Timeframe		Current Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
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Draft Amendment to the Standard for Foods for Special Dietary Use for Persons Intolerant to Gluten (CODEX STAN 118-1979), to add the term "Khorasan wheat"	-	-	adoption	1.3	-	This is an editorial amendment to more correctly refer to khorasan wheat, rather than simply to a particular trade mark "Kamut".
<p><u>Comments by the Chairperson/host country:</u></p> <p>With regard to the Proposed Draft Additional or Revised Nutrient Reference Values for Labelling Purposes in the Guidelines on Nutrition Labelling (CAC/GL2-1985) it should be mentioned that due to the volume of the work (replacement of existing but unsuitable Nutrient Reference Values – Requirements (NRVs-R) for certain vitamins and minerals and establishing NRVs-R for certain vitamins and minerals for the first time; NRVs-R for the general population, NRVs-R for the age group 6 to 36 months) CCNFSDU decided to follow a step by step process. Proposed draft NRVs-R for a first batch of several vitamins and minerals (Vitamin K, Thiamin, Riboflavin, Niacin, Vitamin B6, Folate, Vitamin B12, Pantothenate, Biotin, Calcium and Iodine) was adopted by the Commission at its 36th Session in 2013. At its 36th session in 2014 the Committee agreed to forward the proposed new and revised NRVs-R for a second batch of nutrients (Vitamin C, Zinc, Selenium, Molybdenum and Manganese) to the Commission for adoption at Steps 5/8.</p> <p>The Committee further agreed to establish a EWG chaired by Australia, with the terms of reference to recommend revised or additional NRVs-R for the third batch of vitamins and minerals (Vitamin A, Vitamin D, Vitamin E, Magnesium, Phosphorus, Chromium, Copper, Chloride and Iron), The proposals of the EWG will be discussed by the Committee at its 37th session in 2015. The EWG will also consider the approach for establishing NRVs-R for the age group of 6-36 months for the nutrients for which NRVs-R are established for the general population.</p>						

Committee on Fats and Oils (24 th Session, 9-13 February 2015)	Timeframe		Current Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
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Reference to Acceptance / Voluntary Application in Codex Standards for fats and oils (Amendment to the Standards for Edible Fats and Oils not Covered by Individual Standards (CODEX STAN 19-1981); for Named Vegetable Oils (CODEX STAN 211-1999), for Named Animal Fats (CODEX STAN 210-1999) and for Olive Oils and Olive Pomace Oils (CODEX STAN 33-1981)	-	-	adoption		-	CCFO undertook this work following the request of CAC32 (2009) to consider the deletion of the statement on acceptance and voluntary application in Codex standards on a case by case. This matter was discussed at CCFO 22, CCFO23 and CCFO24, which agreed to a new text replacing the statement on voluntary application.
Amendments to Appendix 2 "List of Acceptable Previous Cargoes" of the Code of Practice for the Storage and Transport of Edible Fats and Oils in Bulk (CAC/RCP 36-1987)	ongoing	-	adoption		FAO/WHO (Scientific reviews)	CCFO undertook this work following the adoption of List of Acceptable Previous Cargoes in CAC/RCP 36-1987 and the request of CAC34 (2011) to review the lists against the Criteria adopted. This is a standing Agenda Item under CCFO.
<p><u>Comments by the Chairperson/host country:</u></p> <p>Comments received after 20 May will be compiled in CX/EXEC 15/70/2 Add.1.</p>						

Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling (36 th Session, 23-27 February 2015)	Timeframe		Current Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
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Proposed draft Explanatory Notes to the <i>Principles for the Use of Sampling and Testing in International Food Trade</i> (CAC/GL 83-2013)	N11-2011	2013	5/8	1.4	-	The Principles were adopted in 2013, while work on the explanatory notes continued.
Draft and proposed draft Methods of Analysis and Sampling	ongoing	-	-	1.4	-	For adoption in existing Codex Standards or CODEX STAN 234-1999.
<p>Comments by the Chairperson/host country:</p> <p>An informal meeting on explanatory notes was called upon by the Chair of the electronic working group a day before the plenary meeting in order to harmonise the conflicting opinions expressed by the members of the working group during the between sessions elaboration of the document. The informal meeting was attended by a large number of participants and was instrumental to reach consensus during the plenary meeting.</p> <p>Adoption of Codex standards: a physical working group was organized before the 36 session of the CCMAS and the critical points related to the methods were discussed and agreed by the working group members except the typing of methods for determination of biotoxins. The plenary meeting decided to establish an electronic working group to elaborate the principles of characterisation of the performance of biotest based methods.</p>						

Committee on Contaminants in Foods (9 th Session, 16-20 March 2015)	Timeframe		Current Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
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Draft and proposed draft MLs for lead in fruits and vegetables (fresh and processed)	N04-2012	2015	8 and 5/8	1.1	73 rd JECFA (2010)	<p><u>MLs for adoption at Step 8</u></p> <p>Fruit juices and nectars, RTE (excluding juices from berries and other small fruits); Canned fruits (excluding berries and other small fruits); Canned vegetables (excluding brassica, leafy vegetables and legume vegetables).</p> <p>The MLs for the above products were proposed for adoption at Step 5/8 by CCCF7 and adopted at Step 5 only by CAC36 with the understanding that countries concerned would submit data to GEMS/Food database within a year to allow CCCF9 to further consider the revision of the MLs in 2015 for submission to CAC38.</p> <p>CCCF9 considered the MLs in light of additional data submitted to GEMS/Food and make proposals for adoption by CAC38.</p> <p><u>MLs for adoption at Step 5/8</u></p> <p>Berries and other small fruits (except cranberry, currant and elderberry); Cranberry, currant and elderberry; Brassica vegetables; Legume vegetables; Fruiting vegetables, cucurbits; Fruiting vegetables, other than cucurbits (excluding fungi and</p>

Committee on Contaminants in Foods (9 th Session, 16-20 March 2015)	Timeframe		Current Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
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						<p>mushrooms).</p> <p>The MLs for the above produce are the result of two sessions of discussion in CCCF (2014 & 2015) and take into account all available data submitted to GEMS/Foods at the time the MLs were finalized for consideration by CCCF in March 2015.</p> <p>It is foreseen that completion of the review of the MLs will take 2-3 additional sessions of CCCF.</p>
<p>Draft MLs for DON in cereal-based foods for infants and young children; in flour, meal, semolina and flakes derived from wheat, maize or barley; and in cereal grains (wheat, maize and barley) for further processing including sampling plans and performance criteria for methods of analysis</p>	N10-2010	2012	8	1.1	72 nd JECFA (2010)	<p>The ML for DON in cereal-based foods for infants and young children has previously been submitted for adoption at Step 5/8 by CCCF7, however CAC37 only adopted the ML at Step 5 requiring clarification on whether the ML applied to the product on a “dry matter basis” or “as consumed”. The same level is being submitted for adoption, but with a clarification note that it applies to the product on a “dry matter basis”.</p> <p>The other two MLs have been finalized following many years of discussion. Agreement has been reached due to the willingness of members to reach a compromise.</p> <p>The sampling plans and performance criteria were previously submitted to CCMAS35 for endorsement, but CCMAS requested some clarification. CCCF9 revised the sampling plans and performance criteria in accordance with guidance from CCMAS on other similar sampling plans (i.e. for fumonisins).</p> <p><u>Status of endorsement</u> Sampling Plan and Performance Criteria - To be endorsed by CCMAS37.</p>
<p><u>Comments by the Chairperson/host country:</u> Comments received after 20 May will be compiled in CX/EXEC 15/70/2 Add.1.</p>						

Committee on Food Additives (47 th Session, 23-27 March 2015)	Timeframe		Current Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
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Proposed Draft Specifications for the Identity and Purity of Food Additives	ongoing	-	5/8	1.1/1.2	78 th JECFA (2014)	Specifications for 1 new and 10 previously evaluated food additives as well as 25 new flavourings were prepared at the 79 th JECFA.
Food additive provisions of the <i>General Standard for Food Additives</i> (GSFA)	ongoing	-	8 and 5/8	1.1/1.2	JECFA	CCFA47 made recommendations for approximately 675 provisions of the GSFA (approximately 300 for adoption and 285 for discontinuation/revocation).
Proposed Draft Revision of the <i>International Numbering System for Food Additives</i> (CAC/GL 36-1989)	ongoing	-	5/8	1.1/1.2	-	
Revision of food additives section of the <i>Standard for Bouillons and Consommés</i> (CODEX STAN 117-1981)	-	-	adoption	1.1/1.2	-	This work is part of the ongoing work on alignment of the food additives provisions of the standards for which there is no active commodity committees with the corresponding provisions of the GSFA.
Revision of food additives provisions of GSFA food category 12.5 "Mixes for soups and broths" and its sub-categories	-	-	adoption	1.1/1.2	-	The revised food additive section of CODEX STAN 117-1981 contains a general reference to the GSFA, consistent with the provision concerning the <i>Format for Codex Commodity Standards</i> (Codex Procedural Manual).
Correction of food additive provisions of the GSFA related to the alignments of the five meat commodity standards	-	-	adoption	-	-	These are further corrections to the work on alignments of the five meat commodity standards which was adopted by CAC37.
<u>Comments by the Chairperson/host country:</u>						
Comments received after 20 May will be compiled in CX/EXEC 15/70/2 Add.1.						

Committee on Pesticide Residues (47 th Session, 13-18 April 2015)	Timeframe		Current Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
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Proposed Draft MRLs for pesticides	ongoing	-	8 and 5/8	1.1	JMPR ongoing	
<u>Comments by the Chairperson/host country:</u>						
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Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods (22 nd Session, 27 April – 1 May 2015)	Timeframe		Current Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
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Proposed Draft MRLs for derquantel (sheep tissues), emamectin benzoates (salmon and trout tissues) and monepantel (sheep tissues)	ongoing	-	5/8	1.1	78 th JECFA (2013)	Derquantel and monepantel were included in the Priority List for JECFA evaluation by CCRVDF18 (2009). The substances were evaluated by the 75 th

Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods (22 nd Session, 27 April – 1 May 2015)	Timeframe		Current Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
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						<p>JECFA (2011) and the recommended MRLs considered by CCRVDF20 (2012) which requested JECFA to (i) further evaluate proposed higher MRLs for monepantel; and (ii) review the ADI and calculation of the marker to total radio label residue and revise the recommended MRLs for derquantel. CCRVDF21 (2013) held the MRLs for derquantel and monepantel at Step 4 and 7 respectively pending JECFA advice.</p> <p>Emamectin benzoate was included in the Priority List for JECFA evaluation by CCRVDF20 (2011).</p> <p>CCRVDF22 (2015) considered the new MRLs for derquantel, emamectin benzoate and monepantel recommended by the 78th MRLs (2013) which were advanced to Step 5/8.</p> <p>CCRVDF22 discontinued work on the MRLs for derquantel and monepantel held at Step 4 and 7.</p>
Proposed Draft RMRs for dimetridazole, ipronidazole, metronidazole and ronidazole	N10-2012	2015	5/8	1.1	JECFA	<p>CCRVDF21 (2013) finalised work on RMRs for eight of the 12 veterinary drugs for which no ADI and or MRLs was not established/recommended by JECFA due to health concerns. The language of the RMRs differentiates between those substances for which there is a clear conclusion of JECFA from that there is no safe level of residues of the substances or its metabolites (i.e. chloramphenicol, malachite green, carbadox, furazolidone, and stilbenes) and those for which significant health concerns have been identified although insufficient data or lack of data were available to establish a safe level of residues (i.e. nitrofurazone, chlorpromazine and olaquinox).</p> <p>CCRVDF21 held the RMRs for dimetridazole, ipronidazole, metronidazole and ronidazole at Step 4 and requested JECFA to conduct a review focusing on the toxicological concern as additional information could allow JECFA to reach more solid conclusion.</p> <p>CCRVDF22 (2015) considered the outcome of the JECFA review and agreed to advance the MRLs at Step 5/8.</p>
<p><u>Comments by the Chairperson/host country:</u> The derquantel and monepantel MRLs are supported by delegations approaching unanimous consensus. The RMRs for the nitromidazoles are ready to move forward with broad consensus. The USA reservation is noted but is not a reason for not moving forward for adoption.</p>						

Committee Sugars (working by correspondence)	Timeframe		Current Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
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Proposed Standard for Non-Centrifugated Dehydrated Sugar Cane Juice	N13-2011	2015 (initially 2013, 2014)	8	1.2		<p>The Standard was proposed for adoption at Step 5/8 by CAC36. The Commission adopted the Standard at Step 5 only and agreed that further work by correspondence would address comments submitted to CAC including additional comments for adoption at Step 8 by CAC37. The Commission noted that a study on certain processing aids was being carried out and agreed to grant another one-year extension so that the Standard can be adopted at Step 8 by CAC38.</p> <p>If the Standard is adopted, labelling and methods of analysis provisions should be adopted subject to endorsement by CCFL and CCMAS.</p> <p><u>Status of Endorsement:</u> Food additives – None permitted. Processing aids – provisions for processing aids as endorsed by CCFA46 was replaced by a general reference to the <i>Guidelines on Substances Used as Processing Aids</i> (CAC/GL 75-2010). Labelling and methods of analysis – to be endorsed by CCFL and CCMAS.</p> <p><u>Note:</u> The Standard is overdue for completion for two years. A final decision should be taken at this Session of CAC.</p>
<p><u>Comments by the Chairperson/host country:</u> The draft Codex standard, presented for critical review by the Executive Committee and adoption at Step 8 by the Commission, reflects the views expressed by Codex members throughout the development of the Standard from a safety and quality perspective. The Standard is for a product that is currently not covered by any existing Codex standard. The Standard includes to the extent possible, the different properties, including its added nutritional value, as well as the processing practices from the different geographic regions producing similar products.</p>						

STANDARDS AND RELATED TEXTS HELD AT STEP 8 BY THE COMMISSION (for info only)

Draft Standard/ Related Text	Timeframe	Current Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
Draft MRLs for bovine somatotropin (bST)	ongoing	8	1.1	JECFA meetings, including re-evaluation by the 78 th JECFA (2013)	The 35 th Session of the Commission agreed to request JECFA to re-evaluate bST and to continue holding the draft MRLs for bST at Step 8, pending JECFA re-evaluation and CCRVDF recommendations. Report of the 78 th JECFA was discussed by CCRVDF22.

PART II - DRAFT STANDARDS AND RELATED TEXTS AT STEP 5

Committee on Fats and Oils (24 th Session, 9-13 February 2015)	Timeframe		Current Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
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Proposed Draft Standard for Fish Oils	N09-2011	2015	5	1.2	-	CCFO23 returned the proposed draft standard to Step 2 for re-drafting. CCFO24 agreed to forward the proposed draft standard to Step 5. <u>Endorsement:</u> Food additives - endorsed by CCFA47 Methods of analysis - endorsed by CCMAS36 with the exception of the method for the determination of phospholipids for which a conversion factor (to convert the phosphorous to phospholipids) was requested to CCFO.
<u>Comments by the Chairperson/host country:</u> Comments received after 20 May will be compiled in CX/EXEC 15/70/2 Add.1.						

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Proposed draft ML for inorganic arsenic in husked rice	N12-2011	2013	5	1.1	72 nd JECFA	CCCCF8 noted proposals for a more stringent ML for inorganic arsenic in husked rice as technologically achievable and the impact of lower MLs in relation to providing further consumer health protection and impact on trade (food security) account being taken that rice is a staple food in the Asian region. In view of the relevance of this matter for many Codex members, the Committee encouraged countries, especially rice-producing countries to submit data to GEMS/Food in order to facilitate the discussion of this matter at the CCCF9 (2015) before taking a final decision on the feasibility to establish an ML for this product. CCCF9 agreed to further consider new/additional data provided by main rice-producing countries and countries where husked rice was a major staple food. CCCF10 will consider the ML in light of the additional data to determine the need for their revision with a view to its finalization in 2016. <u>Note:</u> The ML for inorganic arsenic in polished rice was adopted by CAC37; trade of polished rice share 79% of the market and husked rice 10% of the rice trade.

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Proposed draft revision of the <i>Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Mycotoxin Contamination in Cereals</i> (CAC/RCP 51-2003)	N13-2014	2017	5	1.1		Revision of general provisions applicable to mycotoxin contamination in cereals almost completed. Additional work on the annexes specific for mycotoxin/commodity(ies) combination requires further work at CCCF10.
<u>Comments by the Chairperson/host country:</u> Comments received after 20 May will be compiled in CX/EXEC 15/70/2 Add.1.						

Committee on Pesticide Residues (47 th Session, 13-18 April 2015)	Timeframe		Current Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
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Proposed Draft MRLs for pesticides	-	-	5	1.1	JMPR ongoing	Pending: - information on alternative GAPs from Codex members / observers for prioritization for re-evaluation by JMPR; or - response of JMPR 2015 to concern forms submitted by CCPR47.
<u>Comments by the Chairperson/host country:</u> Support.						

Committee on Milk and Milk Products (working by correspondence)	Timeframe		Current Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
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Proposed Draft General Standard for Processed Cheese	N16-2014	2016	5	1.2	None identified	A PWG was held in January 2015 to prepare proposed draft General Standard, which was circulated for comments at Step 3 (under CL 2015/2-MMP). New Zealand, as the Chair of CCMMMP, revised the proposed draft standard on the basis of the comments received and submitted the draft to CAC38 for adoption at Step 5. The proposed draft has been circulated for comments at Step 5 under CL 2015/15-MMP (the CL also includes the report of the CCMMMP Chair).
<u>Comments by the Chairperson/host country:</u> As noted in para. 8 of Annex 2 of CL 2015/15- MMP the proposed draft General Standard for Processed Cheese is based on discussions at the Physical Working Group meeting (that met in Brussels in January 2015) and analysis of responses to CL 2015/2-MMP. The proposed draft General Standard has been developed along the lines set out in the Project document that was approved by the 37 th session of the CAC. While the issue of minimum cheese content remains an issue of debate and divergent views, there has been good progress on many other areas including the scope of the standard. There was also broad agreement that the use of gelatine was not technologically justified in products falling under the proposed definition of processed cheese. There was also agreement to provide for the use of stabilizers and thickeners in the food additive section of the proposed standard.						

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<p>While there is no consensus on the issue of minimum cheese content, there appears to be broad support for the statement that cheese shall be the single largest ingredient. Further work will be needed to develop an appropriate list of food additives and methods of analysis covering this product. There is a need to resolve some terminology issues in the Spanish version of the proposed standard.</p> <p>Overall, New Zealand, as chair and host government of CCMMP believes that the Proposed Draft General Standard is based on broad consensus and in line with the project document. Accordingly it would be appropriate to advance the draft to Step 5.</p>						