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Agenda Item 1

**CX/FICS 00/1
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JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME

CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD IMPORT AND EXPORT INSPECTION AND CERTIFICATION SYSTEMS

Ninth Session

Perth, Australia, 11 – 15 December 2000

*To be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Perth, Australia, from
Monday, 11 December at 10:00 to Friday 15 December 2000*

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Agenda Item	Subject Matter	Document Identification
1.	Adoption of the Agenda	CX/FICS 00/1
2.	Matters Referred from Other Codex Committees	CX/FICS 00/2
3.	Draft Guidelines for Generic Official Certificate Formats and the Production and Issuance of Certificates	CX/FICS 00/3
	- Comments at Step 6	CX/FICS 00/3-Add. 1
4.	Proposed Draft Guidelines for Food Import Control Systems	CX/FICS 00/4
	- Comments at Step 3	CX/FICS 00/4-Add. 1
5.	Proposed Draft Guidelines for the Utilization and Promotion of Quality Assurance Systems to Meet Requirements in Relation to Food	CX/FICS 00/5
	- Comments at Step 3	CX/FICS 00/5-Add. 1
6.	Proposed Draft Guidelines on the Judgement of Equivalence of Sanitary Measures Associated with Food Inspection and Certification Systems	CX/FICS 00/6
	- Comments at Step 3	CX/FICS 00/6-Add. 1
7.	Proposed Draft Guidelines on the Judgement of Equivalence of Technical Regulations Associated with Food Inspection and Certification Systems	CX/FICS 00/7
	- Comments at Step 3	CX/FICS 00/7-Add. 1

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| 8. | Discussion Paper on Risk Management Guidelines for Food Control
Emergency Situations Involving International Trade | CX/FICS 00/8 |
| 9. | Discussion Paper on Food Export Control Systems | CX/FICS 00/9 |
| 10. | Other Business and Future Work | |
| 11. | Date and Place of Next Session | |
| 12. | Adoption of the Report | |

Delegates are kindly requested to bring with them to the meeting all documents which have been distributed, as the number of additional copies which can be made available at the meeting is limited.

NOTES ON THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Agenda Item 1 – Adoption of the Agenda (CX/FICS 00/1): The Committee will be invited to adopt the Provisional Agenda as the Agenda for the Session.

Agenda Item 2 – Matters Referred from Other Codex Committees (CX/FICS 00/2): The document is an information paper prepared by the Codex Secretariat concerning matters referred and/or of interest from other Codex Committees.

Agenda Item 3 – Draft Guidelines for Generic Official Certificate Formats and the Production and Issuance of Certificates (CX/FICS 00/3): The 8th CCFICS agreed to forward the proposed draft Guidelines to the 47th Session of the Executive Committee (CCEXEC) for adoption at Step 5. The Committee further agreed that a drafting group under the direction of Australia would review comments submitted during discussions at the 8th CCFICS as well as comments submitted at Step 6 subsequent to CCEXEC adoption with a view towards the consideration of an amended text at the Committee's current meeting (ALINORM 01/30, paras. 48-49 and Appendix II).

The 47th Session of the CCEXEC adopted the proposed draft Guidelines at Step 5 (ALINORM 01/3, Appendix IV) and comments were subsequently requested at Step 6 under CL 2000/15-GEN (July 2000) with a comment deadline of 15 September 2000. Comments submitted at Step 6 are presented in document CX/FICS 00/3-Add. 1.

Agenda Item 4 – Proposed Draft Guidelines for Food Import Control Systems (CX/FICS 00/4): The 8th CCFICS agreed that the first draft of the proposed draft Guidelines would be prepared by the Secretariat with a view towards its consideration by a drafting group. The Committee further agreed that after consideration by the drafting group, the Guidelines would be circulated for comment at Step 3 and further discussion at its current meeting (ALINORM 01/30, paras. 30-32). Comments submitted at Step 3 are presented in document CX/FICS 00/4 – Add. 1.

Agenda Item 5 – Proposed Draft Guidelines for the Utilization and Promotion of Quality Assurance Systems to Meet Requirements in Relation to Food (CX/FICS 00/5): The 8th CCFICS agreed that a drafting group under the direction of Australia would prepare a revised version of the Guidelines for circulation and comment at Step 3 prior to its next Session (ALINORM 01/30, para. 60). Comments submitted at Step 3 are presented in document CX/FICS 00/5-Add. 1.

Agenda Item 6 – Proposed Draft Guidelines on the Judgement of Equivalence of Sanitary Measures Associated with Food Inspection and Certification Systems (CX/FICS 00/6): The 8th CCFICS requested a drafting group under the direction of New Zealand to proceed with the development of the Guidelines for circulation and comment at Step 3 prior to its next Session. This decision was taken with the understanding that the Guidelines would be subject to approval as new work by the 47th CCEXEC (ALINORM 01/30, para. 65). The 47th CCEXEC approved the elaboration of the Guidelines as new work, and indicated that the document should emphasize system requirements (ALINORM 01/3, Appendix III). Comments submitted at Step 3 are presented in document CX/FICS 00/6-Add. 1.

Agenda Item 7 – Proposed Draft Guidelines on the Judgement of Equivalence of Technical Regulations Associated with Food Inspection and Certification Systems (CX/FICS 00/7): The 8th CCFICS agreed that the proposed draft Guidelines would be developed by a drafting group under the direction of Australia for circulation and comment at Step 3 and further consideration at its next Session (ALINORM 01/30, para. 69). Comments submitted at Step 3 are presented in document CX/FICS 00/7-Add 1.

Agenda Item 8 – Discussion Paper Risk Management Guidelines for Food Control Emergency Situations Involving International Trade (CX/FICS 00/8): The 8th CCFICS accepted the offer of Australia to prepare a discussion paper for consideration at its next Session which would address the adequacy of relevant Codex texts and would outline the issues involved regarding food control emergency situations (ALINORM 01/30, para. 72).

Agenda Item 9 – Discussion Paper on Food Export Control Systems (CX/FICS 00/9): The 8th CCFICS agreed that at its next Session Morocco would submit for consideration a document on the need for guidance on food export control systems (ALINORM 01/30, para 75).

Agenda Item 10 – Other Business and Future Work: Other business and proposals for future work will be considered.

Agenda Item 11 – Date and Place of Next Session: The Chairperson will propose the tentative date and place of the next meeting, subject to discussions by the Codex and Australian Secretariats.

Agenda Item 12 – Adoption of the Report: the Committee shall adopt a report of its 9th Session based on a draft provided by the Secretariat.