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Agenda Item 2

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## JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME CODEX COMMITTEE ON FATS AND OILS

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### MATTERS ARISING FROM THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION AND OTHER CODEX COMMITTEES

#### A. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION

##### 1. Decisions of the Commission on the work of the Committee

###### Draft Standards and Related Texts

The Commission adopted the following texts at Step 8:

- Standard for Named Animal Fats
- Revised Standard for Fats and Oils not Covered by Individual Standards
- Revised Code of Practice for the Storage and Transport of Edible Fats and Oils in Bulk
- Standard for Named Vegetable Oils

Following the comments made by the Delegation of the Philippines concerning the values in the Tables for Named Vegetable Oils, the Chairman of the CCFO indicated that these questions could be discussed further in the Committee as part of the regular updating of the Standard (ALINORM 99/37, paras. 163-166).

Comments on the values on the Tables have been requested by CL 2000/25-FO (August 2000) and this question will be discussed under Agenda Item 4.

###### New Work

The Commission approved the elaboration of the following texts as new work:

- Amendment to the Standard for Named Vegetable Oils:
  - High Oleic Safflower Oil
  - High Oleic Sunflower Oil
- Code of Practice for the Storage and Transport of Edible Fats and Oils in Bulk: Lists of Acceptable and Banned Previous Cargoes (ALINORM 99/37, para. 210 and Appendix VIII)

##### 2. General Matters

###### **Consideration of the Draft Medium-Term Plan 1998/2002**

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Commission adopted its Medium-Term Plan for 1998-2002 (ALINORM 99/37, para. 34 & App. II). The following element of the Medium-Term Plan is directly related to the work of the CCFO:

- Commodity Standards: Finalization of revision/simplification of Codex Commodity Standards. Elaboration of specific Commodity Standards where justified.

## **Criteria for the Establishment of Work Priorities and Criteria for the Establishment of Subsidiary Bodies of the Commission**

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Session of the CAC adopted the amendments separating the criteria for work priorities from the criteria for establishing subsidiary bodies, which include provisions for the establishment of *ad hoc* Intergovernmental Task Forces operating for a limited period of time under closely defined terms of reference, but functioning in the same manner as Codex Committees. The amendments were included in the 11<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Procedural Manual.

### **Relations Between Commodity Committees and General Committees: Amendment to the Food Hygiene Provisions**

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Session of the CAC adopted the amendment concerning the food hygiene provisions to be used in commodity standards as proposed.<sup>1</sup> The amendment was included in the 11<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Codex Alimentarius Procedural Manual, as follows:

*Commodity Committees should use in the commodity standards the following text:*

- *It is recommended that the products covered by the provisions of this standard be prepared and handled in accordance with the appropriate sections of the Recommended International Code of Practice - General Principles of Food Hygiene (CAC/RCP 1-1969, Rev 3-1997), and other relevant Codex texts such as Codes of Hygienic Practice and Codes of Practice.*
- *The products should comply with any microbiological criteria established in accordance with the Principles for the Establishment and Application of Microbiological Criteria for Foods (CAC/GL 21-1997).*

## **B. MATTERS ARISING FROM OTHER COMMITTEES**

### **1. Committee on Food Hygiene: Transport of Food in Bulk**

The Committee on Food Hygiene advanced the Draft Code of Practice for the Transport of Food in Bulk and Semi-Packed Food to Step 8 for adoption by the 24<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission (ALINORM 01/13, para. 62 and Appendix III). In the Section on Transportation (Food Transportation Units), the description of the thermal heating fluids was harmonized with the text of the Code of Practice for the Storage and Transport of Edible Fats and Oils in Bulk

### **2. Committee on Milk and Milk Products: Dairy Spreads**

The Committee agreed to the recommendation of the Working Group to align the Proposed Draft Standard for Dairy Spreads with the Codex Standard for Butter as much as possible and in a pragmatic manner, taking into consideration the General Standard for the Use of Dairy Terms. It also agreed, where necessary, to align the Proposed Draft Standard with the Proposed Draft Standard for Fat Spreads and Blended Spreads being developed by the Codex Committee on Fats and Oils (CCFO).

Since the above necessitated an extensive review and redrafting of the Proposed Draft Standard, the Committee agreed not to consider the current text. The Committee requested IDF to redraft the Proposed Draft Standard for circulation and comments at Step 3 prior to the next Session of the Committee. The Delegation of the United Kingdom, as the host country of the CCFO, offered to assist in the redrafting regarding the alignment with the Proposed Draft Standard for Fat Spreads and Blended Spreads. The Delegation of Argentina also expressed willingness to assist in the redrafting. (ALINORM 01/11, paras. 74-75)

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<sup>1</sup> ALINORM 99/37, para. 68 & App. IV