



JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME

CODEX COMMITTEE ON METHODS OF ANALYSIS AND SAMPLING

Thirty-third Session

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MATTERS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE BY THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION AND OTHER CODEX COMMITTEES

A. DECISIONS OF THE 34TH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION RELATED TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

Standards at Step 8¹

1. The Commission adopted at Step 8 the Revised *Guidelines on Measurement Uncertainty* as proposed by the Committee.

Methods of Analysis in Codex Standards at Different Steps²

2. The Commission adopted the methods of analysis³ as proposed with the amendments⁴ proposed by Argentina.

New work⁵

3. The Commission approved a new work on the *Principles for the Use of Sampling and Testing in International Food Trade* (N11-2011). This item will be considered under Agenda Item 3.

B. MATTERS ARISING FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

Committee on Contaminants in Foods

Maximum Levels for Deoxynivalenol (DON) and its Acetylated Derivatives in Cereals and Cereal-Based Products⁶

4. The 5th Session of CCCF agreed to request CCMAS to identify methods for acetylated derivatives of DON in order to allow for its monitoring.

Coordinating Committee for the Near East⁷

5. The 6th Session of CCNEA agreed to request the CCMAS to clarify why it had recommended⁸ to delete the reference to the *General Guidelines on Sampling* and to consider development of specific sampling plans for Humus with Tehena, Tehena and Foul Medames. The Committee is invited to consider the replies to the CCNEA.

6. The Commission adopted the *Regional Standard for Harissa (red hot pepper paste)* and the *Regional Standard for Halwa Tehenia* proposed by the CCNEA at Steps 5/8 without the methods of analysis. These methods will be considered under Agenda Item 4.

¹ REP11/CAC Appendix III

² REP11/CAC para. 53

³ REP11/MAS Appendix III

⁴ CX/CAC 11/34/4 p. 15

⁵ REP11/CAC Appendix IV

⁶ REP11/CF para. 42

⁷ REP11/NE para. 61

⁸ ALINORM 08/31/23 para. 54

Committee on Food Additives***Standard for Food Grade Salt (CODEX STAN 150-1985)***⁹

7. The 43rd Session of CCFA agreed to ask the advice of the CCMAS concerning the possibility to convert the methods for heavy metals and copper into criteria and the suitability to use a method listing approach for the other elements. This matter will be considered under Agenda Item 4.

⁹ REP11/FA paras 135 – 136, Appendix XI