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Agenda Item 3

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MATTERS REFERRED FROM THE 47TH SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION

1. The following matters referred and/or are of interest to the Codex Committee on Processed Fruits and Vegetables were extracted from the report (ALINORM 01/3) of the 47th Session of the Executive Committee (CCEXEC) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission:

Preparation of Medium Term Plan 2003-3007 (paragraphs 38-39)

2. The CCEXEC noted the need to complete on-going work included in the current Medium-Term Plan (1998-2002)¹ and requested all Codex Committees to assess the progress of their work within this framework so that only a few remaining areas would need to be carried forward to the next period. It also recognized the need for a streamlined coordination between Codex Committees both horizontally and vertically. Better coordination between Regional Coordinating Committees and other Codex Committees was also raised.

3. The CCEXEC also drew attention to the need for the Commission to fulfil its mandate in relation to fair trade practices and product quality.

Consideration of New Work Proposals at Step 1 of the Procedure (paragraphs 43-44)

4. The CCEXEC considered proposals for new work at Step 1 of the Procedure, proposals for new work under the Accelerated Procedure and proposals for the discontinuation of previously approved individual work items (see paragraph 6 below).

5. In addition to the comments tabulated under each proposal, the CCEXEC made the general observation that justification for new work in terms of the Criteria for the Establishment of Work Priorities² should be well documented when making such proposals. It also noted the practice in some Committees of developing discussion papers or positions papers that explored the merits of proceeding with new work proposals, and encouraged this practice provided that it was not being used as a substitute for taking decisions.

Revision of the Code of Practice for the Processing and Handling of Quick Frozen Foods (Appendix III)

6. The CCEXEC approved the revision of the Code of Practice for the Processing and Handling of Quick Frozen Foods (CAC/RCP 8-1976). The CCEXEC indicated that the International Institute of Refrigeration should prepare the proposed draft revised Code of Practice with a final review by the CCPFV.

¹ ALINORM 99/37, Appendix II

² Procedural Manual, 11th Edition, 2000, pages 66-67.