



**JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME**  
**CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD IMPORT AND EXPORT INSPECTION**  
**AND CERTIFICATION SYSTEMS**

**Twenty-third Session**

**MATTERS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE BY THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION**  
**AND ITS CODEX SUBSIDIARY BODIES**

**A. Matter Arising from the 39<sup>th</sup> Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC39)<sup>1</sup>**

1. CAC39 adopted the following texts at Step 5/8:
  - a) Proposed draft Principles and Guidelines for the Exchange of Information between Importing and Exporting Countries to Support the Trade in Food (CAC/GL 89-2016 i.e. new guidelines)
  - b) Proposed draft Revision of the *Principles and Guidelines for the Exchange of Information in Food Safety Emergency Situations* (CAC/GL 19-1995);
  - c) Proposed draft Revision of the *Guidelines for the Exchange of Information between Countries on Rejections of Imported Food* (CAC/GL 25-1997)
2. The Committee **is invited to note** the above decision of the Commission.

**B. Matters Arising from other Codex Subsidiary Bodies**

**43<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Codex Committee on Food Labelling<sup>2</sup>**

3. CCFL43 noted that food integrity/authenticity was due for further consideration by the 23<sup>rd</sup> session of Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems (CCFICS) and agreed not to consider this matter further, but to wait for the discussion and a decision from CCFICS.

**37<sup>th</sup> Session of the Codex Committee on Method of Analysis and Sampling<sup>3</sup>**

4. CCMAS37 acknowledged that food integrity/authenticity was an important issue and might need to be also addressed in CCMAS. The Committee further recognised that this issue was already addressed in Codex through standards developed by commodity committees, such as in the case of fruit juices, olive oils, fish and fishery products, amongst others. The Committee noted that this matter would be discussed at the 39<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission and therefore decided not to consider this matter further, but to wait for the discussion and decision from the Commission.

5. The Committee **is invited to note** the replies of both CCFL and CCMAS in paras 3 and 4 above.

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<sup>1</sup> REP16/CAC para 15, Appendix III

<sup>2</sup> REP16/FL, para 7

<sup>3</sup> REP16/MAS, para 9-11