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Codex Alimentarius Commission, Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme
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Subject: **Distribution of the Report of the Eighteenth Session of the Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems (ALINORM 10/33/30)**

The report of the Eighteenth Session of the Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems will be considered by the 33rd Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Geneva, Switzerland, 5-9 July 2010).

MATTERS FOR ADOPTION BY THE 33RD SESSION OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION

Proposed draft Principles and guidelines for the conduct of assessment of foreign official inspection and certification systems (Annex to the *Guidelines for the design, operation, assessment and accreditation of food import and export inspection and certification systems* (CAC/GL 26-1997)) (N07-2008) advanced to Steps 5/8 of the Codex Procedure, with the omission of Steps 6 and 7 (ALINORM 10/33/30, Appendix II). See also para. 39 of this report.

Governments and international organizations wishing to submit comments on the above document should do so in writing, ***preferably by e-mail***, to the Secretariat, Codex Alimentarius Commission, Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme, FAO, Viale delle Terme di Caracalla, 00153 Rome, Italy (e-mail: codex@fao.org, telefax : +39 06 57054593), **not later than 30 April 2010.**