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The Good Food Institute² (GFI) thanks the CCEXEC Subcommittee on New Food Sources and Production Systems (NFPS) for its work gathering information and distilling comments on NFPS and how Codex should address developments in this category. GFI especially appreciates the subcommittee's efforts to make this process inclusive of all interested Members and Observers by issuing [CL 2022/06 -EXEC](#) and offering opportunities for informal consultations.

Regarding the CCEXEC's recommendations concerning NFPS, GFI agrees that in some cases existing procedures in Codex can effectively operate to receive and consider work proposals related to NFPS, to develop new or review existing standards.

However, because the NFPS landscape continues to evolve rapidly, GFI believes that a dedicated forum is needed for continued information gathering and consideration of areas where cross-cutting mechanisms may be warranted to adequately address NFPS.

Consistent with Goal 1 of the current Strategic Plan of the CAC, GFI respectfully requests that the CAC consider:

- Asking the Secretariat to maintain the information collected in response to [CL 2022/06 -EXEC](#) either as a standing document for each forthcoming CCEXEC meeting or as part of the stockpile of information stored on the Codex "Resources" webpage under "[Information Documents](#)," which would be consistent with the CCEXEC's acknowledgement at paragraph 91(iv) of its draft report of the value of information shared via the Codex webpage;
- Continuing to seek from Members and Observers up-to-date information on NFPS, perhaps by issuing a yearly circular letter, to help the CAC as a whole identify areas of potential new work on NFPS and ways Codex members have addressed the same issues at national and/or regional levels;
- Creating a dedicated informal forum, such as a series of online webinars or online meetings hosted by the Secretariat, and moderated with the help of FAO and WHO representatives, for CAC Members and Observers to share current information about scientific facts, technologies, regulations, and standards relating to the evolving NFPS landscape in order to increase mutual understanding and identify more precise types of possible outputs for new or revised international normative guideline, code, or dedicated product standard developments in this area.

GFI thanks the CAC Members for their consideration and stands ready to provide scientific and technical assistance to those willing to undertake these endeavors.

¹ See <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/about-codex/observers/detail/en/c/168889/>

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