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21-25 November and 12-13 December 2022

ELECTION OF THE CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSONS

1. BACKGROUND

1. For the election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons the Rules of Procedure of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC) as contained in the Procedural Manual² apply (see specifically Rule III) as well as the General Rules of FAO as contained in Volume I of the FAO Basic Texts (2017 edition)³. The following are explanatory notes to these rules in light of the present situation.

2. ELECTIONS

2.1 Officers of the Codex Alimentarius Commission

2. In accordance with Rule III.1 of the Rules of Procedure of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, the 45th Session of the Commission (CAC45) will elect a Chairperson and three Vice-Chairpersons to hold office from the end of CAC45 to the end of the next regular session of the Commission (normally CAC46 (2023)).

Chairperson

3. The present Chairperson, **Mr Steve Wearne (United Kingdom)** is **eligible** for re-election as Chairperson of the Commission, having been elected at CAC44 and having served for one term.

Vice-Chairpersons

4. The present Vice-Chairpersons, Mr Allan Azegele (Kenya), Mr Raj Rajasekar (New Zealand), and Mr Diego Varela (Chile), are **eligible** for re-election as Vice-Chairpersons, all having been elected at CAC44 Session and having served for one term. The Vice-Chairpersons are, nevertheless, eligible for the position of Chairperson of the Codex Alimentarius Commission.

2.2 Nomination Periods and Order of Elections

5. The nomination periods for the election of Chairperson, Vice-Chairpersons and Members elected on a geographical basis⁴ are only open at the Commission session in accordance with Table 1 below. The table also gives the times for elections by secret ballot should there be more than one candidate per elective position.

¹ 1 To be convened physically with the option of remote participation: Discussions on 21-25 November 2022, 10-13h and 15-18h CET; Adoption of the report on 12 and 13 December 2022, 12-15h CET will be held virtually only.

² Available at <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/publications/en/>

³ Available at http://www.fao.org/3/a-mp046e.pdf#P6_2

⁴ Refer CX/CAC 22/45/17 for further details on why an election for a Member elected on a geographical basis may be required for one geographic region

Table 1 . Nomination periods

Position	Nomination period opens	Nomination period closes	Election by secret ballot (if needed)
Chairperson	21 November 2022, 11:00h	21 November 2022, 15.00h	21 November 2022, 18.00h
Vice-Chairpersons	22 November 2022; 10:00h	22 November 2022, 15:00h	22 November 2022, 18.00h
Member of the Executive Committee elected on a geographical basis	23 November 2022; 10:00h	23 November 2022; 13:00h	23 November 2022; 15:00h

6. Rule V.1 of the Rules of Procedure of the Codex Alimentarius Commission prescribes that not more than one delegate from any one country shall be a member of the Executive Committee. The sequence of elections outlined above is established in order to give effect to Rule V.1.

3. Note on procedure and voting

7. The complete list of Codex Rules on procedure and voting can be found on the Codex Alimentarius website under Elections and Appointments⁵.

⁵ <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/committees/executive-committee/ccexec-elections/en/>