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Agenda Item 1

CX/EXEC 09/63/1

## JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION

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#### PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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|      | (b) Implications of amendments to Article 9 of the Statutes of the Codex Alimentarius Commission  | CX/EXEC 09/63/4- Add.1 (not issued)    |
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|      | b) Matters arising from FAO and WHO   | <a href="#">CX/EXEC 09/63/10-Add.1</a> |
| 9.   | Draft Provisional Agenda of the 33rd Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission   | <a href="#">CX/EXEC 09/63/11</a>       |

Working documents will be uploaded onto the Codex website: [www.codexalimentarius.org](http://www.codexalimentarius.org)

Delegates are kindly requested to bring with them to the meeting all documents which have been distributed, as the number of additional copies which can be made available at the session is limited.

10. Other Business and Future Work
11. Adoption of the Report

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## NOTES ON THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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**1. Adoption of the Agenda:** In accordance with Rule VII.2 of the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the first item on the Provisional Agenda shall be the Adoption of the Agenda.

**2. Guidance on the application of the Criteria for the Establishment of Work Priorities**

The Commission agreed that the Executive Committee set up an electronic working group led by the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of the Commission to consider if further guidance on the application of the *Criteria for the Establishment of Work Priorities* was needed as regards approval of new work for commodity and general subject committees and report back on their findings to the next session of the Committee (ALINORM 09/32/REP, para 121).

**3. Critical Review:** The Executive Committee conducts the critical review for the elaboration of Codex standards and related texts in accordance with Rule V.2 of the Rules of Procedure and Part 2 of the Procedures for the Elaboration of Codex Standards and Related Texts.

**4. Financial and Budgetary Matters:**

**(a) Codex Programme and Budget 2010-2011**

The Executive Committee will be invited to note the information on the 2010-2011 budget based on the Commission's proposed programme of work and the agreed contributions from FAO and WHO.

**(b) Implications of amendments to Article 9 of the Statutes of the Codex Alimentarius Commission**

The Executive Committee concluded that discussions on possible amendments to Article 9 of the Statutes were not completed by FAO and WHO and agreed to leave the item on its agenda and to consider updated information on this matter at the 63<sup>rd</sup> Session on the basis of new information provided by FAO and WHO (ALINORM 09/32/3, paras 95-101).

**(c) Development of a business plan for Codex**

The 62<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Committee agreed that Australia and New Zealand would further develop the document for consideration by its 63<sup>rd</sup> Session, taking into account comments made at the session (ALINORM 09/32/3, paras 150-156).

**5. Implementation of the Codex Strategic Plan**

**(a) General Implementation Status**

The Executive Committee provides guidance on matters relating to strategic planning in accordance with Rule V.2 of the Rules of Procedure, particularly in the light of the Strategic Plan for 2008-2013 adopted by the 30<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission.

**(b) Evaluation of the Capacity of the Codex Secretariat**

The Commission agreed that no decision would be taken at this stage and that all Recommendations, except Recommendation 11, would be referred for further consideration to the 63<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Executive Committee and to the 33<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Commission (ALINORM 09/32/REP, paras 139-156).

**6. Study on the speed of the Codex standard-setting process**

The Commission agreed to request the Secretariat to prepare an analysis of the speed of the Codex standard-setting process for consideration by the Executive Committee (ALINORM 09/32/REP, para 271)

**7. Relations between the Codex Alimentarius Commission and Other International Organizations: Applications from International Non-governmental Organizations for Observer Status in Codex**

The advice of the Executive Committee will be sought, as appropriate, in accordance with Rule IX.6 of the Rules of Procedure and the *Principles Concerning the Participation of International Non-governmental Organizations in the Work of the Codex Alimentarius Commission*.

**8. Matters arising from FAO and WHO:** The Executive Committee will be updated on a) the FAO/WHO Trust Fund for Enhanced Participation in Codex and b) other matters from FAO and WHO relevant to Codex work, including requests for scientific advice to FAO and WHO.

**9. Draft Provisional Agenda of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission**

**10. Other Business and Future Work:** The Executive Committee may discuss any matters raised by its members under Agenda Item 1, if time allows.

**11. Adoption of the report:** In accordance with Rule X.1 of the Rules of Procedure and with established practice, the Executive Committee will be invited to adopt the report of its 63<sup>rd</sup> Session based on a draft provided by the Secretariat.