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Agenda Item 11 (a)

JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME

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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE JOINT FAO/WHO EVALUATION OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS AND OTHER FAO AND WHO WORK ON FOOD STANDARDS

GENERAL IMPLEMENTATION STATUS

1. The 26th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (July 2003) examined specific proposals that had originated from the Joint FAO/WHO Evaluation of the Codex Alimentarius and other FAO and WHO Work on Food Standards¹. The implementation status of those proposals endorsed by the 26th Session of the Commission and other decisions by the Commission related to the Joint FAO/WHO Evaluation is summarised in Tables 1 and 2.
2. The Commission is invited to take note of the progress being made and to provide any guidance deemed necessary to ensure the timely and continuous implementation of the proposals/decisions.

¹ ALINORM 03/26/11 and its addenda 1-6; ALINORM 03/41 paras. 149-183

TABLE 1 : IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF PROPOSALS ENDORSED BY THE 26TH SESSION OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION

Proposal No.	Title	Follow-up Actions Required
1	Annual meetings of the Commission	Implemented.
2	Follow-up and progress monitoring of the Implementation of the Evaluation	On-going in CCEXEC and CAC.
3	Priorities for implementation	None.
4	Acceptable levels of protection	None.
5	Review of the structure and mandates of Codex Committees and Task Forces	CAC31 to consider the matter (see ALINORM 08/31/9C Part II)
6	Review of the Regional Coordinating Committees	Implemented (ALINORM 05/28/41 paras 128-135) except for the ongoing discussion in CCGP ² .
7	Strategic and Managerial Functions of the Executive Committee	Implemented (ALINORM 04/27/41 paras 10-14 and 120-123; ALINORM 05/28/41 paras 21-25).
8	Budgetary, Planning and Programming Functions of the Executive Committee	Implemented (ALINORM 05/28/41 paras 21-25).
9	Retention of the Executive Committee as a Strategic and Standards Management body	Implemented (ALINORM 05/28/41 paras 21-25).
10	Removal of additional functions of the Executive Committee	Implemented (ALINORM 05/28/41 paras 21-25).
11	Executive Committee Membership	Implemented (ALINORM 05/28/41 para. 20).
12	Participation of observers in the Executive Committee	Based on discussion at CCGP21 and CAC28 ³ , audio recording has been introduced to the sessions of the Executive Committee. ⁴
13	Strategic Planning	Implemented (see Proposal No. 7 above).
14	Critical review of proposals to undertake work	Implemented (ALINORM 04/27/41 paras 10-14).
15	Monitoring progress of standards development	Implemented (ALINORM 04/27/41 paras 10-14).
16	Standards management responsibility	None.
17	Time-bound decision making	See Proposals Nos. 14 and 15 above.
18	Simplified procedures for standards development	None.
19	Use of facilitators	On-going (CCGP21 and CAC28 considered this matter ⁵).
20	Establishment of electronic working groups	Implemented (ALINORM 05/28/41 para. 41).
21	Establishment of physical working groups	Implemented (ALINORM 05/28/41 para. 41).
22	Adoption of Standards	None.
23	Responsibility for the procedural review	None (CCGP was identified as the responsible body).
24	Amendment of the Codex Mandate	None.
25	Revision of the Rules and working procedures governing the Executive Committee	See Proposals Nos. 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 above.

² ALINORM 07/30/33 paras 14-22.

³ ALINORM 05/28/33 paras 62-69; ALINORM 05/28/41 para. 122.

⁴ Available at http://www.codexalimentarius.net/web/audio_en.jsp

⁵ ALINORM 05/28/33 paras 60-61; ALINORM 05/28/41 para. 123.

26	Subsequent revision of the Rules and working procedures governing the Executive Committee	See Proposal No. 12 above.
27	Right to address the Chair	Implemented (ALINORM 05/28/41 para. 27).
28	Observer Organizations	Implemented (ALINORM 05/28/41 paras 26 and 42).
29	Chairpersons of Codex Committees and Task Forces	Implemented (ALINORM 04/27/41 para. 14).
30	Revision of Rule XI.4 ⁶	Implemented (ALINORM 05/28/41 para. 20).
31	Separation of advice to host governments and advice on the conduct of meetings	Implemented (ALINORM 04/27/41 para. 14).
32	Co-chairmanship	On-going (CCGP21 and CAC28 considered this matter ⁷).
33	Criteria for the selection of Chairpersons	See Proposal No. 29 above.
34	Determination of consensus	CCGP21 agreed not to undertake new work on the definition of "consensus" at this stage. Following discussion at CCGP23, CCGP24 and CAC30 ⁸ , CCGP25 will discuss this matter.
35	Conduct of Meetings: Reports	None (ALINORM 05/28/41 para. 126).
36	Conduct of Meetings: Country groupings	None (ALINORM 05/28/41 para. 126).
37	Relations with OIE	Implemented (ALINORM 05/28/41 paras 43-44 and 200-203); CAC30 reviewed current arrangements ⁹ (see ALINORM 08/31/9E).
38	Criteria for the establishment of work priorities	Implemented (ALINORM 05/28/41 paras 39-40).

TABLE 2 : OTHER DECISIONS OF THE 26TH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION (RELATED TO THE JOINT FAO/WHO EVALUATION) REGARDING THE CURRENT UNIFORM PROCEDURE FOR THE ELABORATION OF CODEX STANDARDS AND RELATED TEXTS¹⁰

No.	Title	Follow-up Actions Required
1	Subsequent Procedure Concerning Publication and Acceptance of Codex Standards	CAC28 adopted amendments to the Procedural Manual (ALINORM 05/28/41 paras 29-36); the 33 rd FAO Conference and the 59 th World Health Assembly endorsed the amendment to the Statutes.
2	Guide to the Consideration of Standards at Step 8	CAC29 adopted amendments to the Procedural Manual (ALINORM 06/29/41 paras 22-23); CCGP24 confirmed that no more action was needed. ¹¹
3	Guide to the Procedure for the Revision and Amendment of Codex Standards	CAC30 adopted amendments to the Procedural Manual (ALINORM 07/30/REP paras 24-27).
4	Arrangements for the Amendment of Codex Standards Elaborated by Codex Committees which have Adjourned <i>sine die</i> .	See Decision No.3 above.

⁶ Currently Rule XIII.5 (Procedural Manual, 17th Edition)

⁷ ALINORM 05/28/33 paras 56-59; ALINORM 05/28/41 para. 124; ALINORM 07/30/REP paras 198-200.

⁸ ALINORM 05/28/33 paras 9-10; ALINORM 06/29/33 paras 106-114; ALINORM 07/30/33 paras 116-130.

⁹ ALINORM 07/30/REP paras 210-220.

¹⁰ ALINORM 03/26/11: Add.4 para. 31; ALINORM 03/41 para.178.

¹¹ ALINORM 07/30/33 paras 7-12.