



**JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME  
CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD HYGIENE  
Fiftieth Session  
Panama, 12 - 16 November 2018**

**MATTERS REFERRED BY THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION AND/OR OTHER CODEX  
SUBSIDIARY BODIES TO THE FOOD HYGIENE COMMITTEE**

**A MATTERS ARISING FROM THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION (41<sup>st</sup> Session)**

**MATTERS FOR INFORMATION**

**Standards and Related Texts Adopted**

1. CAC41 adopted the:
  - revision of the *Code of Practice for Fish and Fishery Products* (CXC 52-2003): Guidance for histamine control, noting that the guidance would be published upon completion of the CCFH work under way on histamine in the *Code of Practice for Fish and Fishery Products*<sup>1</sup>; and
  - amendments of the *Code of Hygienic Practice for Low-Moisture Foods* (CXC 75-2015)<sup>2</sup>.

**New work<sup>3</sup>**

2. CAC41 approved the proposals for new work on:
  - code of practice on food allergen management for food business operators; and
  - guidance for the management of (micro)biological foodborne crises/outbreaks.

**B MATTERS ARISING FROM OTHER CODEX SUBSIDIARY BODIES**

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**Executive Committee of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (75<sup>th</sup> Session)**

**Guidelines for the management of (micro)biological foodborne crises/outbreaks<sup>4</sup>**

3. During the critical review of the work of CCFH49, CCEXEC75 considered the new work proposal to develop Guidelines for the management of (micro)biological foodborne crises/outbreaks; and members noted that guidance similar to that which CCFH would develop, could be appropriate for chemical food contamination not covered by the mandate of CCFH and may be relevant to other Codex committees such as CCCF and CCFICS.
4. CCEXEC75 took note of the cross-cutting nature of the new work proposal; requested the Codex Secretariat to inform other relevant Codex committees and request they reflect on whether similar guidance was needed on food-safety crises/incidents in their respective areas of work; would, depending on the feedback from those committees, consider any need to address the issue in a more integrated manner; and stressed that the process should not prevent CCFH from moving forward with the new work.

<sup>1</sup> REP18/CAC, paras 26 – 28, Appendix III.

<sup>2</sup> REP18/CAC, para 76, Appendix VIII.

<sup>3</sup> REP18/CAC, paras 66 – 74, Appendix VI.

<sup>4</sup> REP18/EXEC2-Rev.1, paras 8 - 11

**Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling (39<sup>th</sup> Session)**Proposal to amend the *General Guidelines on Sampling* (CXG 50-2004)<sup>5</sup>

5. At CCMAS39, when discussing the proposal for new work on amendments to the *General Guidelines on Sampling* (CXG 50-2004), questions were raised on whether it was appropriate to also cover microbiological and histamine parameters in the guidelines. It was clarified that the current GL already had reference or guidance on these aspects and that while hygiene was not within the purview of CCMAS, a single guideline document covering all sampling plan aspects would be useful for governments and that CCFH should be informed of this work and that their inputs could be requested.

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<sup>5</sup> REP18/MAS, para 68