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CRITICAL REVIEW – PART I
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1. Procedural background

1.1 The Codex Procedural Manual states that: “An on-going critical review shall ensure that proposals for new work and draft standards submitted to the Commission for adoption continue to meet the strategic priorities of the Commission and can be developed within a reasonable period of time, taking into account the requirements and availability of scientific expert advice”.

1.2 CCEXEC is invited to critically review the work of the committees in accordance with the Uniform Procedure for the Elaboration of Codex Standards and Related Texts, Part 2 and for each Committee, taking into account the recommendations of the Secretariat and the comments of the chairs to:

- Examine standards and related texts submitted to the Commission for adoption (2.);
- Review the status of development of standards against the timeframe agreed by the Commission (3.); and
- Review proposals for development/revision of standards (4.);

2. Critical review before final adoption

The Executive Committee examines proposed standards from Codex committees, before they are submitted to the Commission for adoption:

- For consistency with the mandate of Codex, the decisions of the Commission, and existing Codex texts;
- To ensure that the requirements of the endorsement procedure have been fulfilled, where appropriate;
- For format and presentation; and
- For linguistic consistency.

3. Critical review monitoring standards development

The Executive Committee reviews the status of development of draft standards against the timeframe agreed by the Commission and shall report its findings to the Commission. In particular, CCEXEC may propose an extension of the timeframe; cancellation of work; or propose that the work be undertaken by a Committee other than the one to which it was originally entrusted, including via the establishment of a limited number of subsidiary bodies, if appropriate.

3.1 Criteria to facilitate the conduct of monitoring progress of standards development²

- (i) When progress on a standard is delayed due to the need for scientific advice, the Executive Committee could encourage FAO and WHO to schedule an expert consultation to provide such advice in a timely manner, and recommend suspension of work until such time as scientific advice became available;

¹ Work from January to May 2018 will be compiled in Part II: CX/EXEC 18/75/2 Add.1. A separate document will be prepared for the Critical Review of proposals for new work, where project documents have not been submitted directly by the Committee. Comments submitted by the Chairs after the distribution of the document as well as updates of endorsement status will be compiled in separate documents.

² CCEXEC58 (2006)

- (ii) When scientific advice has been provided and a standard has been under consideration for more than five years, the Executive Committee should urge the Committee concerned to take action within a specified timeframe;
- (iii) When an item has been considered for several sessions without any progress and there is no prospect of reaching consensus, the Executive Committee could propose suspension of work at a particular Step in the Elaboration Procedure for a specified period of time or discontinuation of work, or corrective action to be taken to achieve progress, fully taking into consideration the information provided by the subsidiary body concerned.

3.2 Discussion papers³

Discussion papers contribute to the workload of a committee and are important discussion tools for committees before requesting new work. A list of discussion papers is included in the document on monitoring for information purposes only, in order to present a complete view of the workload of each Committee, but will not be discussed as such.

4. Critical review of proposals for new work (standards development or revision)

The Critical Review of the Executive Committee for proposals for new work (standards development or revision) includes:

- Taking into account the “*Criteria for the Establishment of Work Priorities*”, the strategic plan of the Commission and the required supporting work of independent risk assessment;
- Identifying the standard setting needs of developing countries;
- Advice on the need for coordination of work between relevant Codex subsidiary bodies;
- Advice on establishment and dissolution of committees and task forces, including *ad hoc* cross-committee task forces (in areas where work falls within several committees); and
- Preliminary assessment of the need for expert scientific advice and the availability of such advice from FAO, WHO or other relevant expert bodies, and the prioritisation of that advice.

Note: The decision to undertake new work or revision of individual maximum residue limits for pesticides or veterinary drugs, or the maintenance of the General Standard on Food Additives (including methods of analysis and sampling), the General Standard on Contaminants and Toxins in Food and Feed (including methods of analysis and sampling), the Food Categorization System and the International Numbering System, shall follow the procedures established by the Committees concerned and endorsed by the Commission.

5. Further guidance from CCEXEC⁴

CCEXEC72 discussed the new format of the critical review document i.e. having one document instead of three documents. CCEXEC72 also agreed for the information to be delivered in instalments to ensure timely availability. CCEXEC72 also indicated that it would be useful to have more information and insights from the Chairs on committee work and that the Secretariat give more guidance to the Chairs as to the inputs needed to allow CCEXEC to be more effective in the Critical Review. The importance of maintaining a horizontal view of the work of committees and the interactions between committees was highlighted.

6. Comments by the Secretariat

Work of the committees under review is progressing according to schedule. The following specific observations and recommendations are made:

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6.1 While work is on schedule according to the new timeframes, CCNFSDU continues to face challenges, especially with regard to the review of the Standard for Follow-up Formula, in particular agreeing on the preamble, scope and labelling, in part due to lack of consensus on referencing WHO Guidelines and/or WHA resolutions due to different interpretations by member countries on coherence of Codex work and policies of WHO/FAO. This challenge is not limited to the work on follow-up formula, but is likely to result in difficult discussion on the guidelines for RUTF.

³ CCEXEC63 (2009)

⁴ CCEXEC72 (2016), REP17/EXEC1 paras. 7-14

6.2 Bearing in mind challenging discussions and difficulty to reach consensus on the above-mentioned, CCNFSDU has a full programme of work (work in the step process), including several discussion papers and noting that almost all items of work needed revised timeframes, CCNFSDU might need to consider prioritising its work.

6.3 This situation is expected to continue unless further guidance is given to assist the Committee to resolve the referencing matter.

6.4 On a positive note, CCNFSDU has for the first time requested work through JEMNU.

6.5 It is recommended that CCEXEC:

- provides advice on the appropriate way to reference WHO/WHA guidelines and/or resolutions;
- requests CCNFSDU to consider a prioritisation mechanism to better manage its work; and
- express appreciation to FAO/WHO (JEMNU) for the willingness to undertake provision of scientific advice to CCNFSDU.

Appendices

Appendix 1: Committee on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables, 20th session (2 – 6 October 2017)

Appendix 2: Committee on Food Labelling, 44th session (16 – 20 October 2017)

Appendix 3: Committee on Food Hygiene, 49th session (13 – 17 November 2017)

Appendix 4: Ad hoc Codex Intergovernmental Task Force on Antimicrobial Resistance, 5th session (27 November – 1 December 2017)

Appendix 5: Committee on Nutrition and Food for Special Dietary Uses, 39th session (4 - 8 December 2017)

Structure of the appendices for each committee:

- Adoption (Step 5, 5/8, 8)
- Ongoing work
- New work
- Discussion papers/ other
- Overall workload

For each of the items, the tables in the appendix contain as relevant:

- “Job Identification Number”: or the year when new work was approved, or the year when work actually started, as applicable.
- “Target Year”: the year by which the text is to be adopted at Step 8, as agreed by the Commission on the basis of the project document (from 2004 onwards), or the date specified by the Committee, where applicable.
- “Output Codes”: the following codes are used:
 - 1.1: Review and develop Codex standards and related texts for food safety;
 - 1.2: Review and develop Codex standards and related texts for food quality;
 - 1.3: Review and develop Codex standards and related texts for food labelling and nutrition;
 - 1.4: Review and develop Codex standards and related texts for food inspection and certification, and methods of sampling and analysis.
- Secretariat notes including as relevant: status of endorsement, brief description of the scope of new work; responses of the Committee to the recommendation of CCEXEC70 to consider the need to develop an approach for the management of their work and other comments.
- Chairperson’s comments

The tables provide hyperlinks to the Committee reports. For those project documents finalised after the Committee session (and not included in the Committee reports) hyperlinks are provided to the relevant CAC40 documents, which have the project documents as attachments.

For FAO/WHO Coordinating Committees only items specific to each RCC are included (and not on the items of the horizontal agenda of the six RCCs).

APPENDIX 1: Committee on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables (20th Session, 2 – 6 October 2017) (REP18/FFV)

Adoption (Step 5, 5/8, 8)

Documents	Timeframe		Current Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Secretariat notes
	Job ID or year	Target Year				
Draft Standard for Aubergines	N10-2014	2017	8	1.2	-	<p>Ref. REP18/FFV, para. 19 and Appendix II</p> <p>The document is in line with the layout for Codex standards for fresh fruits and vegetables which combined the UNECE Layout (quality provisions) and the Codex Format for Commodity Standards (safety provisions) as recommended by CAC and agreed by CCFFV20. The layout facilitates harmonization between Codex and UNECE on agricultural quality standards.</p> <p>Reservations on tolerances for decay in “Extra” Class (Colombia, EU and its Member States, Morocco and Thailand, paras. 15, 16). This provision is subject to the nature of the product in the layout but it raises concerns amongst countries supporting that “Extra” Class is premium quality for niche markets with high added economic value. As such the 5% tolerances for non-compliance for “Extra” Class but compliance with Class I should suffice. It is expected that the same or more reservations will be entered at CAC.</p> <p>No further issues identified by CCFFV with the remaining document.</p> <p>Endorsement:</p> <p>No provisions for food additives nor methods of analysis and sampling. Provisions for hygiene, pesticides and contaminants follow the standardized text as in the Procedural Manual and in the Codex layout.</p> <p>Labelling provisions endorsed by CCFL43 (2016)</p>
Proposed Draft Standard for Ware Potatoes	N08-2014	2017 2019	5	1.2	-	<p>Ref. REP18/FFV, paras. 60, 61 and Appendix IV</p> <p>Remaining issues are: e.g. minimum requirements and Table of tolerances (quality and sizing)</p> <p>CCFFV20 requested an extension of the timeline until CCFFV21 (2019)</p>

Ongoing work

Documents	Timeframe		Current Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Secretariat notes
	Job ID or year	Target Year				
Proposed Draft Standard for Fresh Dates	N01-2016	2020	3	1.2	-	Ref. REP18/FFV, para. 68
Draft Standard for Garlic	N09-2014	2017	6	1.2	-	Ref. REP18/FFV, paras. 26, 27 CCFFV20 could not agree on the inclusion of smoked garlic and noted that the standard still required considerable review in addition to this question. CCFFV20 requested an extension of the timeline until CCFFV21 (2019)
Draft Standard for Kiwifruit	N11-2014	2017	7	1.2	-	Ref. REP18/FFV, paras. 42-44 and Appendix III CCFFV20 recognized that there were no outstanding issues to be resolved with the exception of tolerances for decay, soft rot and internal breakdown in "Extra" Class and Class I and agreed to hold the standard at Step 7 to resolve these issues. CCFFV20 requested an extension of the timeline until CCFFV21 (2019)
Comments by the Chairperson: Agree with the Secretariat notes.						

New work

Documents	Timeframe		Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Secretariat notes
	Reference and project document	Target Year			
Standard for Yam	REP18/FFV Appendix V	2022 (three CCFFV sessions)	1.2	-	Ref. REP18/FFV, para. 71 The project document provides the necessary information and rationale to support the new work by CCFFV.
Standard for Onions and Shallots	CX/CAC 18/41/8, Annex I –to be issued	2022 (three CCFFV sessions)	1.2	-	Ref. REP18/FFV, para. 71 The project document provides the necessary information and rationale to support the new work by CCFFV. This work combines two proposals for similar products (onions and shallots) in line with the recommendation of CAC to develop horizontal standards for similar products when feasible and appropriate.
Standard for Berry fruits	CX/CAC 18/41/8,	2022 (three	1.2	-	Ref. REP18/FFV, para. 70

Documents	Timeframe		Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Secretariat notes
	Reference and project document	Target Year			
	Annex I-to be issued	CCFFV sessions)			<p>The project document provides the necessary information and rationale to support the new work by CCFFV.</p> <p>This work applies to all berry fruits (the original proposal was only for one berry fruit) in line with the recommendation of CAC to develop horizontal standards for similar products when feasible and appropriate.</p> <p>This is also in line with the approach taken by UNECE (UNECE Standard for Berry Fruits) and as such will facilitate harmonization of these produce at international level.</p>
<p>Chairperson's comment: CCFFV20 agreed to recommend approval of three proposals for new work by CAC41.</p>					

Discussion papers/others

Documents	Secretariat notes
Layout for Codex standards for fresh fruits and vegetables	<p>Ref. REP18/FFV, para 95 and Appendix VII</p> <p>The layout will be used as an internal guidance document to facilitate development and discussion of standards for fresh fruits and vegetables and to ensure consistency in the application of provisions common to fresh fruits and vegetables so discussion can focus only on those provisions specific to the nature of the product. The provisions for tolerances for decay in "Extra" Class remain dependent on the nature of the produce (see aubergines and kiwifruit).</p>
Discussion paper on glossary of terms used in the layout for Codex Standard for fresh fruits and vegetables	<p>Ref. REP18/FFV, para. 95</p> <p>The glossary of terms associated with the provisions in the Codex layout will support understanding and application of the layout and Codex standards for fresh fruits and vegetables.</p>
<p>Chairperson's comments: Agree with the secretariat notes.</p>	

Overall workload

Committee sessions	Step 8 and 5/8	Step 5	Other texts for adoption	Ongoing work	New Work	Discussion paper	Revoked Standards, Discontinued work or discussion paper
CCFFV21	1	1	0	3	3	1	0
<p>Secretariat notes:</p> <p>CCFFV20 could not reach consensus for the tolerance for decay in “Extra” class although discussion on this matter has been given a long time.</p> <p>The issue is likely to remain contentious in future sessions of CCFFV and with reservations when adopting the standard at Step 8. The development of draft standards for garlic, kiwifruits and ware potatoes is behind schedule and there are three new work proposals for consideration, which implies the overall workload of the next session would be heavier than the current session.</p> <p>CCFFV21 will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Consider for finalization the standards on garlic, kiwifruit, ware potatoes and fresh dates; (ii) Discuss for the first time (yam, onions and shallots, berry fruits); and (iii) Begin discussions on the glossary of terms. <p>CCFFV may consider how to manage their work in a more efficient way, i.e.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Avoid repeating similar discussions on unresolved issues and take initiatives to find a consensus (ii) Prioritize new work proposals; and (iii) Make better use of electronic working groups <p>Chairperson’s comments: Agree with the secretariat notes.</p>							

APPENDIX 2: Committee on Food Labelling (44th Session, 16 – 20 October 2017) (REP18/FL)**Adoption (Step 5, 5/8, 8)**

Documents	Timeframe		Current Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Secretariat notes
	Job ID or year	Target Year				
Draft <i>Revision of the General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods: date marking</i>	N10-2013	2016/2017	8	1.3	-	Ref. REP18/FL, para. 32 and Appendix II The Russian Federation expressed reservation on the decision to forward the text to Step 8 due to the exemption criteria (see para. 23 of REP18/FL).
Chairperson's comments: While the Russian Federation expressed a reservation, there was otherwise general consensus for adoption of the text at Step 8.						

Ongoing work

Documents	Timeframe		Current Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Secretariat notes
	Job ID or year	Target Year				
Proposed draft guidance for the labelling of non-retail containers	N06-2016	2019	2/3	1.3		Work is on schedule and will be finalised by CCFL45 (May 2019).
Chairperson's comments: none						

New work

Documents	Timeframe		Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Secretariat notes
	Reference and project document	Target Year			
Guidelines on front of pack nutrition labelling	REP18/FL, para. 48 and Appendix III	2022	1.2	-	The project document provides the necessary information and rationale to support the new work by CCFL.
Chairperson's comments: Front of pack nutritional labelling is a complex topic. The well-established scope of this work will facilitate adoption of the text within scheduled timelines.					

Discussion papers/others

Documents	Explanatory Notes
Discussion papers on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internet sales / e-commerce • Allergen labelling • Innovation – use of technology in food labelling • Labelling of alcoholic beverages • Criteria for the definition of “high in” nutritional descriptors for fats, sugars and sodium • Labelling of foods in joint presentation and multipack formats 	These discussion papers will inform possible future work for CCFL.
Discussion paper on future work and direction of CCFL (update)	CCFL43 started the development of a “future work” paper to identify possible future work for the Committee based on inputs collected through a CL. The paper is updated prior to each session. A prioritisation approach is under development.
Chairperson’s comments: As anticipated, the discussion paper on future work and direction of CCFL enabled delegations to strategically think about potential new work for CCFL. It is expected that further consideration and discussion approach will result in concrete proposals for possible future work by CCFL.	

Overall workload

Committee sessions	Step 8 and 5/8	Step 5	Other texts for adoption	Ongoing work	New Work	Discussion paper	Revoked Standards, Discontinued work or discussion paper
CCFL45	1	-	-	1	1	7	-
Secretariat note: CCFL has a manageable agenda and the Committee has developed a process to identify new work (horizon scanning) and will be developing a prioritisation process for its new work.							
Chairperson’s comments: The prioritisation process for new work will help manage CCFL’s workload.							

APPENDIX 3: Committee on Food Hygiene (49th Session, 13 – 17 November 2017) (REP18/FH)**Adoption (Step 5, 5/8, 8)**

Documents	Timeframe		Current Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Secretariat notes
	Job ID or year	Target Year				
Proposed Draft Revision of the <i>Code of Practice for Fish and Fishery Products</i> (CAC/RCP 52-2003): guidance on histamine control	N02-2016	2020	5/8	1.1	Joint FAO/WHO Expert Meeting on the Public Health Risks of Histamine and other Biogenic Amines from Fish and Fishery Products (July 2012) and FAO/WHO literature review on histamine-related illness in Salmonidae	<p>Ref. REP18/FH, para. 40 and Appendix II</p> <p>The work has been completed ahead of schedule and took into account FAO/WHO scientific advice.</p> <p>All issues related to HACCP implementation was satisfactorily resolved. As for the issue of inclusion of Salmonidae, in spirit of compromise, only the six families already referenced in CAC/RCP 52-2003 were listed, noting that the list could be expanded in future.</p> <p>Morocco and Mauritania expressed reservation to the non-inclusion of Salmonidae.</p> <p>If adopted, the revision will not be published until consequential changes made in other relevant sections of CAC/RCP 52-2003 have been finalised and adopted by the Commission.</p>
<p>Chairperson's comments: I would like, first and foremost, to thank JEMRA for the tremendous work done in support of the CCFH.</p> <p>There were two pending issues left to be resolved when CCFP adjourned.</p> <p>Because of JEMRA's contributions and the CCFH membership spirit of collaboration, we reached consensus regarding the inclusion/exclusion of particular fish families. This was a difficult discussion in that scientific intent was confounded with potential trade implications.</p> <p>Ultimately, after sound discussion, practical considerations together with the detailed information provided by JEMRA allowed the Committee to reach consensus. I expect the two countries that had reservations to our conclusion may suggest reopening discussion. I would clearly state all the data presented even strongly supported the exclusion of the fish family Salmonidae from those which could cause even limited risk for histamine intoxication. We should have no significant obstacles for adopting this text.</p>						

Ongoing work

Documents	Timeframe		Current Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Secretariat notes
	Job ID or year	Target Year				
Proposed Draft Revision of the <i>General Principles of Food Hygiene</i> and its HACCP annex	N03-2016	2021	2/3	1.1	FAO/WHO expert scientific advice is necessary on water with respect to food safety and suitability throughout the food chain, and other aspects that might arise in the course of the work	Work is on schedule

Documents	Timeframe		Current Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Secretariat notes
	Job ID or year	Target Year				
The revision of the section on sampling, examination and analyses in standards for fish and fishery products related to histamine food safety	N02-2016	2020	2/3	1.1		Work is on schedule
<p>Chairperson's comments: Regarding the Revision of the <i>General Principles of Food Hygiene</i> and its HACCP annex, this main piece of Codex text continues to be revised; however, we made significant progress.</p> <p>The work coordinated by the delegation of the United Kingdom and the United States of America with participation from delegations from every region of the world has been very engaged. There is a significant amount of work that will take place between sessions and we expect to host a plenary-like workgroup meeting immediately prior to the next committee. We are really intent on completing the work ahead of schedule.</p> <p>Regarding the revision of the section on sampling, examination and analyses in standards for fish and fishery products related to histamine food safety, there is nothing substantive challenging, just need to continue to work on the topic.</p>						

New work

Documents	Timeframe		Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Secretariat notes
	Reference and project document	Target Year			
Code of practice on food allergen management for food business operators	REP18/FH, para. 48 CX/CAC 18/41/8, Annex III	2021	1.2	-	The project document provides the necessary information and rationale to support the new work by CCFH. The new work will align, as appropriate, with ongoing discussions on allergen labelling in CCFL.
Guidance for the management of (micro)biological foodborne crises / outbreaks	REP18/FH, para. 48 CX/CAC 18/41/8, Annex IV	2021	1.2	-	The project document provides the necessary information and rationale to support the new work by CCFH. The guidance intends to provide a supplement and a link to the documents developed by FAO/WHO and Codex texts, as appropriate and will define the role of CA and collaboration with food business operators and other stakeholders during foodborne outbreaks/crises.
<p>Chairperson's comment: We had the opportunity to hear in an expansive way regarding both proposals for new work. Given the efficient way with which the committee operates and the current workload, we feel that we are able to take on both new proposals.</p> <p>Allergens are a matter of world-wide concern and we need to address from the hygiene perspective, BUT keeping in mind that we will have to work in collaboration with CCFL. Hygienic measures must be in place coherently with labelling issues.</p> <p>Guidance on the management of microbiological crisis/ outbreaks is also extremely timely and necessary. While the INFOSAN mechanism for communication is in place, this guideline would act as a supplement by coalescing the roles of the CA with those of the food operator. We feel both tasks are necessary to address and CCFH should be able to handle the workload.</p>					

Discussion papers/ others

Documents	Secretariat notes
Proposals on placement for the guidance on histamine control in CAC/RCP 52-2003, the amendments of other sections and the revision of the section on sampling, examination and analyses in standards for fish and fishery products related to histamine food safety	Following finalisation of the guidance on histamine control, the placement needs to be decided and consequential changes are necessary to other relevant sections of the <i>Code of Practice for Fish and Fishery Products</i> . The work will be mainly of editorial nature.
Discussion paper on future work on Shiga toxin-producing <i>Escherichia coli</i> (STEC)	The discussion paper will take into account FAO/WHO (JEMRA) advice on STEC to identify new work for CCFH.
New work proposals / forward workplan	CCFH revised its mechanism by which it undertakes new work (available as Information document on Codex website) and revised its forward workplan.
Chairperson's comments: No major comments to add other than to highlight the fantastic work of JEMRA and the Secretariat.	

Overall workload

Committee sessions	Step 5/8	Step 5	Other texts for adoption	Ongoing work	New Work	Discussion paper	Revoked Standards, Discontinued work or discussion paper
CCFH50	1	-	-	2	2	1	-
Secretariat notes: CCFH current workload is manageable even if two new pieces of work are approved.							
Chairperson's comment: I would like, first and foremost, to thank JEMRA for the tremendous work done in support of the CCFH.							
There were two pending issues that were left to be resolved when CCFH accepted to finish the last bit of work that was left with the adjournment of the CCFFP.							
Because of JEMRA's contributions and the CCFH membership spirit of collaboration and sound scientific discussion, we reached consensus regarding the inclusion/exclusion of particular fish families. The Revision of the <i>Code of Practice for Fish and Fishery Products</i> (CAC/RCP 52-2003): guidance on histamine control is continuing on schedule.							

APPENDIX 4: Codex Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Task Force on Antimicrobial Resistance (5th Session, 27 November - 1 December 2017) (REP18/AMR)
Ongoing work (Step 2/3)

Documents	Timeframe		Current Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Secretariat notes
	Job ID or year	Target Year				
Proposed draft revision of the <i>Code of Practice to Minimize and Contain Antimicrobial Resistance</i> (CXC 61-2005)	N28-2017	2020	2/3	1.1	TFAMR5 agreed that the immediate priorities for FAO and WHO scientific advice to inform the work of the Task Force were in the areas of crops, environment and biocides	Work on schedule. TFAMR5 agreed on working principles for the continued revision of the <i>Code of Practice to Minimise and Contain Antimicrobial Resistance</i> (CXC 61-2005) and the proposed draft Guidelines for Integrated surveillance of antimicrobial resistance.
Proposed draft guidelines on integrated surveillance of antimicrobial resistance	N29-2017	2020	2/3	1.1		
<p>Chairperson's comments: There is disagreement among member countries over definition of terms (e.g. medically important antimicrobials, monitoring, surveillance) and scope of the texts (e.g. crop, environment).</p> <p>TFAMR needs to achieve consensus on those sensitive issues to address the antimicrobial resistance and assist governments in the design and implementation of monitoring and surveillance programmes for food-borne AMR along the food chain. TFAMR also needs to persuade advanced countries in the field of AMR management to draft the standardized texts together and encourage less developed countries to participate in the international efforts.</p>						

Overall workload of the Task Force

Task sessions	Force	Step 8 and 5/8	Step 5	Other texts for adoption	Ongoing work	New Work	Discussion paper	Revoked Standards, Discontinued work or discussion paper
TFAMR5		-	-	-	2	-	-	-
<p>Secretariat notes: By nature, the work of TFAMR is limited to the task assigned by CAC39. Despite the very short time available between CAC40 approval of new work and TFAMR5, the TF was able to discuss proposed draft texts and agree on the way forward. The newly established EWGs will have more time to prepare more advanced draft for consideration by TFAMR6 (December 2018) which will also take into account the outcome of the FAO/WHO expert meeting to be held in June 2018.</p> <p>Chairperson's comments: Countries want different level and scope of the texts according to their capability and domestic situation. TFAMR will reflect inputs not only from advanced countries but also from less developed countries to draft practical and useful texts by 2020.</p>								

APPENDIX 5: Committee on Nutrition and Food for Special Dietary Uses (39th Session, 4-8 December 2017) (REP18/NFSDU)
Adoption (Step 5, 5/8 and 8)

Documents	Timeframe		Current Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Secretariat notes
	Job ID or year	Target Year				
Review of the <i>standard for follow-up formula</i> : proposed draft essential composition requirements for older infants and young children	N07-2013	2019	5	1.3	FAO/WHO	Ref. para. 71 and Appendix II Original target year was 2017.
<p>Chairperson's comments: By proposing the draft essential composition requirements for older infants and young children for adoption by CAC 41 at step 5, significant progress on this very important standard was made by CCNFSDU39.</p> <p>However, there are still complex outstanding issues that need further consideration (e. g. labelling requirements, structure of the standard, scope sections, product definitions, name of product for young children). For the time being the timeline for completion of this work is on track, depending on the willingness to compromise and provided that CCNFSDU will finalize the outstanding issues at its next session (on the basis of the work of the electronic working group chaired by New Zealand and co-chaired by France and Indonesia). However, this will be challenging.</p>						

Ongoing work (Step 2/3)

Documents	Timeframe		Current Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Secretariat notes
	Job ID or year	Target Year				
Proposed draft claim for "free" of trans fatty acids	N06-2008	2019	2/3	1.3	FAO/WHO and RASBs	Ref. para. 150 and Appendix VI Work is on schedule.
Review of the <i>Standard for Follow-up formula</i> (CODEX STAN 156-1987)	N07-2013	2019	2/3	1.3	FAO and WHO	Ref. para. 71 and Appendix III Work is on schedule Work will continue on the preamble, labelling requirements, scope and definitions. Consideration will be given to the structure of the standard (whether one standard or two separate standards for the products for the two age groups). Original target date was 2017.
Proposed draft definition for biofortification	N05-2015	2019	2/3	1.3	-	Ref. para. 93 and Appendix IV Work is on schedule Original target date was 2016
Proposed draft NRV-NCD for EPA and DHA long chain omega-3 fatty acids	N06-2015	2018	2/3	1.3	NUGAG	Ref. para. 104

Documents	Timeframe		Current Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Secretariat notes
	Job ID or year	Target Year				
						Work is behind schedule. Assessment of scientific evidence in the NUGAG systematic reviews will continue and clarification on certain sections of the General Principles for Establishing Nutrient Reference Values for the General Population to the <i>Guidelines on Nutrition Labelling</i> is required. Original target date was 2016.
Proposed draft guideline for ready-to-use therapeutic foods (RUTF)	N05-2016	2020	2/3	1.3	-	Ref. para. 129 and Appendix V Work is on schedule
<p>Chairperson's comments: Regarding the proposed draft claim for “free” of trans fatty acids there was general agreement on the value of 1 g per 100 g of fat. The accompanying conditions for “low” in saturated fats need further consideration. This work should be completed within a reasonable timeframe.</p> <p>Regarding the review of the <i>Standard for Follow-up formula</i>: see above.</p> <p>As regards the proposed draft definition for biofortification a number of aspects need further consideration (e.g. how the definition should be used and where it would be placed). So far no consensus could be reached on the question whether the term “biofortification” should be replaced by another term. An electronic working group, chaired by Zimbabwe and co-chaired by South Africa, will provide the basis for further progress on this work. Depending on the willingness to compromise it might be possible at CCNFSDU40 to reach agreement on forwarding the proposed draft definition for biofortification to the Commission for final adoption. Nevertheless, this will be challenging.</p> <p>CCNFSDU39 was of the view that the comprehensive outcomes of the systematic reviews and analysis of NUGAG on polyunsaturated fatty acids should be considered by risk assessors rather than by the Committee. An electronic working group, co-chaired by the Russian Federation and Chile, will prepare this item for further consideration at the next session of CCNFSDU.</p> <p>Good progress was made on the proposed draft guideline for ready-to-use therapeutic foods (RUTF). Further work on this draft guideline is expected to benefit from the work of the re-established electronic working group, chaired by South Africa and co-chaired by Senegal and Uganda, and the work of a physical working group prior to the next CCNFSDU session.</p>						

Discussion papers and others

Documents	Secretariat notes
NRV-R for older infants and young children	Ref. para. 132 CCNFSDU39 has established an EWG to assess the need and value for establishment of NRV-R for older infants and young children.
Mechanism / framework for considering technological justification / consider or confirm technological justification for certain food additives	Ref. para. 144

	Work is continuing on a mechanism or framework for considering the technological justification for certain food additives. The framework will be tested against specific food additives.
Discussion paper on harmonized probiotic guidelines for use in foods and dietary supplements.	Ref. para. 156 The paper will identify whether there is a need to start new work.
<p>Chairperson's comments: Further consideration on NRV-R for older infants and young children will depend on the electronic working group's outcome regarding the need and value for establishment of such NRV-R.</p> <p>Verification of the technological justification for certain food additives by CCNFSDU is prerequisite for risk assessment to be undertaken by JECFA respectively for the inclusion on JECFA's priority list. Therefore, development of a mechanism / framework for considering technological justification is of great importance for evaluation of food additives relevant to CCNFSDU.</p> <p>The discussion paper on harmonized probiotic guidelines for use in foods and dietary supplements was introduced by an observer organisation. The Committee agreed that Argentina would prepare a discussion paper together with a project document for consideration at its next session.</p>	

Overall workload of the Committee

Committee sessions	Step 8 and 5/8	Step 5	Other texts for adoption	Ongoing work	New Work	Discussion paper	Revoked Standards, Discontinued work or discussion paper
CCNFSDU38	-	1	-	5	-	4	-
<p>Secretariat notes: CCNFSDU work with the new proposed timelines is on track. However, CCNFSDU has a full agenda with complex discussions. CCNFSDU should carefully consider whether it is in a position to take on any new work.</p> <p>The work on follow-up formula and RUTF will benefit from FAO/WHO (JEMNU) expert consultation to provide guidelines on methods for protein quality assessment. This is the first time that JEMNU has been requested to provide scientific advice to CCNFSDU.</p> <p>A lot of the work in CCNFSDU (e.g. follow-up formulas, RUTF) continues to be impacted on by discussions on WHO guidelines and WHA resolutions. There is no consensus on how to reference (or how to best take into account) relevant WHA resolutions / WHO guidelines in Codex texts.</p> <p>The work on NRV-NCD has given rise to interpretation issues on some of the concepts in the General Principles for Establishing Nutrient Reference Values for the General Population to the <i>Guidelines on Nutrition Labelling</i>.</p> <p>Chairperson's comments: CCNFSDU has a full programme of work. Often the projects are complex and challenging and require scientific advice. Therefore, it is very much appreciated that FAO/WHO (JEMNU) expert consultation will take place for the first time, and give scientific advice to CCNFSDU.</p>							