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Agenda Item 1

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CODEX COMMITTEE ON METHODS OF ANALYSIS AND SAMPLING

Twenty-Third Session

Budapest, Hungary, 26 February - 2 March 2001

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

The Twenty-third Session of the Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling will be held at the Hotel Agro, Budapest, Normafa út 54, from Monday 26 February at 10.00 hours through Friday 2 March 2001.

Agenda Item	Subject Matter	Doc. Ref. No.
	Opening of the Session	
1.	Adoption of the Agenda	CX/MAS 01/1
2.	Matters Referred to the Committee by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and Other Codex Committees	CX/MAS 01/2
3.	Proposed Draft General Guidelines on Sampling	CX/MAS 01/3
	- Government comments at Step 3*	CX/MAS 01/3-Add.1
4.	Criteria for Evaluating Acceptable Methods of Analysis for Codex Purposes	
	a) Proposed Draft Guidelines on the Application of the Criteria Approach	CX/MAS 01/4
	- Government comments at Step 3*	CX/MAS 01/4 -Add.1
	b) Amendments to the <i>Procedural Manual of the Codex Alimentarius Commission</i> Relevant to the Criteria Approach:	ALINORM 99/23, Appendix II
	- <i>Principles for the Establishment of Codex Methods of Analysis and Sampling</i>	
	- <i>Relations Between Commodity Committees and General Committees</i>	
	- Government comments*	CX/MAS 01/5

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| 5. | Consideration of Harmonized Guidelines for the Use of Recovery Information in Analytical Measurement | CX/MAS 01/6 |
| | - Government comments* | CX/MAS 01/6-Add.1 |
| 6. | Harmonization of Analytical Terminology in Accordance with International Standards: "Measurement Limits" | CX/MAS 01/7 |
| 7. | Measurement Uncertainty | |
| (a) | Progress report by relevant organizations | Oral reports |
| (b) | Relationship between the analytical result, the measurement uncertainty and the specification in Codex Standards | CX/MAS 01/8 |
| 8. | In-House Method Validation | CX/MAS 01/9 |
| 9. | Endorsement of Methods of Analysis Provisions in Codex Standards | CX/MAS 01/10
CRD 1 |
| 10. | Report of an Inter-Agency Meeting on Methods of Analysis | CRD 2 |
| 11. | Other Business and Future Work | |
| 12. | Date and Place of Next Session | |
| 13. | Adoption of the Report | |

NB: Documents marked with an asterisk will be distributed by the Hungarian Secretariat. For inquiry, contact Dr. Mária Váradi, Central Food Research Institute (KÉKI) (Fax: +361-212-9853 & 361-355-8928 and e-mail: m.varadi@mail.cfri.hu). Working documents as prepared will also be uploaded onto the Codex home page: 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 meeting is limited.

The *Ad Hoc* Working Group on Endorsement will meet at the Central Food Research Institute (KÉKI), H-1022 Budapest, Herman Ottó út 15 at 9.00 hours on Saturday 24 February 2001.

NOTES ON THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

- Item 1 **Adoption of the Agenda:** In accordance with Rule V.2 of the Rules of Procedure, the first item on the Provisional Agenda shall be the adoption of the Agenda.
- Item 2 **Matters Referred to the Committee by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and other Codex Committees:** The Committee will consider matters referred, and in particular the request of the Committee on Food Labelling to consider methods of analysis for foods derived from biotechnology, taking into account the preliminary list of methods prepared in the framework of the Intergovernmental *ad hoc* Task Force on Foods Derived from Biotechnology.
- Item 3 **Proposed Draft General Guidelines on Sampling :** The Committee initiated work on General Guidelines on Sampling at its 19th Session (1994). The last Session of the Committee returned the Proposed Draft General Guidelines to Step 3 for further redrafting by France in collaboration with other countries, comments and consideration by the 23rd Session.
- Item 4a **Proposed Draft Guidelines on the Application of the Criteria Approach:** The Committee first considered this issue at its 19th Session. The Committee will consider a first draft of the guidelines prepared by the United Kingdom in collaboration with several countries.
- Item 4b **Amendments to the Procedural Manual Relevant to the Criteria Approach - Principles for the Establishment of Codex Methods of Analysis and Sampling and Relations Between Commodity Committees and General Committees:** The last Session of the Committee agreed to request comments on the proposed amendments (CL 1998/42-MAS, Appendix II, ALINORM 99/23). The Executive Committee recommended that the final text should be included in the relevant volume of the *Codex Alimentarius* as advice to governments and not in the *Procedural Manual*.
- Item 5 **Consideration of Harmonized Guidelines for the Use of Recovery Information in Analytical Measurement:** The Committee has been considering this issue since its 19th Session. The Committee will consider the Guidelines published by IUPAC and comments submitted on the Guidelines to decide whether to recommend that the Commission adopt the document by reference for Codex purposes.
- Item 6 **Harmonization of Analytical Terminology in Accordance with International Standards – "Measurement Limits":** The Committee at its 21st Session decided to request the Inter-Agency Meeting to recommend whether it would be appropriate to include "limits" in the selected terminology and to elaborate their definitions. The 22nd Session agreed that the United States would prepare a paper on this issue, in collaboration with other countries.
- Item 7 **Measurement Uncertainty:** The Committee considered this item for the first time at its 20th Session. As decided at the last session, the Committee will consider a) the progress report presented by relevant organizations and b) a paper prepared by a group of countries on the *Relationship between the analytical result, the measurement uncertainty and the specification in Codex Standards*.
- Item 8 **In-House Method Validation :** The Committee will consider a discussion paper prepared by the Netherlands in collaboration with other countries. The Committee will also consider a revised draft of the IUPAC *Harmonized Guidelines for the In-House Validation of Methods of Analysis*, to decide how this document could be used for Codex purposes.
- Item 9 **Endorsement of Methods of Analysis Provisions in Codex Standards :** The Committee will consider method of analysis provisions in Codex Standards submitted by the relevant Codex Committees for endorsement. The Committee will consider the report of the *ad hoc* Working Group on Endorsement that will meet immediately prior to the Session (CRD 1).
- Item 10 **Report of an Inter-Agency Meeting on Methods of Analysis:** The Committee will receive a report (CRD 2) of a session of the Meeting of International Organizations in the area of developing methods of analysis and sampling, scheduled immediately prior to the Session.

- Item 11 **Other Business and Future Work:** In accordance with Rule V.5 of the Rules of Procedure, any Member of the Commission may propose the inclusion of specific items of an urgent matter. The Committee may propose to undertake new work which shall be in compliance with the Medium Term Objectives and subject to the approval by the Commission or its Executive Committee. The Committee may wish to consider consolidation of its programme of future work.
- Item 12 **Date and Place of the Next Session.** The Committee will be advised of the tentative dates and the venue of the next meeting.
- Item 13 **Adoption of the Report:** In accordance with Rule VIII.1 of the Rules of Procedure, the Committee shall adopt the report of its 23rd Session, based on a draft provided by the Secretariat.