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Agenda item 2a

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**JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME
CODEX COMMITTEE ON FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES**

21st Session

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION AND OTHER CODEX
COMMITTEES**

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE 41ST SESSION OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION (CAC41)

Matters for information

Adoption of Standards¹

1. CAC41:
 - adopted the draft standard for aubergines at Step 8 and the proposed draft standard for ware potatoes at Step 5; and
 - endorsed the note that “provisions for decay in ‘Extra’ class were optional and, depending on the nature of the produce, may not be applicable or necessary”.

Approval of new Work²

2. CAC41 approved the elaboration of three new standards for yam, onions and shallots and berry fruits respectively.

Extension of target year for completion of work³

3. CAC41 endorsed the proposals of CCEXEC75 to amend the target year for completion of work on the development of the standards for kiwifruits, garlic and ware potatoes to 2019.

MATTERS ARISING FROM OTHER SUBSIDIARY BODIES

A. Matters for information

44th and 45th Sessions of the Codex Committee on Food Labelling (CCFL44 and CCFL45)

Guidance for the labelling of non-retail containers

4. CCFL44⁴:
 - noted that many commodity standards (including those submitted for endorsement) contained provisions for non-retail containers which referred to a standardized text applicable to this provision that had been endorsed by CCFL at past and present sessions; and
 - agreed to inform commodity committees of CCFL’s ongoing work on guidance for the labelling of nonretail containers so that they were aware that the current standardized provisions might need to be adjusted or removed to reference the aforesaid guidance.
5. CCFL45⁵ made progress on the work on this matter, agreed to forward the proposed draft revision to CAC42 for adoption at Step 5; and to inform the relevant commodity committees on the progress of the work.

¹ REP18/CAC paras 20, 58, Appendices III, IV

² REP18/CAC para 66, Appendix VI

³ REP18/CAC para 7

⁴ REP18/FL para 20

⁵ REP19/FL, para. 64

50th and 51st Sessions of the Codex Committee on Food Additives (CCFA50 and CCFA51)Post-harvest treatment for fresh fruits and vegetables for referral to CCFA⁶

6. Noting the recommendations of CCFFV20 that mono- and di-glycerides of fatty acids (INS 471) and salts of myristic, palmitic and stearic acids with ammonia, calcium, potassium and sodium (INS 470 (i)) be included in the General Standard for Food Additives (CXS 192-1995) (GSFA) under FC 04.1.1.2 “surface-treated fresh fruits” and FC 04.2.1.2 “surface-treated fresh vegetables, CCFA50 agreed to requested the EWG on the GSFA consider the recommendations.

7. CCFA51 agreed to advance draft food-additive provisions on the use of INS 471 and INS 470(i) in FC 04.1.1.2 and FC 04.2.1.2 for adoption⁷.

Guidance on the alignment of food additive provisions and alignment plan⁸

8. CCFA50 agreed to:

- publish the guidance document as an information document on the Codex website and inform the relevant committees for their reference; and
- inform the commodity and FAO/WHO regional coordinating committees of the alignment plan of CCFA.

The use of additives for the surface treatment of fresh fruits and vegetables⁹

9. CCFA51 agreed to inform CCFFV that it was examining the use of additives as a glaze or in a glaze for the surface treatment of fresh fruits and vegetables in FCs 04.1.1.2 and 04.2.1.2.

38th and 40th Sessions of Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling (CCMAS38 and CCMAS 40)Presentation of methods of analysis by committees¹⁰

10. CCMAS38 agreed to remind committees that when methods are submitted to CCMAS for endorsement, these methods should indicate also the principle as well as proposed typing for the methods.

Template for sampling plans¹¹

11. During the endorsement of sampling plans in commodity standards, CCMAS38 agreed that it would develop templates for sampling plans in case Codex committees would like to develop sampling plans. Therefore, relevant committees should await developing sampling plans until such time as CCMAS would provide the template(s).

Review and update of CXS 234 and development of database of methods¹²

12. CCMAS40 finalised the work on the preamble and structure for the General Standard for Methods of Analysis and Sampling (CXS 234-1999) and agreed to forward it to CAC42 for adoption. The review and update of methods of analysis and sampling in CXS 234 will continue (in particular the work on the remaining dairy package, on fats and oils, and cereals, pulses and legumes). CCMAS40 agreed to inform all Codex committees of this work of CCMAS regarding the review and update of CXS 234 and the development of a database for methods of analysis and sampling endorsed by CCMAS and adopted by CAC.

24th Session of the Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems (CCFICS24)Food Integrity, food authenticity and food fraud¹³

13. CCFICS24 continued the discussions on the topic of food integrity, food authenticity and food fraud and noted that the work was broad and might overlap with the mandates of other committees and CCFICS could consider seeking advice from the Commission and relevant Committees.

14. CCFICS24 also agreed to inform CCEXEC, the Commission and its subsidiary bodies, including CCGP, of its ongoing discussions on this subject.

⁶ REP18/FA paras 11-13, REP19/FA, para 95, Appendix VI

⁷ CAC42 adopted the relevant provisions (see REP19/CAC paras.14 and 20)

⁸ REP18/FA, paras 48(vii), (viii) and Appendix XI

⁹ REP19/FA, para 98

¹⁰ REP17/MAS, para. 27

¹¹ REP17/MAS, para. 18

¹² REP19/MAS, para59

¹³ REP19/FICS, paras 57-58

B. Matters for action**75th Session of the Executive Committee of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CCEXEC75)**Work management¹⁴

15. CCEXEC75 recommended that CCFFV consider how most efficiently to manage its work, e.g. taking initiatives to reach consensus on unresolved issues, and prioritizing new work proposals, taking into consideration current commercial quality standards and practices and the impact on international trade to inform standard-setting.

16. The Committee **is invited to consider** the request.

¹⁴ REP18/EXEC2-Rev.1, para 7i