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CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION

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Report

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Commission:

a) Adopted amendments to the Rules of Procedure and other amendments to the Procedural Manual, including the splitting of the Codex Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants into the Committee on Food Additives and the Committee on Contaminants in Foods;

b) Adopted 26 new or revised Codex standards or related texts;

c) Approved a number of new work proposals and proposals for discontinuation of work;

d) Approved the activity reduction measures for the 2006-2007 biennium, including reduction of the Executive Committee meetings from four to three sessions while expressing a serious concern about the fact that one session of the Executive Committee had to be cancelled due to budgetary shortage; and requested FAO and WHO to continue to give high priority, in their regular budgets, to Codex and Codex-related activities;

e) Agreed to invite the FAO/WHO Coordinating Committees to comment on the draft Strategic Plan 2008-2013 at their forthcoming session;

f) Noted with satisfaction the progress made in implementing the proposals based on the recommendations from the Codex Evaluation (2002); and agreed to continue consideration of the proposals made by the Secretariat on the review of Codex committee structure and mandates of Codex committees and task forces;

g) Agreed to establish Codex *Ad Hoc* Intergovernmental Task Forces on Antimicrobial Resistance and on the Handling and Processing of Quick Frozen, while deferring to its 31st Session the decision on whether to start new work on animal feeding;

h) Noted with satisfaction the collaboration and cooperation between Codex and other international organisations, namely the OIE and the IPPC;

i) Expressed its appreciation to FAO and WHO and to the countries having made donations to the FAO/WHO Trust Fund for Enhanced Participation in Codex;

j) Expressed its appreciation to FAO and WHO for their ongoing activities in support of Codex, namely provision of scientific advice and capacity building in food safety and quality;

k) Elected the following Officers of the Commission for their second term:

- **Chairperson**: Mr Claude J.S. Mosha (United Republic of Tanzania),
- **Vice-Chairpersons**: Ms Karen Hulebak (USA), Ms. Noraini Mohd. Othman (Malaysia) and Mr Wim van Eck (the Netherlands)

l) Designated/confirmed the host governments of thirty Codex subsidiary bodies.

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INTRODUCTION

1. The Codex Alimentarius Commission held its Twenty-ninth Session at the International Conference Centre, Geneva, Switzerland, from 3 - 7 July 2006. Dr Claude J. S. Mosha (Tanzania), Chairperson of the Commission presided over the Session, assisted by the Vice-Chairpersons Ms Noraini Mohd. Othman (Malaysia), Dr Karen Hulebak (United States of America) and Dr Wim van Eck (Netherlands). The Session was attended by 376 delegates, alternates and advisors from 109 Member countries and 1 Member Organisation, 1 Observer Country, 59 international governmental and non-governmental organizations including UN agencies. A list of participants, including the Secretariat, is given in Appendix I to this report.

2. The Session was opened by Dr Kraisid Tontisirin, Director, Nutrition and Consumer Protection Division, Agriculture, Biosecurity, Nutrition and Consumer Protection Department, FAO and Ms Weber-Mosdorf, Assistant Director-General, Sustainable Development and Healthy Environments, WHO, respectively.

3. A two minutes' silence was observed in memory of Dr Jong-Wook Lee (Director-General, WHO) and Mr David Nhari (former Vice-Chair of the Commission and former Coordinator for Africa).

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA (Agenda Item 1)[1]

4. The Commission adopted the Provisional Agenda as its Agenda for the Session.

5. The Commission noted the division of competence between the European Community and its Member States, presented by the Delegation of the European Community as LIM.2, according to Rule II.5 of the Rules of Procedure. The Delegation of the European Community informed the Commission that the positions taken by the European Community were also supported by Bulgaria and Romania, for which the accession treaty to the EC had been signed and officially published.[2]

REPORT BY THE CHAIRPERSON ON THE 57th and 58th SESSIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (Agenda item 2)[3]

6. In accordance with Rule V.7 of the Rules of Procedure, the Chairperson reported to the Commission on the outcome of the 57th and 58th Sessions of the Executive Committee, as follows.

7. The 57th Session of the Executive Committee had considered in particular the preparation of the Strategic Plan 2008-2013; the implementation of the recommendations from the Codex Evaluation; financial and budgetary matters; and the Codex Trust Fund.

8. As regards the critical review, the Commission agreed to endorse the following recommendations to Codex Committees:

- To prioritize work when the agenda of the Committee includes many items of work;
- To invite all Chairpersons, or host countries for adjourned committees, to provide their comments on the items of work that have been under consideration for more than five years; and
- To inform the Executive Committee and the Commission of the proposed timeframe for completion of all items that have been approved as new work prior to 2004.

9. The Commission agreed with the arrangements proposed by the Executive Committee to carry out the critical review: the session held immediately prior to the Commission would review proposals for new work and the session held between the sessions of the Commission would monitor standards development.

10. The Delegation of Chile expressed the view that consideration should also be given to draft standards that were held at the level of the Commission for several sessions. The Commission noted that the critical review was intended to facilitate the advancement of texts through the elaboration procedure until their submission for adoption to the Commission but not their consideration at the level of the Commission.

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1 ALINORM 06/29/1; ALINORM 06/29/1A Rev.1; CAC/29 LIM 2 (Statement of Competence and Voting Rights submitted by the European Community and its Member States)

2 The positions expressed by the European Community on items on which it had competence according to LIM 2 represented the views of the 22 EC Member States present in the room

3 ALINORM 06/29/3 and ALINORM 06/29/3A

11. As regards matters arising from Codex Committee and Task Forces, the Commission agreed that flexibility should be allowed in order to facilitate timely development of the documents by the *Ad Hoc* Task Force on Foods Derived from Biotechnology. Approval of new work had been recommended by the 58th Session of the Executive Committee and would be considered at the present session under Agenda Item 7.

12. The Commission noted that the advice provided by the 58th Session of the Executive Committee on several matters for consideration by the present session would be considered under the relevant Agenda Items.

13. As regards the critical review, the Commission endorsed the criteria proposed by the 58th Session of the Executive Committee for conducting the critical review:

- 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;
- 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;
- 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.

14. As regards future work on antimicrobial resistance, the Commission supported the proposal of the Executive Committee to establish an in-session working group open to all interested members and observers to consider the comments received in reply to CL 2005/33-CAC and prepare proposals for the plenary, without prejudice to the decisions to be taken by the latter, on the terms of reference, time frame for completion of work and name for the Task Force (see Item 11).

AMENDMENTS TO THE PROCEDURAL MANUAL OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION (Agenda item 3)[4]

15. The Secretariat informed the Commission that the amendment to the Statutes proposed by its 28th Session as a consequential amendment following the abolition of the Acceptance Procedure had been approved by the 33rd FAO Conference and the 59th World Health Assembly, thereby allowing the amendment to enter into force.

Proposed Amendments to the Rules of Procedure

Amendments concerning the duration of the terms of office of the Members of the Executive Committee

16. The Commission noted that there was general support for the amendments to current Rule III. Officers, Rule IV. Coordinators and Rule V. Executive Committee, as proposed by the Committee on General Principles.

17. The Commission determined that the quorum specified in Rule VI.7 for the amendment of the Rules of Procedure was constituted[5]. In accordance with Rule VIII.7 and XV.1 of the Commission's Rules of Procedure and Rule XII.7 of the General Rules of FAO, the Commission agreed to proceed to a single roll call vote for all amendments, as they all concerned the duration of terms of office of the Members of the Executive Committee, with the following results.

Votes in favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Barbados, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burundi, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Cook Islands, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Egypt, Eritrea, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Lithuania, Malaysia, Mali, Mexico, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar,

4 ALINORM 06/29/4, ALINORM 06/29/4A (comments of Argentina, Brazil, Malaysia), ALINORM 06/29/4-Add.1, LIM 10 (comments of Australia, Philppines, Thailand), LIM 12 (comments of India)

5 The number of Codex Member Countries [173] / 2 + 1 = 87.5; Rounded down to 87

	Republic of Korea, Rwanda, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sudan, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Viet Nam
Votes against:	None
Abstaining:	None
Tally:	89 votes cast, 89 in favour, 0 against, 0 abstentions (two-thirds majority required 60)
Result:	The amendment was adopted

18. The Commission noted that the amendments to the Rules of Procedure would enter into force only after their approval by the Directors-General of FAO and WHO (Rule XVI). The amendments to the Rules as adopted by the Commission are presented in Appendix II to the present report.

19. The Representative of the FAO Legal Counsel informed the Commission that the amendments, following approval of the Directors-General, should apply to the elections to be held at the 30th Session in 2007 and provided the following clarification.

20. As regards the eligibility for election in 2007 of the various members of the Executive Committee (i.e. the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairpersons, the members elected on a geographic basis and the Coordinators), it was proposed that the matter be handled in light of the spirit and purpose of the new provisions. The purpose of the new scheme was that assuming re-election of members of the Executive Committee, and regardless of the frequency of sessions – either annual or biennial – members would serve up to between three and four years. Also for the sake of convenience and fairness it was proposed that the period of office served under the current rules should be taken into consideration at the 30th Session in 2007 when deciding on the eligibility of members holding office at that point in time. Therefore, at the 30th Session in 2007, members having served in their respective positions for 3 years or more would not be eligible for re-election for the same positions. Members having served for less than this period of time would be eligible for re-election. This solution would apply "*across the board*" to all categories of members of the Executive Committee, i.e. the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairpersons, the members elected on a geographic basis and the Coordinators.

21. The Commission **agreed** to proceed as proposed by the Representative of the FAO Legal Counsel.

Proposals to Amend Other Sections of the Procedural Manual

Amendments to the Procedures for the Elaboration of Codex Standards and Related texts, Guide to the Consideration of Standards at Step 8 of the Procedure of the Elaboration of Codex Standards including Consideration of any Statement Relating to Economic Impact and Guide to the Procedure for the Revision and Amendment of Codex Standards

Consequential Amendments to the Guidelines on the Conduct of Meetings of Codex Committee and *Ad hoc* Intergovernmental Task Forces

22. The Delegation of Malaysia, while supporting the amendments to the Elaboration Procedure Part 3 and 4, expressed the view that six paragraphs in the *Guide to the Consideration of Standards at Step 8*, proposed for deletion, should be reinserted in order to ensure that Codex work was not affected by the adoption of insufficiently considered amendments, and to allow delegations sufficient time to consider these amendments. The Delegation of India pointed out that the following provisions of the *Guide* should be reinserted in the Elaboration Procedure at Step 8: paragraph 2 on the timing of the Circular Letter in order to ensure timely availability of comments; and paragraph 6 allowing Members to draw the attention of the Commission to any matter which had not, in that Member's opinion, been satisfactorily resolved at an earlier step. These proposals were supported by several delegations, who stressed the importance of the issue of economic impact, especially for developing countries.

23. After some discussion, the Commission agreed to adopt the amendments as proposed and to refer the proposals made by India in its written comments (LIM 12) and Malaysia to the next session of the Committee on General Principles in order to consider whether the reinsertion of the paragraphs deleted in the *Guide* was needed in the Elaboration Procedure.

Amendments to the General Principles of the Codex Alimentarius

24. The Delegation of Malaysia, supported by several delegations and one Observer, expressed its concern with the deletion of the provisions concerning advisory texts in the General Principles. The Delegation stressed the importance of advisory texts to provide guidance to governments as regards food control and pointed out that the Commission should consider elaborating related texts such as codes of practice when scientific data were insufficient or incomplete to elaborate a standard. The Delegation therefore proposed to retain the provisions on the advisory status of "related texts". Some delegations expressed the view that if no reference was made to advisory texts, it might be understood that Codex texts were mandatory. The Secretariat recalled that the Committee on General Principles had agreed to delete these specific provisions on "advisory texts" taking into account that all Codex standards and related texts were advisory, and to avoid confusion on the status of different types of Codex texts.

25. In view of the substantial issues raised by several delegations, the Commission agreed to return the proposed amendment to the Committee on General Principles for further consideration, taking into account the comments presented at the present session.

Terms of Reference of the Committee on Food Additives and the Committee on Contaminants in Foods

26. The Commission adopted the terms of reference proposed for both committees with the amendments proposed by the Delegation of Brazil in its written comments, thereby deciding to replace the Committee on Additives and Contaminants (CCFAC) with the Committees on Food Additives (CCFA) and on Contaminants in Foods (CCCF). The Commission agreed that each Committee should review its terms of reference at its first session.

27. The Commission agreed that the responsibility for considering food irradiation should be transferred to the Committee on Food Hygiene and adopted the amendment to point g) of its terms of reference as proposed.

28. The Delegation of Finland, speaking on behalf of the Member States of the European Community present at the session, expressed the view that the new Committees should discuss the consequential changes presented in ALINORM 06/29/4-Add.1 for subsequent consideration by the Commission, and that in the meantime the provisions of these texts should remain in force insofar as they related to the work of the two committees.

29. The Commission adopted the consequential amendments to several sections of the Procedural Manual as proposed in ALINORM 06/29/4-Add.1, with the understanding that they could be reviewed by the Commission in the light of future developments.

Draft Revised Criteria for Prioritization Process of Compounds for Evaluation by JMPR

30. The Delegation of India, supported by other delegations, proposed to insert an additional criterion to ensure that priority was given to pesticides and commodities of relevance for developing countries.

31. The Delegation of the Netherlands, speaking as Chair of the Committee on Pesticide Residues, recalled that the request for evaluation of compounds by JMPR was conditional on the availability of the relevant data, especially supervised trials, and that the application of national and Codex MRLs at export and import was being considered by the Committee as a separate issue. The Commission also recalled that the Criteria for the Establishment of Work Priorities specifically referred to the needs of developing countries.

32. After some discussion, the Commission adopted the Draft Revised Criteria as proposed and agreed to refer to the Committee on Pesticide Residues the question of prioritization for pesticides and commodities of relevance to developing countries both in respect of new chemicals and periodic re-evaluation.

The Use of Analytical Results: Sampling Plans, Relationship between the Analytical Results, the Measurement Uncertainty, Recovery Factors and Provisions in Codex Standards

33. The Delegation of Thailand, supported by other delegations, expressed its concerns with the provisions for measurement uncertainty and pointed out and that if each Commodity Committee had the possibility to decide how to address measurement uncertainty, this would lead to inconsistency throughout Codex and therefore clear guidance should be provided on the allowance for measurement uncertainty. The Delegation therefore proposed to defer the adoption of the provisions on the Use of Analytical Results until such guidance had been developed.

34. After some discussion, the Commission agreed to adopt the recommendations as proposed and to refer to the Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling the request made by some delegations for further guidance in order to address measurement uncertainty.

35. The amendments to the Procedural Manual as adopted by the Commission are presented in Appendix III to the present report.

DRAFT STANDARDS AND RELATED TEXTS AT STEP 8 OF THE PROCEDURE (Agenda Item 4)[6]

36. The Commission **adopted** the Draft Standards and Related Texts submitted by its subsidiary bodies at Step 8 (including those submitted at Step 5 with a recommendation to omit Steps 6 and 7 and those submitted at Step 5 of the Accelerated Procedure) as presented in Appendix IV to this report.

37. The following paragraphs provide additional information on the comments made and the decisions taken on certain items.

Cereals, Pulses and Legumes

Draft Standard for Instant Noodles[7]

38. The Commission recalled that work on the Draft Standard had been initiated by the Coordinating Committee for Asia and further developed by the Committee on Cereals, Pulses and Legumes by correspondence following its adoption at Step 5, and noted that all provisions had been endorsed by the relevant horizontal Committees. The Commission **adopted** the Draft Standard as proposed with the editorial corrections proposed by Japan in its written comments.

Food Additives and Contaminants

Draft Revision of the Preamble of the Codex General Standard for Food Additives[8]

39. The Delegation of India, referring to its written comment in LIM 8, proposed amendments to Sections 1.2 and 3.1 of the Preamble.

40. The Commission, noting that the points raised by India had already been considered by the Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants, **adopted** the proposed revision of the Preamble of the Codex General Standard for Food Additives as proposed. The Commission noted that the Delegation of India could raise its concern at a future session of the Committee on Food Additives.

Draft Food Additive Provisions of the General Standard for Food Additives (GSFA) at Step 8 and Proposed Draft Food Additives Provisions of the General Standard for Food Additives (GSFA) at Step 5/8[9]

41. The Commission noted that within the framework of the Critical Review, the 58th Session of the Executive Committee had provided general guidance to the CCFAC on the development of the GSFA in relation to the food additive provisions in commodity standards.

42. The Commission **endorsed** the following recommendations of the Executive Committee:[10]

> (i) The Codex Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants (CCFAC) should, in its future report, clearly establish a distinction between:
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> a) additive provisions included in adopted standards and proposed for incorporation into the GSFA;
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> b) revocation of existing relevant provisions in the GSFA in order to ensure consistency with existing standards; and
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> c) proposed amendments to current additives provisions in Codex standards for inclusion in the GSFA. These amendments may be referred to the relevant Committee (when active committees exist and relevant standards are under consideration). The Committee may develop them as new provisions or amendments to the GSFA, in which case they should follow the Step Procedure in order to allow for comments.

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6 ALINORM 06/29/5; ALINORM 06/29/3A; ALINORM 06/29/5A (comments of Argentina, Australia, Brazil, China, Guatemala, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Peru, Switzerland, United States and IDF) ; LIM 4 (comments of Brazil, China, Japan, Peru, Thailand, IADSA and ISDI); LIM 8 (Brazil, Honduras, India, Kenya, Malaysia, Peru, Philippines, Switzerland, Thailand and AIIBP); LIM 13 (comments of Thailand), CAC/29-LIM 15 (comments of India)

7 Annex to CL 2006/15-CPL

8 ALINORM 06/29/12, Appendix V

9 ALINORM 06/29/12, Appendix VII and Appendix XI

10 ALINORM 96/29/3A, paras. 6-8

(ii) When provision for additives for inclusion into the GSFA result in amendments to additive provisions in Codex standards, consequential amendments should be made to the relevant standards, and that the report of CCFAC should include a table showing the existing additive provisions in Codex standards.

43. The Delegation of the Netherlands, speaking as Chair of the CCFAC, indicated that the CCFAC would make its best effort to assure transparency in making proposals to the Commission, during the course of elaborating the GSFA.

44. Regarding the question on whether the levels of some food additives in Food Category No.11.1.2 (Powdered sugar, powdered dextrose) and Food Category No.12.1.1 (Salt) in the GSFA were different from the current levels of them corresponding to relevant commodity standards[11], the Delegation of the Netherlands clarified that the provision of some food additives in the GSFA, such as phosphates in powdered sugar, ferrocyanides in salt, had been grouped together because they were assigned a group ADI in JECFA evaluation. The Delegation, thus, assured the Commission that there were no changes made when transferring the additives provision in individual standards to the GSFA.

45. The Delegation further clarified that all provisions in Food Category No.02.2.1.2 (Margarine and similar products), Food category No.13.1.1 (Infant formulae) and Food Category No.13.1.2 (Follow-up formulae), being proposed for inclusion in the GSFA (ALINORM 06 29/12, Appendix VII) were in accordance with the latest version of the standards adopted by the Commission and that as and when new or revised standards would be adopted the relevant provisions would be updated accordingly in the GSFA.

46. The Delegation of the United States strongly supported the adoption of the draft and proposed draft food additive provisions of the GSFA without any changes and expressed its view that the recommendations made by the 58th Session of the Executive Committee were not consistent with the status of the GSFA as the single reference point for food additives in the Codex Alimentarius and were delaying the work of the CCFAC unnecessarily. The Delegation of the European Community and some other delegations also supported the adoption of the draft and proposed draft food additive provisions of the GSFA as presented.

47. The Delegation of Costa Rica proposed that some additives in Food Category No. 2.2.1.2 (Margarine and similar products), No. 02.1 (Fats and Oils essentially free from water), and No. 02.1.2 (Vegetable Oils and Fats) should not be revoked because the use of those additives had a major impact for such food products.

48. The Delegation of Malaysia pointed out that Draft Standard for Fat Spreads and Blended Spreads, and the Draft Revised Standard for Infant Formula were under elaboration by the Committee on Fats and Oils and the Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses respectively, and that the Standard for Follow-up Formula was closely related to the Standard for Infant Formula. The Delegation therefore proposed that the adoption of food additive provisions for “margarine and similar products” and food additive provisions for “Infant formulae” and “Follow-up formulae” in the GSFA be deferred.

49. After some discussion, the Commission **adopted** the draft and proposed draft food additive provisions of the GSFA (ALINORM 06/29/12 Appendix VII and XI) at Step 8 or Step 5/8 with the exception of Food Categories Nos. 02.2.1.2, 13.1.1, 13.1.2 in those two Appendices and **decided** to defer the consideration of food additive provisions of those food categories, pending finalization of the Draft Standard for Fat Spreads and Blended Spreads, and the Draft Standard for Infant Formula and submission of the additives sections of these standards for endorsement by CCFA.

50. The Delegations of the United States and the European Community reserved their position on the decision.

51. As recommended by the Executive Committee[12], the Commission invited CCFA to review Food Category 02.2.1.2 in order to ensure one-to-one correspondence with the relevant commodity standards.

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11 ALINORM 06/29/3A para.11 and para. 12

12 ALINORM 06/29/3A para.10

Draft Maximum Levels for Cadmium[13] in marine bivalve molluscs (excluding oysters and scallops) and in cephalopods (without viscera) and in polished rice[14]

(i) Maximum Level for Cadmium in molluscs

52. The Delegation of the European Community noted that the CCFAC, at its 38th Session, had started the discussion to elaborate the level of cadmium 1.0 mg/kg as adopted by the 28th Session of the Commission at Step 5. The Delegation expressed the view that intake of cadmium should be reduced to as low as reasonably achievable (ALARA) and opposed the adoption by the Commission, without justification, of a higher level of 2 mg/kg.

53. On this point, the Delegation of the Netherlands, speaking as Chair of the CCFAC, clarified that the CCFAC had agreed to the higher level of 2mg/kg, taking into account the impact assessment of dietary intake undertaken by the 64th JECFA at three different maximum levels of cadmium and its conclusion that the proposed level of 1mg /kg and one level higher level of 2mg/kg had little impact on mean intakes of cadmium.

54. The Commission **adopted** the maximum level of 2mg/kg for cadmium in marine bivalve molluscs (excluding oysters and scallops) and in cephalopods (without viscera) as proposed at Step 8. The Delegation of the European Community reserved its position on this decision.

(ii) Maximum Level for Cadmium in Polished Rice

55. Many delegations supported the adoption of the proposed maximum level of 0.4 mg/kg for Cadmium in polished rice as proposed by CCFAC, referring to the 64th JECFA intake and exposure assessment which had concluded that the level of 0.4 mg /kg was sufficient to protect human health.

56. Several other delegations expressed their concern that the intake assessment conducted by the 64th JECFA had not taken into consideration different food intake patterns in some countries / regions and exposure of cadmium to vulnerable groups including children and that the proposed level was not acceptable for countries where rice was a major staple food.

57. The Representatives of FAO and WHO, on behalf of JECFA Secretariats, clarified that as many as 13 regional diets had been used by the JECFA evaluation and that even under the highest baseline intake scenario the estimated intake remained at 34 % of the PTWI.

58. The Delegation of the European Community did not object to the adoption of the Draft Maximum Level, noting that rice containing cadmium at 0.4 mg/kg was produced in very limited geographical locations and, therefore, it was unlikely that such rice would enter international trade.

59. After some discussion, the Commission **adopted** the maximum level of 0.4 mg/kg for cadmium in polished rice as proposed at Step 8. The Delegations of Egypt, Honduras, Nigeria, Norway, Qatar, Singapore and the United Arab Emirates reserved their position on this decision.

Proposed Draft Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Dioxin and Dioxin-like PCB Contamination in Food and Feeds[15]

60. The Delegation of Thailand, supported by India, referring to its written comment in LIM 13, stated that some recommendations in the proposed draft code were too broadly formulated for users to follow and more practical stepwise guidance was needed. The Delegation also expressed its concern that the methods of analysis currently available required expensive investment and presented challenges for developing countries. This position was supported by some other delegations. These delegations suggested to defer the adoption of the section on analytical methods or to refer it to the Committee on Analysis and Sampling (CCMAS) for further study.

61. The Delegation of the European Community, supported by the United States, pointed out that concerns raised by some countries had already been addressed by the Committee and that the methods of analysis and Good Laboratory Practices were considered critically important for contaminants such as dioxin and dioxin-like PCBs.

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13 For inclusion in the Codex General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in Foods (CODEX STAN 193-1995)

14 ALINORM 06/29/12, Appendix XXV

15 ALINORM 06/29/12, Appendix XXVI

62. The Commission **adopted** the Code of Practice as proposed at Step 5/8, and agreed to invite the CCMAS to review the sections on sampling and analytical methods and assess the need for future revisions of the Code, taking into account the comments made at the current Session.

Proposed Draft Revised Guideline Levels for Radionuclides in Foods Contaminated Following a Nuclear or Radiological Emergency for Use in International Trade[16]

63. Some delegations expressed their concern that the proposed Guideline Levels would not sufficiently protect consumers' health and stated that long term adverse effects of radionuclides to human health should be taken into account.

64. The Representative of IAEA clarified that the proposed Guideline Levels for radionuclides were not different from the current levels adopted by the Commission and that the scope of the text had been extended while additional radionuclides were included. The Representative also clarified that the Guideline Level applied to situations related to nuclear accidents or radiological events and were not meant for use in routine monitoring conducted at national level for screening and that other existing international conventions could be applied to prevent distributions of contaminated foods.

65. The Commission **adopted** the revision of Guideline Levels for Radionuclides as proposed at Step 5/8.

66. The Delegations of Egypt, Malaysia, Singapore and Sudan reserved their position on this decision.

Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems

Proposed Draft Principles and Guidelines for Imported Food Inspection Based on Risk[17]

67. The Commission noted that definitions for terms such as "science based" and "risk based" were under discussion in the Committee on General Principles based on a discussion paper from New Zealand[18] but did not see this as an impediment to adopting the proposed draft principles.

68. The Commission noted the amendments proposed by India and Peru contained in LIM 8 and LIM 4 respectively. However the Commission was of the opinion that a thorough discussion had been held on the proposed draft principles and guidelines in the CCFICS and that reopening the discussion would delay the adoption of the document.

69. The Commission **adopted** the Proposed Draft Principles and Guidelines at Steps 5/8, with the omission of Steps 6 and 7, for inclusion as an Appendix to the Codex *Guidelines for Food Import Control Systems* (CAC/GL 47-2003). The Delegations of India and Peru reserved their position on this decision.

Proposed Draft Principles for Traceability/Product Tracing as a Tool within a Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification System[19]

70. The Delegation of India, while agreeing to the Proposed Draft Principles in general, proposed in LIM 8 and LIM 15 substantive amendments to the text. However, the Commission did not agree to these proposals, noting that the points raised by India had been extensively discussed in a Working Group and the 14th Session of the CCFICS. The Delegation of India reserved its position on this decision.

71. The Observer from OIE informed the Commission that in OIE's Terrestrial Animal Health Code, Section on Identification and Traceability of Live Animals, reference was made to relevant Codex texts. The Observer was of the opinion that a similar reference to OIE and IPPC could be included in the proposed draft principles in order to encourage members to set up a traceability system that encompassed the entire food chain without gaps and duplication.

72. The Commission agreed to include a reference to the OIE and IPPC texts by adding, at the end of paragraph 1, the phrase: "as well as those adopted by IPPC and OIE where appropriate.". The delegations of Chile, Malaysia and Thailand reserved their position on this decision.

73. The Commission **adopted** the proposed draft principles as amended at Steps 5/8 with the omission of Steps 6 and 7.

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16 ALINORM 06/29/12, Appendix XXXI

17 ALINORM 06/29/30, para. 48 and Appendix II

18 ALINORM 06/29/33, paras 149 to 162

19 ALINORM 06/29/30, para. 80 and Appendix III

Food Labelling

Draft Amendment to the Guidelines for the Production, Processing, Labelling and Marketing of Organically Produced Foods: Annex 2 Permitted Substances: Table 3[20]

74. The Commission noted that the 58th Session of the Executive Committee, while conducting the critical review, had recommended returning the Draft Amendment to Step 6 as it had not been circulated for comments at Step 6 prior to the Committee due to its late availability[21]. Some delegations indicated that they had additional comments and supported further consideration of the Draft Table in the Committee.

75. The Commission **agreed** to return the Draft Amendment to Step 6 for comments and further consideration in the Committee on Food Labelling. The Delegations of the European Community and the United States expressed their reservation on this decision.

Proposed Draft Definition of Trans-Fatty Acids (Amendment to the Guidelines on Nutrition Labelling) [22]

76. The Commission recalled that its 26th Session, while adopting the revised Guidelines for Nutrition Labelling, had requested the Committee on Food Labelling, in cooperation with the Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses, to provide a definition of trans fatty acids[23]. Following consideration of the definition by the CCNFSDU and approval as new work through the Accelerated Procedure at the 28th Session of the Commission, the Committee on Food Labelling had finalised the definition at its 35th Session for inclusion in the *Guidelines on Nutrition Labelling*. The Commission **adopted** the Proposed Draft Definition at Step 5 of the Accelerated Procedure as proposed.

General Standard for Fruit Juices and Nectars: labelling provisions related to processing aids[24]

77. The Commission recalled that the Standard for Fruit Juices and Nectars had been adopted at its 28th Session, with the exception of three processing aids that might cause allergenicity and were subject to specific labelling provisions, therefore requiring endorsement by the Committee on Food Labelling[25].

78. The Commission noted that the 34th Session of the Committee on Food Labelling had endorsed the labelling provisions in the footnote to the list of processing aids, as proposed by the Task Force on Fruit and Vegetable Juices, and **adopted** these provisions, thereby allowing the inclusion of these processing aids in the Standard for Fruit Juices and Nectars.

Methods of Analysis and Sampling

Methods of Analysis and Sampling for inclusion in Codex standards and/or in CODEX STAN 234-1999[26]

79. The Commission was informed that the Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling had endorsed all methods of analysis and sampling for inclusion either in draft standards submitted for adoption to the Commission (instant noodles, milk and milk products) or in existing standards (fruit juices, milk and milk products) as part of the regular update of methods. It was also noted that the methods of analysis endorsed by CCMAS in draft standards that were still under development in the relevant Committees were not for consideration by the Commission.

80. The Delegation for Thailand, supported by several delegations, expressed its concern with the adoption of isotope mass spectrometry methods as this would create difficulties for developing countries where such costly and sophisticated methods were not available, and proposed to ask the CCMAS to consider alternative methods that would be more generally applicable for the analysis of fruit juices. The Observer from IFU indicated that the methods had been developed following detailed discussion in the Task Force on Fruit and Vegetable Juices and were necessary in order to complete the Standard for Fruit Juices and Nectars.

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20 ALINORM 06/29/22, Appendix II

21 ALINORM 06/29/3A, para. 19

22 ALINORM 06/29/22, Appendix V

23 ALINORM 03/26/41, para. 72

24 ALINORM 06/29/22, paras 4-5

25 ALINORM 05/28/41, para. 64

26 ALINORM 06/29/23, Appendix II.

81. After some discussion, the Commission **adopted** the methods proposed in the Standard for Fruit Juices and Nectars and recommended that the CCMAS give due regard to methods of analysis that could be used world wide both in developed and developing countries, where applicable. The Commission adopted all other methods as proposed.

Milk and Milk Products[27]

Draft Standard for a Blend of Evaporated Skimmed Milk and Vegetable Fat

Draft Standard for a Blend of Skimmed Milk and Vegetable Fat in Powdered Form

Draft Standard for a Blend of Sweetened Condensed Skimmed Milk and Vegetable Fat

82. The Delegation of Costa Rica proposed to add the percentage of milk fat and vegetable fat in close proximity to the name of the food. The Commission **adopted** the draft standards with an amendment to the listing under Section 3.1 "Raw Material" to read, "Skimmed milk and skimmed milk powder, other non-fat milk solids and edible vegetable fats / oils", for clarification purposes.

Draft Revised Standards for Cheddar (C-1) and Danbo (C-3)

Proposed Draft Revised Standard for Edam (C-4), Gouda (C-5), Havarti (C-6), Samso (C-7), Emmental (C-9), Tilsiter (C-11), Saint-Paulin (C-13), Provolone (C-15), Cottage Cheese (C-16), Coulommiers (C-18), Cream Cheese (C-31), Camembert (C-33), Brie (C-34) and Proposed Draft Standard for Mozzarella

83. The Commission noted that all labelling provisions referred to the Committee on Food Labelling had been endorsed, with the exception of Section 7.2 "Country of Origin". It further noted that the Committee on Milk and Milk Products in response to a request from the CCFL had provided justification to the CCFL to explain the inclusion of this provision.

84. Some delegations expressed the view that all the individual standards should be adopted at Step 8 with the exception of Section 7.2, which should be referred back to the CCFL for further discussion, while other delegations supported the adoption of the standards in their entirety as proposed by the CCMMP and were of the opinion that country of origin labelling was essential to avoid misleading the consumer.

85. The Delegation of the United States of America, supported by other delegations, noted that the Commission had decided not to undertake new work on the revision of the country of origin labelling provisions in the General Standard for Labelling of Prepackaged Food and pointed out that country of origin labelling was not motivated by food safety concerns and that consumer information issues were matters for national legislation, as provided for in section 4.5.1 of the General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods.

86. The Delegation of Switzerland expressed the opinion that more general, health-based standards should be developed, in accordance with the recommendations of the Codex Evaluation and the Strategic Framework, to limit the number of individual cheese standards and proposed to return these standards to Step 6.

87. The Delegation of Sudan supported the declaration of country of origin and the indication of the animal species to avoid misleading the consumer.

88. After lengthy discussion on this provision, the Commission agreed to adopt the proposed draft standards at Step 5, move them to Step 8 with the omission of Steps 6 and 7 and to **retain** all standards at **Step 8** pending further discussion of Section 7.2 "Country of Origin" by the next session of the Committee on Food Labelling, with the understanding that the 30th Session of the Commission revisit the matter, taking into account the view of the CCFL on Section 7.2. These draft standards are presented in Appendix VI to this Report.

89. The Commission further noted that in its deliberations on Section 7.2, the CCFL would take into consideration the fact that the General Standard for Labelling of Prepackaged Foods had provisions for Country of Origin which referred to the country of manufacture while in many of the individual cheese standards, generic regional names were specified.

90. The Commission noted that several editorial corrections to the Spanish versions of the Proposed Draft Revised Standards for Edam, Mozzarella and Cream Cheese should be made as indicated in the written comments of Argentina (CAC/29 LIM 4).

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27 ALINORM 06/29/11, Appendix II to XXIII

Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses

Draft Revised Standard for Processed Cereal-Based Foods for Infants and Young Children[28]

91. The Delegation of Thailand referring to its comments in LIM 13, stated that it was necessary to limit the level of added free sugars in the Draft Revised Standard to be less than 10% of total energy as recommended by the WHO/FAO Expert Consultation on Diet and Nutrition for the Prevention of Non-communicable Diseases and proposed to return the text to the CCNFSDU for further consideration of this issue. This view was supported by several delegations.

92. The Delegation of India referring to its comments presented in LIM 8, proposed that the content of the cereal in cereal based foods should be kept at 50% cereal as the minimum, that the energy density of the cereal based foods for infants should be 4-5 kcal/g and that the minimum protein content of cereal based foods for infants and children should be 15%. This view was supported by some delegations.

93. After some consideration, the Commission **adopted** the Draft Revised Standard for Processed Cereal-Based Foods for Infants and Young Children at Step 8 as proposed in Appendix II of ALINORM 06/29/26. The Delegations of Thailand and India reserved their positions on this decision. The Commission agreed to request the Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Uses to evaluate the need for revising Sections 3.2, 3.3 and 3.4 of the adopted standard in light of the recommendations of the WHO Global Strategy for Diet, Physical Activity and Health.

Pesticide Residues

Draft Maximum Residue Limits for Pesticides, including Dried Chili Pepper[29]

94. The Commission **adopted** the MRLs as proposed in Appendices II and III of ALINORM 06/29/24 and noted the reservation expressed by the European Community and Norway on MRLs for methiocarb (132), deltamethrin (135), oxydemeton-methyl (166) and chlorpropham (201).

Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods

Draft Maximum Residue Limits for Veterinary Drugs[30]

95. The Commission **adopted** the proposed maximum residue limits for Trichlorfon (Metrifonate), Pirlimycin, Cypermethrin / alpha-cypermethrin and Doramectin as proposed at Step 8.

96. The Delegations of the European Community and Norway reserved their position on the adoption of maximum residue limits for Trichlorfon in cow milk. The Delegation of Argentina expressed a reservation to the decision for adoption of maximum residue limits for Cypermethrin / alpha-cypermethrin.

PROPOSED DRAFT STANDARDS AND RELATED TEXTS AT STEP 5 (AGENDA ITEM 5) [31]

97. The Commission **adopted** the Proposed Draft Standards and Related Texts at Step 5 submitted by its subsidiary bodies at Step 5 as presented in Appendix V to this report and advanced them to Step 6. The Commission noted that technical comments raised during the session would be referred to the relevant Committees for their consideration. The Commission encouraged members and observers that have submitted comments in writing or orally at the session to submit these comments at Step 6 of the Procedure.

98. The following paragraphs provide additional information on the comments made and the decisions taken on certain items

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28 ALINORM 06/29/26, Appendix II.

29 ALINORM 06/29/24, Appendix II.

30 ALINORM 06/29/31, Appendix II.

31 ALINORM 06/29/6-Add.1, ALINORM 06/29/6A (comments of Australia, Bolivia, Brazil, Costa Rica, Norway, Peru, United States, Venezuela, ILCA, ISDI, WSRO (CCNFSDU), Australia (CCRVDF), Australia (Quick Frozen Foods)), CAC/29-LIM 5 (comments of Argentina (CCMAS, CCMMP), Brazil (CCRVDF)), CAC/29-LIM 9 (India, Philippines (CCFAC), Guatemala, Philippines (CCNFSDU), Brazil, Peru (CCMAS), Philippines (CCRVDF), Kenya, IIR (Quick Frozen Foods)), CAC/29-LIM 14 (comments of Thailand), CAC/29-LIM 16 (comments of South Africa)

Food Additives and Contaminants

Proposed Draft Revision of the Codex Class Names and the International Numbering System for Food Additives[32]

99. The Observer from ICBA, while supporting the adoption of the proposed revision, expressed a concern that a functional class "acids" and a subclass "flavour modifiers" were deleted from the Table in Appendix XV and noted that flavour modifiers were an area of active innovation.

100. The Observer from IDF expressed a view that "carriers" should not be considered as additives or processing aids and should therefore not be included in the Table

101. The Delegation of the Netherlands, speaking as Chair of the CCFAC, clarified that the comments made could be addressed at later Steps, and also noted that CCFAC had decided to put the functional classes of carriers and packaging gases in square brackets and had requested the CCFL to clarify the labelling requirements for carriers and packaging gases.

102. The Commission **adopted** the proposed draft revision of the Codex Class Names and the International Numbering System for Food Additives at Step 5 as proposed by the Committee and advanced it to Step 6.

Proposed Draft Maximum Level for Total Aflatoxins in Almonds, Hazelnuts and Pistachios for "ready to eat"[33]

103. The Delegation of Iran stated that the proposed level of 8 μg/kg for total aflatoxins for ready to eat almonds, hazelnuts and pistachios was a hypothetical level and that it was necessary to wait for the result of dietary exposure assessment to be conducted by JECFA. This view was supported by several delegations.

104. The Commission **adopted** the proposed draft Maximum Level for Total Aflatoxins in Almonds, Hazelnuts and Pistachios for "ready to eat" at Step 5 as proposed by the Committee and advanced it to Step 6.

Propose Draft Maximum Levels for Tin in Canned Foods (other than beverages) and in Canned Beverages[34]

105. The Delegation of the European Community stated that the proposed level was not acceptable in the absence of additional toxicology evaluation undertaken by JECFA and that it should be possible to further reduce tin levels by applying good practices in the production of canned foods.

106. The Commission **adopted** the proposed draft maximum levels for tin in canned foods at Step 5 as proposed by the Committee and advanced them to Step 6.

107. The Delegation of the European Community reserved its position on this decision.

Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses

Proposed Draft Revised Standard for Infant Formula and Formulas for Special Medical Purposes Intended for Infants (Section B)[35]

108. The Delegation of India proposed to modify the Scope of the Standard by deleting the terms "disorder, disease or medical condition" and to indicate that the Standard should cover foods to be consumed only during specific period of age and supported using conversion factors of 6.38 for all milk formula products prepared with milk and 5.71 for infant formula derived from soybean.

109. The Delegation of Cuba noted that a number of square brackets remained in the text and encouraged the Committee to finalise the Draft Revised Standard as soon as possible in view of its importance.

110. The Commission **adopted** the Proposed Draft Revised Standard at Step 5 with the understanding that technical comments submitted to the Commission and comments made by India would be considered by the next session of the CCNFSDU.

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32 ALINORM 06/29/12 Appendix XV

33 ALINORM 06/29/12 Appendix XXII

34 ALINORM 06/29/12 Appendix XXVIII

35 ALINORM 06/29/26, para. 126 and Appendix IV.

Methods of Analysis and Sampling

Proposed Draft Guidelines for Settling Disputes on Analytical (Test) Results[36]

111. The Commission noted the comments made by some delegations on specific sections of the Proposed Draft: the decision to refer to the laboratory selected by the competent authority of the importing country (section 3.3) when no agreement could be reached on the laboratory; the proposal to use analytical duplicate samples in order to confirm or dispute the result concerned; and the question as to applicability of the procedure to microbiological analysis, since the models used had been developed for chemical analysis.

112. The Commission **adopted** the Proposed Draft Guidelines at Step 5 with the understanding that the above comments would be considered by the next Session of the Committee.

Milk and Milk Products

Proposed Draft Model Export Certificate for Milk and Milk Products[37]

113. The Commission **adopted** the Proposed Draft Model Export Certificate at Step 5 and advanced it to Step 6 and noted that the comments submitted by Argentina (LIM 5) would be considered by a physical Working Group prior to the next Session of the Committee on Milk and Milk Products.

Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods

Proposed Draft Guidelines for the Design and Implementation of National Regulatory Food Safety Assurance Programmes Associated with the Use of Veterinary Drugs in Food Producing Animals[38]

114. The Delegation of Brazil, referring to its written comment in LIM 5, suggested the use of the word "based on risk" instead of "risk-based" throughout the text in order to ensure consistency with definitions for the purpose of Codex.

115. The Commission **adopted** the proposed draft Guidelines at Step 5 as proposed by the Committee and advanced them to Step 6, with the understanding that the above comments would be considered by the next Session of the Committee.

Quick Frozen Foods

Proposed Draft Recommended International Code of Practice for the Handling and Processing of Quick Frozen Foods[39]

116. The Commission noted that different procedures had been applied for the revision of the Code since 1999, the latest allocating work by correspondence on the quality provisions, including Defects Action Points Analysis (DAPs), to the US Secretariat assisted by the Codex Secretariat with a view to the finalization of the hygienic/safety provisions by the Committee on Food Hygiene following adoption at Step 5 by the Commission.

117. The Commission noted that the extensive work done by correspondence on the quality provisions, including DAPs Analysis, did not succeed in resolving a few outstanding issues, i.e. whether certain quality provisions could better identified as hygienic/safety provisions and the inclusion of DAPs Analysis in the Code. In this respect, several delegations indicated that application of DAPs Analysis was unnecessary and burdensome to the industry while the actual quality provisions in addition to the application of the HACCP system were sufficient to ensure both quality and safety of the product.

118. After an exchange of views on how to move forward with the development of the Code, the Commission **agreed** to establish an *Ad Hoc* Intergovernmental Codex Task Force on the Processing and Handling of Quick Frozen Foods under Rule XI.1.b(i) of the Rules of Procedures of the Commission to finalize the Code within a period of two years time with one session of the Task Force. The Commission noted that the agreed Terms of Reference, as presented in Appendix X to this report, would allow the Task Force to discuss and finalize both quality and safety provisions of the Code without having to receive endorsement on the safety provisions by the Committee on Food Hygiene unless the Task Force decided otherwise. The Delegation of the United States expressed the view that if the Task Force was unable to finalise the Code in one meeting, the Commission should consider discontinuing work in the Code.

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36 ALINORM 06/29/23, para. 43 and Appendix III

37 ALINORM 06/29/11, para. 142 and Appendix XXIV

38 ALINORM 06/29/31 Appendix VII

39 ALINORM 06/29/6-Add.1.

119. The Delegation of Thailand expressed its interest in hosting the Task Force subject to availability of funds. The Delegation of the United States indicated that, subject to funding, it would assist Thailand in the practical operation of the Task Force. In order to solve as many outstanding issues as possible before the physical meeting of the Task Force would take place, it was agreed that a Circular Letter be issued requesting comments on the Code now returned to Step 3. The Delegations of Thailand and the United States would revise the Code by correspondence based on the comments submitted at the present session of the Commission and in response to the CL in order to prepare a revised document that would serve as a basis for the discussion at the session of the Task Force

REVOCATION OF EXISTING CODEX STANDARDS AND RELATED TEXTS (Agenda Item 6)[40]

120. The Commission **approved** the revocation from the *Codex Alimentarius* of previously adopted texts as summarized in Appendix VII to this report. The following paragraphs provide additional information on the decisions taken on certain items.

Food Additives and Contaminants

Food Additive Provisions of the GSFA

121. The Delegation of Malaysia, supported by Costa Rica, opposed the revocation of 7 food additive provisions for Food Category 02.1 (Fats and oils essentially free from water) in Annex II of ALINORM 06/29/7 which were not listed in Food Category 02.1.2 (Vegetable oils and fats) in Appendix XI of ALINORM 06/29/12 and proposed that those food additive provisions whose revocation were recommended be referred back to the CCFAC for further discussion, in view of the importance of those additives for food industry.

122. The Commission **agreed** to revoke the food additive provisions in Appendixes VII and XII of ALINORM 06/29/12 as proposed by the Committee, with the exception of Food Categories No.02.2.1.2 (Margarine and similar products), No.13.1.1 (Infant formulae) and No.13.1.2 (Follow-up formulae), and **agreed** to revoke the food additive provisions in Annex II of ALINORM 06/29/7.

123. The Delegation of Malaysia and Costa Rica reserved their position on this decision.

PROPOSALS FOR THE ELABORATION OF NEW STANDARDS AND RELATED TEXTS AND FOR THE DISCONTINUATION OF WORK (Agenda Item 7)[41]

ELABORATION OF NEW STANDARDS AND RELATED TEXTS

124. The Commission approved the elaboration of new standards and related texts as summarized in Appendix VIII to this report. The following paragraphs provide additional information on the comments made and the decisions taken on certain items.

Foods Derived from Biotechnology

Proposed Draft Guideline for the Conduct of Food Safety Assessment of Foods derived from Recombinant-DNA Animals

Proposed Draft Annex to the Codex Guideline for the Conduct of Food Safety Assessment of Foods Derived from Recombinant-DNA Plants (CAC/GL 45-2003) regarding food safety assessment of foods derived from recombinant-DNA plants modified for nutritional or health benefits

125. The Delegations of Sudan and Iran expressed their concern about foods derived from biotechnology in view of the risks to human and animal health.

126. Other delegations stressed the need to provide guidance to governments in order to carry out safety assessment of foods derived from biotechnology on a scientific basis, as this was essential to protect consumers' health. Some delegations pointed out that this was especially important for developing countries.

127. The Commission approved both proposals for new work as proposed.

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40 ALINORM 06/29/7

41 ALINORM 06/29/8, ALINORM 06/29/8-Add.1

Food Additives and Contaminants

Code of Practice for the Reduction of Acrylamide in Food

128. The Delegation of Mexico, while not objecting to approval as new work, recalled its concerns with the practical application of measures to reduce contamination by acrylamide. The Delegation also raised a general issue concerning the need to request approval as new work for minor amendments to standards.

Food Labelling

Proposed Draft Amendment to the Guidelines for the Production, Processing, Labelling and Marketing of Organically Produced Foods (Ethylene)

129. Some delegations and one observer expressed the view that the use of ethylene for fruit ripening was not compatible with the principles of organic production and would mislead consumers as to the nature of the product, and therefore objected to new work on the addition of ethylene to the list of permitted substances.

130. Other delegations pointed out that ethylene was a natural substance produced by fruit species and that its use was compatible with organic production systems. The Delegation of the European Community, while not objecting to approval of new work, expressed the view that the use of ethylene should be limited to kiwifruit.

131. The Commission approved the proposal for new work on the addition of ethylene to the list of permitted substances and noted the reservations of the Delegations of Cuba, Egypt and the Philippines on this decision.

Proposed Draft Definition of Advertising in relation to health and nutrition claims

132. Some delegations stressed the need to limit new work to the definition of advertising in relation to health and nutrition claims and the Commission recalled that this was the proposal put forward by the Committee on Food Labelling and that no extension to a general definition was under consideration.

133. Several delegations and some observers expressed their objections to new work on advertising as the regulation of advertising should be left to national authorities and the establishment of a definition at the international level might prevent governments to establish their national legislation in this area. Some delegations pointed out that the Guidelines for Use of Nutrition and Health Claims could be applied to advertising at the national level. Several other delegations supported new work on a definition of advertising in order to protect consumers from misleading practices, taking into account that advertising might have more impact on consumer choice than labelling, and pointed out that since advertising was not only a national issue, it should be addressed at the international level.

134. In reply to a question concerning consideration of this proposal in the framework of the Critical Review, the Commission recalled that there was no project document as this proposal for new work was made in response to a direct request of the Commission to the Committee on Food Labelling. The Commission agreed that the time frame should be five years as mentioned in the Elaboration Procedure, with the understanding that the Committee on Food Labelling could confirm the time frame at its next session and inform the Commission accordingly.

135. The Commission approved the proposal for new work on a definition of advertising in relation to health and nutrition claims.

DISCONTINUATION OF WORK

Discontinuation of work on draft and proposed draft Food Additive Provisions of the GSFA

136. The Commission agreed that following its earlier decision on the additives provisions in food categories 02.2.1.2 Margarine and Similar Products, No 13.1.1 Infant Formulae, and 13.1.2 Follow-up Formulae under Agenda Item 4, the additives corresponding to these categories should be deleted from the list of additives in Appendix XIII of ALINORM 06/29/12. The Commission agreed to discontinue work on all other additives provisions as proposed.

Proposed Draft Amendment to the Codex MRL Elaboration Procedure (in Relation to the Establishment of Interim MRLs)

137. The Delegation of the Netherlands, speaking as Chair of the Committee on Pesticide Residues, recalled that the Committee had worked on the establishment of interim MRLs for several sessions in order to expedite MRL setting and that specific interim MRLs had been adopted at the 28th Session of the Commission. The

Commission, noting that the CCPR had agreed on new policies to expedite the MRL setting process, approved discontinuation of work on interim MRLs.

138. The list of discontinued items of work is presented in Appendix IX to this report.

FINANCIAL AND BUDGETARY MATTERS (Agenda Item 8) [42]

139. The Commission noted the extensive discussions held at the 58th Session of the Executive Committee on the Codex Budget and Expenditure 2004-2005, 2006-2007 and programmatic considerations beyond 2006-2007 as well as FAO/WHO Budgets for Codex-Related Activities.[43]

Codex Budget and Expenditure 2004-2005 and 2006-2007

140. The Commission noted the budget situation of the Codex programme and the additional costs incurred due to the introduction, in January 2006, of a new charge-back arrangement in FAO affecting all technical programmes including Codex concerning costs of document storage and dispatch.

141. The Commission endorsed the cost saving measures being taken by the Codex Secretariat since January 2006 concerning discontinuation of distribution of paper documentation.

142. The Commission noted concerns from developing countries that discontinuation of paper distribution might lead to problems when distributing the information within their countries and noted that a minimum level of services and facilities was ensured by the Codex Secretariat, including the possibility that hardcopies of Codex documents be provided to member countries on an exceptional basis and that the FAO and WHO country offices could assist Codex Contact Points in obtaining needed documentation.

143. The Commission noted further that the following publications would continue to be sent as hardcopies (or electronic media) to Codex Contact Points: Codex CD-ROMs of text-based and numerical standards as well as advocacy material such as Codex video and multimedia presentation; the Procedural Manual; A5 format booklets of selected Codex texts; and the Reports of the Commission. The Commission encouraged all members and observers to take necessary measures to take full advantage of electronic distribution of documents by registering, preferably, generic rather than personalised e-mail addresses with the Codex Secretariat.

144. The Commission endorsed the recommendation of the Executive Committee to cancel one session of the Executive Committee in the present biennium meaning that the 59th Session of the Committee would not be held in December 2006, but in June 2007 immediately prior to the 30th Session of the Commission. The Commission was satisfied that by taking this measure the six sessions of the FAO/WHO Coordinating Committees planned for in this biennium as well as the Commission session in July 2007 would be maintained. The Commission expressed its concern that the budget situation no longer allowed to hold two meetings of the Executive Committee between the 29th and 30th Sessions of the Commission as planned.

145. The Commission noted the strong objections of some members concerning the option mentioned in the working document to reduce the language coverage of meetings of the Commission. The Commission stressed that with the activity reduction endorsed previously (see paragraph above) this would not be necessary but noted that if requests were made to Codex to increase its language coverage, additional funds would have to be provided.

146. The Commission thanked the FAO and WHO for protecting the Codex budget and for having kept to a minimum budget cuts in real terms for the Codex programme and invited the governing bodies of FAO and WHO to ensure adequate funding for Codex in view of the particular nature of the Codex programme whose financial and managerial flexibility was limited compared to other technical programmes.

147. The Commission noted the information given by the Representatives of FAO and WHO that if members wished to call for adequate funding of the Codex programme, they should do so in the governing bodies of FAO and WHO, in order to have an influence in the budget preparation process of these organizations. For example such action would need to be initiated soon in advance of the budget preparation for the 2008-2009 biennium by FAO and WHO, e.g., in time to affect decision making on this matter by the Executive Board of WHO in January 2007.

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42 ALINORM 06/29/9; CAC/29 INF/10

43 ALINORM 06/29/3A, paras 52-78

148. The Commission decided to encourage the Secretariat to continue to explore additional efficiency savings in the operation of the Codex programme. The Commission also encouraged host governments of subsidiary bodies to fully meet their obligations in conjunction with the operation of these bodies including fully covering the costs of documentation.

Programmatic considerations beyond 2006-2007

149. The Commission endorsed the recommendations of the Executive Committee to request the Secretariat to prepare a discussion paper, in cooperation with FAO and WHO, by exploring several options for streamlining Codex session planning and their implications on Codex work, for discussion at its next Session. Session planning scenarios should focus on the 2008-2009 biennium and should also include alternative session frequencies for Codex bodies other than the Commission and its Executive Committee.

150. The Commission also agreed to request the Secretariat to prepare a discussion paper, in collaboration with FAO and WHO, on the possibilities for more sustainable funding including through other funding sources and alternative ways of achieving it.

FAO/WHO Budgets for Codex-related Activities

151. The Commission noted the budgetary situations of FAO and WHO as presented in document INF.10 and expressed its desire that FAO and WHO obtain an adequate level of funding to continue to provide scientific advice to support the work of Codex in a timely manner.

STRATEGIC PLANNING OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION (Agenda Item 9)[44]

152. Several delegations expressed their appreciation to the intensive work done by the members of the sub-committee of the Executive Committee and the working group consisting of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of the Commission, who had produced the draft Strategic Plan.

153. The Delegation of India, supported by other delegations, stated that involvement of and data generation by developing countries should be encouraged in order to improve the decision making process of Codex based on scientific evidence, in view of globalization of food trade.

154. The Commission, concurring to the recommendations made by the Executive Committee[45], agreed that:

(i) The draft Strategic Plan 2008 – 2013 as revised be circulated to all Coordinating Committees for comments, prior to the final adoption by the Commission in July 2007; and

(ii) The current format used by the Executive Committee for the Critical Review be replaced with Table 2, Part 3 of the draft Strategic Plan 2008 – 2013, as a new tracking mechanism for effective implementation of the Critical Review.

155. The Commission noted that the work to constantly update Tables in Part 3 of the draft Strategic Plan would require a high level input and support from host governments including the chairpersons of subsidiary bodies as well as the strengthening of the staff resources in the Codex Secretariat.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE JOINT FAO/WHO EVALUATION OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS AND OTHER FAO AND WHO WORK ON FOOD STANDARDS (Agenda Item 10)

GENERAL IMPLEMENTATION STATUS (Agenda Item 10(a))[46]

156. The Commission noted with satisfaction the status of the implementation of the recommendations of the Evaluation as presented in Table 1 of the working document which showed that most of the proposals originating from the recommendations and endorsed by the 26th Session of the Commission had been implemented. The Delegation of Finland, speaking on behalf of the Member States of the European Community present at the session, while supporting the work that had been carried out until now, highlighted that the advisory role of the Executive Committee and the resources of the Codex Secretariat should be strengthened. In addition it felt that the process of modernising the Procedural Manual should be continued.

157. The Commission noted that the working document was a "living document" which would be updated by the Codex Secretariat taking into account future developments in the status of implementation. The Commission

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44 ALINORM 06/29/9A, ALINORM 06/29/9A Add.1, ALINORM 06/29/3A, CAC/29-LIM 11 (Comment from India)

45 ALINORM 06/29/3A para. 38

46 ALINORM 06/29/9B Part I; ALINORM 06/29/3A, paras 79-82

noted concerning Proposal 34 (Determination of Consensus), that the 23rd Session of the Committee on General Principles had considered a discussion paper prepared by India and had "considered that it was yet premature to request approval of the Commission to initiate new work on these subjects and had agreed to continue the discussion of the issue at its next session"[47].

REVIEW OF THE CODEX COMMITTEE STRUCTURE AND MANDATES OF CODEX COMMITTEES AND TASK FORCES (Agenda Item 10(b))[48]

158. The Commission recalled that its 28th Session had considered a Consultants' Final Report on the review of the Codex Committee Structure and Mandates of Codex Committees and Task Forces[49], containing 20 recommendations and had agreed that four of the recommendations required further study and that a Circular Letter be sent to Members and Observers to solicit comments[50].

159. The Commission noted the replies to Circular Letter 2005/30-CAC presented in document ALINORM 06/29/9B Part II, as well as document ALINORM 06/29/9B Part II Add.1, prepared by the Secretariat taking into account the replies received to the Circular Letter, containing additional information and analysis of the issue.

160. The Commission congratulated the Secretariat on the quality of the document and decided that a Circular Letter be prepared to invite government comments on paragraphs 1 to 28 of the document including 11 proposals to give further opportunity to members and observers to study the analysis and proposals before a more detailed discussion would be held at the 59th Session of the Executive Committee and the 30th Session of the Commission. The Commission further decided to invite the FAO/WHO Coordinating Committees to discuss the proposals in their upcoming sessions and provide their comments to the Executive Committee and the Commission.

161. The Commission also noted the Secretariat's note contained in paragraphs 29 to 32 of the document regarding the hosting of Codex sessions in developing countries and the difficulties encountered in some cases before the conclusion of a letter of agreement between FAO and the countries offering the venue for the sessions.

MATTERS ARISING FROM REPORTS OF THE COMMISSION, CODEX COMMITTEES AND TASK FORCES (Agenda Item 11)[51]

162. The Commission **noted** several matters arising from the reports of Codex Committees and Task Forces, including those matters arising form the previous session of the Commission and the Executive Committee, as contained in working documents ALINORM 06/29/9C and ALINORM 06/29/9C-Add.2.

163. The following paragraphs provide additional information on the comments made and decisions taken on certain items.

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Antimicrobial Resistance[52]

164. The Commission recalled that at its 28th session it had agreed, in principle, to the establishment of an *Ad Hoc* Intergovernmental Task Force to deal with the issue related to antimicrobial resistance and that a final decision as to its establishment had to be taken at its current session. It also recalled that a Circular Letter[53] had been issued to request proposals on Terms of Reference of such task force and on national activities and policies

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47 ALINORM 06/29/33, paras 106-114

48 CL 2005/30-CAC; ALINORM 06/29/9B Part II (Comments from Australia, Brazil, Canada, Egypt, European Community, India, Japan, New Zealand, Singapore, United States of America and Venezuela); ALINORM 06/29/3A, paras 83-90; ALINORM 06/29/9B Part II (Paper prepared by the Codex Secretariat)

49 CL 2005/12-CAC

50 ALINORM 05/28/41 para. 158

51 ALINORM 06/29/9C, ALINORM 06/29/9C-Add.1 (comments of Australia, Canada, Cuba, European Community, Japan, Norway, Paraguay, Republic of Korea, United States, Venezuela, Consumers International, IDF and OIE), ALINORM 06/29/9C-Add.2, ALINORM 06/29/9C-Add.3 (comments of IFAH), CAC/29-LIM 6 (Update: Implementation of the WHO Global Strategy on Diet, Physical Activity and Health: Action that could be taken by Codex, prepared by WHO in cooperation with FAO), CAC/29-LIM 7 (comments of Brazil), CAC/29-LIM 11 (comments of Philippines)

52 ALINORM 05/28/41, paras 177-186; ALINORM 06/39/3A, paras 91-93

53 CL 2005/33-CAC.

dealing with containment of antimicrobial resistance. The Commission noted that an in-session working group had been convened under the Chairmanship of the United States (see para. 14) to analyze comments received and to prepare proposals for the title, objectives, terms of reference and time frame for the proposed Task Force.

165. The Commission considered the report prepared by the in-session working group presented in LIM 18 and discussed whether to establish such a task force and how to better proceed with the foreseen work.

166. Some delegations stressed that technical cooperation including information exchange was essential in order to assist developing countries in addressing the issue of antimicrobial resistance.

167. The Observer from OIE drew the attention of the Commission to the fact that OIE had recently adopted a standard on antimicrobial resistance and proposed to cross reference this standard and work in complementary way in order to avoid duplication and conflict between the standards developed by the relevant organisations referenced under the WTO SPS Agreement.

168. The Commission **agreed** to establish a Codex *Ad Hoc* Intergovernmental Task Force on Antimicrobial Resistance and, on the basis of the discussion on the proposals in LIM 18 and with the necessary adjustments, **agreed** on its objectives, terms of reference and timeline as presented in Appendix XI to this report.

169. The Commission agreed that a Circular Letter be sent to request concrete proposals for new work, preferably in the form of draft project documents, which would be compiled in a working document to be circulated for comments and consideration by the first meeting of the Task Force. The Commission also agreed to use the text listing elements and activities presented in LIM 18 as background information for the above Circular Letter.

Future Work on Animal Feeding[54]

170. The Commission recalled that at its last session there had been no agreement on whether to immediately commence work on animal feeding and that the 58th Session of the Executive Committee maintained its recommendation to defer future work on animal feeding until 2008 in order to allow more time to study the need for new work.

171. The Delegation of Finland, speaking on behalf of the Member States of the European Community present at the current session, indicated that former work of the Codex Task Force on Animal Feeding was very effective and that there was a clear need to re-establish the Task Force to complement work on (i) application of HACCP system in feed area; (ii) development of detailed rules at the global level in dealing with feed emergency situations and (iii) good practices in minimizing undesirable substances in feed and establishing maximum limits where appropriate. This view was supported by some other delegations.

172. Other delegations, while recognizing the importance of this issue, were of the view that the establishment of a task force was premature and that more time was needed to gain more experience in implementing the adopted Code of Practice on Good Animal Feeding. It was also noted that the Commission had decided to establish two new Task Forces at its current session and that the establishment of additional Task Force should be deferred to a later time.

173. After some discussion on the timing and the work of future Task Force on Animal Feeding, the Commission **agreed** to the proposal of the Executive Committee to defer consideration of this matter until 2008. It also agreed that a Circular Letter asking proposals for new future work by Codex, preferably in the form of project documents, and information on the national experience in the implementation of the Code of Practice on Good Animal Feeding be issued after the 30th Session of the Commission in 2007 in order to allow further consideration of the issue at the 31st Session of the Commission.

174. The Representative of FAO informed the Commission that it was planned to hold a FAO/WHO Meeting on scientific issues related to animal feed safety in 2007.

WHO Global Strategy on Diet, Physical Activity and Health: actions that could be taken by Codex[55]

175. The Representative of WHO informed the Commission about the background and progress to date in preparing a document on activities that Codex might take to facilitate the implementation of the WHO Global Strategy on Diet, Physical Activity and Health. The Representative indicated that due to the complexity of this

54 ALINORM 05/28/41, paras 162-166; ALINORM 06/39/3A, paras 94

55 ALINORM 05/28/41, paras 229-234; ALINORM 06/39/3A, para. 95

issue, inputs had been sought by the establishment of an electronic forum by WHO and FAO and requested to accept delay in preparing a complete action document for this session of the Commission.

176. The Commission **noted** the information provided in LIM 6 and agreed that WHO and FAO would complete a document containing concrete proposals for possible actions by Codex that would shortly be circulated for comments to all Codex Contact Points. The comments received together with the document itself, would be considered by the next sessions of the CCNFSDU and CCFL. The views and recommendations of these Committees would then be forwarded to the 30th Session of the Commission for further guidance.

Committee on Milk and Milk Products

Standard for Whey Powders (CODEX STAN A-15-1995) (inclusion of provisions for benzoyl peroxide)[56]

177. In view of the positive safety evaluation of benzoyl peroxide by JECFA and its subsequent inclusion in the GSFA in food category 01.82 (dried whey and whey products, excluding whey cheeses), the Commission **adopted** the inclusion of benzoyl peroxide in the Codex Standard for Whey Powders as proposed.

Amendment to food hygiene provisions of Codex Standards for Milk and Milk Products[57]

178. The Commission **agreed** to the proposal of the Committee to amend the Codex General Standard for Cheese (CODEX STAN A-6-1978) and other relevant texts as presented in the Annex to ALINORM 06/29/9C so that the hygiene section of those standards refer to the Codex Code of Hygienic Practice for Milk and Milk Products (CAC/RCP 57-2004) and to delete the provisions contained in Section 6.2 as these were already covered by the new Code.

Nitrogen Conversion Factor[58]

179. The Commission noted the request of the Committee on Milk and Milk Products to ensure consistency in the use of nitrogen conversion factors and the importance of using the conversion factor of 6.38 when analyzing milk protein. The Commission recalled that this matter was under discussion in the Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses in the development of the draft revised Standard for Infant Formulas and Formulas for Special Medical Purposes Intended for Infants.

180. The Delegation of the European Community supported the need for consistent use of a nitrogen conversion factor in products containing milk protein and supported the proposal to refer this issue to the CCMAS.

181. The Delegation of the United States of America supported by the Delegations New Zealand and the European Community further proposed that the matter be referred to the Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling whose terms of reference included the consideration of specific sampling and analysis problems submitted to it by the Commission or any of its Committees.

182. The Secretariat clarified that the Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling did not develop methods, but rather endorsed methods put forward by specific Committees and that the current issue under consideration by the Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses was not being discussed under the methods section of the draft revised standard, but rather under “essential requirements” and that any methods that CCNFSDU might propose at its forthcoming session or any question on methodology issues could be considered by the next session of CCMAS.

183. After some discussion, the Commission **agreed** to request the Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses to consider the nitrogen conversion factor based on the principle of scientific analysis and evidence, involving thorough review of all relevant information, taking into account the need for consistency.

184. The Delegations of the United States and New Zealand expressed their reservation with this decision and maintained their position that the methods of analysis and sampling and the determination of an appropriate nitrogen conversion factor were interlinked and that the Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling was the appropriate subsidiary body to consider this matter.

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56 ALINORM 06/29/11, para.21

57 ALINORM 06/29/11, paras 36-37

58 ALINORM 06/29/11, paras 17-18

Committee on General Principles

Use of the term "interim" [59]

185. The Commission recalled that the Committee on General Principles had considered the term "interim" as relates to the adoption of Codex standards and related texts, following the request of the 27th Session of the Commission. This issue was also considered at the present session in relation to pesticide residues (see Agenda Item 7).

186. The Commission **agreed** to endorse the following recommendations, as proposed by the Committee on General Principles:

- *The Commission should not adopt any food safety standards at Step 8, whether they are called temporary or interim, that are not substantiated by the scientific advice of expert bodies and consultations recognized by the Commission, in accordance with the Working Principles for Risk Analysis for Application in the Framework of the Codex Alimentarius.*
- *Where draft standards are based on international risk assessments as mentioned above, the Commission might still wish to adopt them and at the same time commit itself to revisiting the matter in the near future; in this case, the Commission should generally refrain from using the term "interim" or "temporary", which could introduce ambiguity as to their status, including from a legal standpoint.*
- *The Commission should be very cautious in adopting standards having a limited lifetime; should the Commission choose to do so, then the time period for "automatic" expiration must be clearly defined, since all standards adopted by the Commission would be presumed to remain in force until they are revoked or replaced by new or revised standards adopted by the Commission.*

Reference to Codex Standards [60]

187. The Commission recalled that the Committee on General Principles had proposed to delete the year of revision in the reference to Codex texts, as it was not applied consistently to all texts and created some confusion, and as the information on revision and amendments was available on the Codex website. The Commission **agreed** that all Codex texts would be referred to only by the reference number and year of adoption.

Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants

General Standard for Food Additives (GSFA) [61]

188. The Commission **agreed** to reassign the food additive provisions as illustrated in the Annex of ALINORM 06/29/9C-Add.2.

189. The Commission **agreed** with the approach proposed by the CCFAC to replace food additive provisions of those Codex commodity standards that have one-to-one correspondence with the GSFA food categories, with a text referring to the provisions of the relevant GSFA category.

190. The Commission noted that the work of the CCFAC was ongoing to amend the Procedural Manual to reflect the status of the GSFA as a single reference for food additives in the *Codex Alimentarius*.

191. The Commission **agreed** to request Codex commodity committees, when they consider new entities or revision of food additives provisions in these commodity standards, to provide to the CCFAC justification of technological need for the food additives, based upon section 3.2 of the Preamble of the GSFA.

192. The Delegation of Mexico requested clarification on the procedure to be followed when the revision to the additives section of an individual standard was undertaken, i.e. whether it was considered as new work and should therefore require a project document in the framework of the Critical Review. The Delegation also recalled the request from the Committee on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables concerning the possibility to apply simplified procedures when making minor amendments to adopted standards, which was referred to the Committee on General Principles by the 28th Session of the Commission.

193. The Secretariat recalled that the provisions in the Elaboration Procedure exempted certain new work from the mandatory submission of project documents, as was the case for the maintenance of the GSFA, and noted

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59 ALINORM 06/29/33, paras 137-148

60 ALINORM 06/29/33, para. 174

61 ALINORM 06/29/12, para. 63 and Appendices VIII and IX

that the Committee on General Principles was considering the revision of the *Guide to the Procedure for the Revision and Amendment of Codex Standards* in order to clarify and streamline the procedures to be applied when addressing amendments to or revisions of adopted standards and related texts.

Codex General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in Foods (GSCTF)[62]

194. The Commission **agreed** to the recommendation of the CCFAC to include a specific reference to the GSCTF in the sections on contaminants of Codex commodity standards and decided to request the CCGP to finalize the standard wording for the contaminants section, based on the text proposed by the CCFAC, for inclusion in the Procedural Manual.

FAO and WHO Expert Consultation on the health risks associated with methylmercury and dioxins and dioxin – like PCBs in fish and the health benefits of fish consumption[63]

195. The Commission agreed to request FAO/WHO to consider convening an expert consultation on the health risks associated with the consumption of fish and other seafood and the health benefits of fish and other seafood consumption, with the detailed terms of reference as proposed by the CCFAC.

Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods

Compendium of Methods of Analysis Identified as Suitable to Support Codex MRLs[64]

196. The Commission **noted** the existence of the Compendium of Methods of Analysis as Suitable for Support to Codex MRLs developed by the Committee, without adopting it as a Codex text, and agreed that the Secretariat should make it publicly available in such a way as to make it most useful to Members. The CCRVDF was invited to revise the Compendium regularly to keep it updated.

Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling

Codex Guidelines for the Assessment of the Competence of Testing Laboratories Involved in Import and Export Control of Food (CAC/GL 27-1997) [65]

197. The Commission **endorsed** the proposal of the Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling to update the reference to the *International Harmonized Protocol for the Proficiency Testing of (Chemical) Analytical Laboratories*, developed by IUPAC/ISO/AOAC and updated in 2006, in the Guidelines for the Assessment of the Competence of Testing Laboratories Involved in the Import and Export Control of Food (CAC/GL 27-1997).

198. The Commission noted that the *Food Control Laboratory Management Recommendations* (CAC/GL 28-1995) mentioned the above Protocol, with two other texts adopted by reference and agreed to seek further clarification from the CCMAS as to whether the above Harmonised Protocol and the *Protocol for the Design, Conduct and Interpretation of Collaborative Studies*, both adopted in 1995, should be identified separately or under a single reference.

RELATIONS BETWEEN THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS (Agenda item 12) [66]

RELATIONS BETWEEN THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS (Agenda Item 12a) [67]

International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC)

199. The Secretariat informed the Commission that there were regular consultations between the Secretariats of the Codex Alimentarius Commission and the IPPC, in order to identify areas of common interest, and to seek synergy and coordination as regards certification issues.

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62 ALINORM 06/29/12, para. 119 and Appendix XVIII

63 ALINORM 06/29/12, para. 191

64 ALINORM 06/29/31, para. 120 and Appendix X

65 ALINORM 06/29/23, paras 98-102

66 ALINORM 06/29/9D

67 CAC/29 INF 4 (OIE), CAC/29 INF 5 (WTO), CAC/29 INF 6 (IAEA)

World Organization for Animal Health (OIE)

200. The Director-General of the OIE informed the Commission of the OIE activities relevant to Codex in several areas: the OIE Animal Production Food Safety Working Group; the work of OIE on Salmonella and other foodborne diseases related to animal production, taking into account the work of the Committee on Food Hygiene and WHO; the establishment of an expert group on standards for animal feeding; and the development of a guide for good farming practices in collaboration with FAO. The Commission was also informed that the OIE Strategic Plan for the period 2006-2010 included cooperation with Codex and relevant international organization as one of its objectives.

201. The Commission noted that the OIE had participated in the work of several Committees which considered issues of particular relevance to animal production: Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems (certification and traceability/product tracing); Committee on Residue of Veterinary Drugs (registration of veterinary drugs); Committee on Milk and Milk Products (elaboration of a model export certificate for milk and milk products). The Director-General stressed the importance of a coordinated approach to traceability/product tracing in order to follow the food chain approach and establish a link between primary animal production and food safety of animal products. As regards antimicrobial resistance, he recalled the joint activities of OIE, FAO and WHO in this area in order to provide scientific advice, and supported the establishment of a Joint Codex/OIE Task Force on antimicrobial resistance in order to address this important health issue. The Director-General stressed the need for further cooperation with Codex in all relevant sectors in order to optimize efforts and avoid duplication of work.

World Trade Organization

202. The Representative of WTO pointed out that the monitoring of the use or non-use of international standards was one of the main agenda items in the SPS Committee and recalled that Sri Lanka had raised its concern regarding the need for a Codex maximum level for sulphur dioxide in cinnamon, due to its implications for export of cinnamon, and that the Chair of the SPS Committee had written to the Chair of the Codex Alimentarius Commission to draw his attention to this matter. The Representative noted that the prompt finalisation of a level for sulphur dioxide in herbs and spices at the present session was a very positive development and provided a good example of constructive cooperation between WTO and Codex.

203. The Delegation of Sri Lanka expressed its appreciation to the WTO, to the Commission and to the Delegation of the European Community for their efforts in order to facilitate the finalisation of an international standard of great relevance to international trade. The Delegation of the European Community also welcomed the resolution of this issue that had been addressed in a timely manner by the Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants.

204. The Representative of WTO also informed the Commission about the issues under discussion in the framework of the second review of the operation and implementation of the SPS Agreement; the trade concerns related to food safety raised in the SPS Committee; and capacity building activities carried out in cooperation with the Codex Secretariat. The Representative looked forward to maintaining close collaboration between WTO and Codex.

205. The Delegation of Chile expressed the view that, following the abolition of the Acceptance Procedure, there was a need to monitor the use of Codex standards at the national level, and noted that notification in the framework of the SPS Agreement applied only to those standards that were not harmonised with international standards. The Representative of WTO indicated that one of the proposals under discussion in the framework of the review of the Agreement was the possible extension of notification to measures that complied with international standards, and invited governments to comment on a possible revision of the Guidelines on Notification Procedures. The Secretariat informed the Commission that the use of Codex standards at the national or regional level would be considered by FAO/WHO Coordinating Committees as standing agenda item.

International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)

206. In addition to those activities highlighted in document CAC/29 INF/6, the representative of the IAEA noted that the Food and Environmental Protection Subprogramme of the Joint FAO/IAEA Division of Nuclear Techniques in Food and Agriculture was hosting the 1st Technical Panel on Phytosanitary Treatments under the IPPC Commission on Phytosanitary Measures at IAEA Headquarters in December 2006 to discuss, among other issues, the use of ionizing radiation for quarantine treatments of fresh fruits and vegetables.

207. The Representative also noted that a Consultants Meeting would convene at the IAEA Marine Environment Laboratory in Monaco in September 2006 to undertake preliminary work on the recently approved IAEA Coordinated Research Project on the Application of Radiotracer and Radioassay Technologies to Seafood Safety Risk Assessment. The Commission was also informed that in addition to the holding of a Training Workshop on Quality Assurance/Quality Control Measures in Pesticide Residue Analytical Laboratories in September/October 2006, a planned Inter-regional Training Course for Developing Countries on Screening and Confirmatory Methods for Veterinary Drug Residues would be held in 2007.

208. The Commission expressed its thanks to the Director-General of OIE and the Representatives of WTO and IAEA for the useful information provided at the present session and their continued cooperation with the Codex Alimentarius Commission.

RELATIONS BETWEEN THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION AND INTERNATIONAL NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS (Agenda Item 12b)[68]

209. In accordance with section 6, paragraph 4 of the *Principles Concerning the Participation of International Non-Governmental Organizations in the Work of the Codex Alimentarius Commission*, the Secretariat reported to the Commission on the relations between the Commission and international non-governmental organizations as presented in ALINORM 06/29/9D and in CAC/29 INF/2.

Relations with the International Organization for Standardization (ISO)

210. The Commission noted the detailed information provided in CAC/29 INF 7 on the work of ISO relevant to Codex work as well as the ongoing contacts for information exchange between the Codex and ISO Secretariats. The Observer from ISO stated that development of voluntary standards by ISO was complementary to the work of Codex.

211. The Observer provided to the Commission additional information on new ISO work which might start on the initiative of the national standardization body of Norway on environmental awareness, test methods and technical specifications in fisheries and aquaculture. He stated that this new Technical Committee was likely to identify Codex as an organization in liaison status.

212. Several delegations stressed the importance of maintaining coordination and cooperation between Codex and ISO to avoid duplication of work or contradiction in the standards. It was suggested that Codex members liaise with their national member bodies that were members of ISO. One delegation suggested ISO's national focal point could be part of the National Codex Committee.

213. The Commission **supported** continued cooperation and coordination with ISO and agreed that the Codex Secretariat should maintain its contacts with ISO and continue to report regularly to the Commission on ISO activities of relevance to Codex work.

FAO/WHO PROJECT AND TRUST FUND FOR ENHANCED PARTICIPATION IN CODEX (Agenda Item 13)[69]

214. The Delegation of Canada, speaking as Chair of the information meeting held on 4 July 2006, reported to the Commission a summary of the discussion and information exchanged between donor and beneficiary countries in the meeting and highlighted the needs of beneficiary countries to improve: (i) capacity of countries including establishment of National Codex Committees and strengthening of national food control systems, (ii) quality of country participation in Codex sessions through adequate preparation and presentation of country positions.

215. The Representatives of FAO and WHO expressed their appreciation to the generous contribution from donor countries to the Trust Fund and stated that the Trust Fund was responding to the request from developing countries to provide training in Codex at the regional level.

216. The Commission expressed its appreciations to the effort being made by FAO and WHO and to the donors making a generous financial contribution. The Commission encouraged current donors to continue to provide funds to the Trust Fund and invite other countries to consider contributing to the Fund in order to ensure its sustainability.

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68 CAC/29 INF/2 (International non-governmental organization in observer status with the Codex Alimentarius Commission); CAC/29 INF 7 (Communication from ISO – Report of Activities Relevant to Codex).

69 ALINORM 06/29/9E, CAC/29 INF/11, CAC/ INF/11 Add.1

217. The Commission welcomed the initiative taken by the host governments of subsidiary bodies in cooperation with the Codex Secretariat and the Trust Fund Secretariat to hold information meetings for the delegates supported by the Trust Fund held immediately prior to Codex sessions.

OTHER MATTERS ARISING FROM FAO AND WHO (Agenda Item 14)[70]

Part I : Outcomes of Recent FAO/WHO Expert Meetings

218. The Representatives of FAO and WHO informed the Commission of the major outcomes of the FAO and WHO expert meetings and related activities carried out since the last Session of the Commission and future meetings to be held in late 2006 and in 2007, including those of JECFA, JMPR, JEMRA, *ad hoc* meetings, consultations and related projects.

219. The Representative of the JECFA Secretariat expressed its concern regarding the apparent lack of support, particularly by industry, of the JECFA/CCRVDF system to evaluate veterinary drug residues.

220. The Commission noted that JECFA recently celebrated its 50th Anniversary and acknowledged the intensive work of experts to provide high-quality scientific advice to Codex and member countries.

221. The Commission noted that due to budgetary constraints, only one meeting of JECFA would be held in 2007.

Part II : Progress Report on the FAO/WHO Consultative Process for the Provision of Scientific Advice to Codex and Member Countries

222. The Representative of WHO informed the Commission of the progress being made on the Consultative Process and noted that the consultative process would be concluded later this year and its outcome would be reported to the governing bodies of FAO and WHO as well as to the 30th Session of the Commission.

223. The Commission was informed of the results of the Belgrade FAO/WHO Meeting aimed at addressing the needs of developing countries in enhancing their participation in work related to the provision of scientific advice (CAC/29 INF 13).

Part III : Status of Requests for Scientific Advice from Codex Subsidiary Bodies

224. The Commission noted the information provided in the Annex of document ALINORM 06/29/9F regarding the status of requests for scientific advice from Codex subsidiary bodies and expressed its appreciation to FAO and WHO for their efforts to provide scientific advice in a timely manner and encouraged them to give a high priority to requests for scientific advice coming from Codex subsidiary bodies.

225. The Commission endorsed the recommendation of the 58th Session of the Executive Committee that the terms of reference for expert consultation on active chlorine developed by the 37th Session of the Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants and 37th Session of the Committee on Food Hygiene provided sufficient guidance to FAO and WHO. The Commission therefore requested FAO and WHO to start taking necessary steps for the identification of required extra budgetary funds for organization of such an expert consultation.

Part IV : Capacity Building in Food Safety and Quality

226. The Commission was informed of FAO/WHO activities in capacity building in the field of food safety and quality (CAC/29 INF/3). Several key activities were highlighted: FAO/WHO Regional Conferences on Food Safety, several recommendations of which were being implemented, funding mechanisms, information exchange, joint global programmes including development of guidance materials for governments and stakeholders as well as a number of recent and ongoing projects and activities at the regional and national levels. In this perspective, the Commission noted that a Strategic Plan for Food Safety in Africa had been developed and that donors were being approached to assist in the funding of this plan.

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70 ALINORM 06/29/9F, ALINORM 06/29/9F Add.1, ALINORM 06/29/3A paras.126-128, CAC/29 INF/3, CAC/29 INF/8, CAC/29 INF/9, CAC/29 INF10, CAC/29 INF13

ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE COMMISSION (Agenda Item 15)[71]

227. The Commission elected, by general consent, the following persons to hold office as Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of the Codex Alimentarius Commission from the end of its present Session to the end of the next regular 30th Session of the Commission.

Chairperson: Dr Claude J. S. MOSHA (United Republic of Tanzania)

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Ms NORAINI Mohd. Othman (Malaysia)

Dr Wim VAN ECK (The Netherlands)

DESIGNATION OF COUNTRIES RESPONSIBLE FOR APPOINTING THE CHAIRPERSON OF CODEX COMMITTEES AND *AD HOC* TASK FORCES (Agenda Item 16)[72]

228. The Commission **confirmed** the designation of the Host Governments as listed in the Appendix XII to this report.

229. In arriving at its decision, the Commission noted the willingness of Brazil and the Netherlands to serve as host government for the Committee on Contaminants in Foods. The Commission proceeded with a secret ballot and designated the Netherlands as the host government for the Committee.

230. The Delegation of the Netherlands indicated its firm commitment to ensure effective operation of this Committee. The Delegation of Brazil congratulated the Netherlands on their designation and wished them every success. The Delegation however noted that a majority of Codex subsidiary bodies were still hosted by developed countries and expressed its view that better geographical balance should be achieved in the future.

231. The Delegation of China committed itself to providing sufficient human and financial resources and to appoint qualified chairpersons to the Committees on Food Additives and on Pesticides Residues. The Commission congratulated the Netherlands for its outstanding contribution to Codex work by having hosted both the CCFAC and CCPR since their first sessions.

232. The Delegation of the United Kingdom recalled its statement made at the 28th Session of the Commission that it would not seek to remain the host country either for the Committee on Sugars, or for the Committee on Fats and Oils after its forthcoming session in 2007. Nevertheless, the Delegation stated that the United Kingdom was content to remain as host of the Committee on Sugars until such time as an alternative host country came forward. The Delegations of Malaysia and Argentina expressed interest in serving as the host government for the Committee on Fats and Oils after 2007. The Delegation of Malaysia informed the Commission of its official commitment to host the Committee on Fats and Oils if the Commission so decided.

OTHER BUSINESS (Agenda Item 17)

233. The Commission noted that its 30th Session would be held in Rome from 2 to 7 July 2007, subject to further confirmation.

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71 ALINORM 06/29/2.

72 ALINORM 06/29/9G

APPENDIX I

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APPENDIX II

AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION

DURATION OF THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(New text appear in bold)

RULE III OFFICERS

1. The Commission shall elect a Chairperson and three Vice-Chairpersons from among the representatives, alternates and advisers (hereinafter referred to as "delegates") of the Members of the Commission; it being understood that no delegate shall be eligible without the concurrence of the head of his delegation. They shall be elected at each session and shall hold office from the end of the session at which they were elected until the end of the following regular session. The Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons may remain in office only with the continuing endorsement of the respective Member of the Commission of which they were a delegate at the time of election. The Directors-General of FAO and WHO shall declare a position vacant when advised by the Member of the Commission that such endorsement has ceased. The Chairperson and the Vice-Chairpersons shall be eligible for re-election ~~but after having served two consecutive terms shall be ineligible to hold such office for the next succeeding term~~ **twice, provided that by the end of their second term of office they have not served for a period of more than two years.**

RULE IV COORDINATORS

2. Appointment of Coordinators shall be made exclusively on the proposal of a majority of the Members of the Commission which constitute the region or group of countries concerned. ~~Coordinators shall hold office from the end of the session of the Commission at which they were appointed until not later than the end of the third succeeding regular session, the precise term being determined by the Commission in each instance. After having served two consecutive terms, the Coordinators shall be ineligible to hold such office for the next succeeding term.~~ **In principle, they shall be nominated at each session of the relevant Coordinating Committee established under Rule XI.1(b)(ii), and appointed at the following regular session of the Commission. They shall hold office from the end of this session. Coordinators may be reappointed for a second term. The Commission shall make such arrangements as may be necessary in order to ensure continuity in the functions of the Coordinators.**

RULE V EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of the Commission and the Coordinators appointed on the basis of Rule IV together with seven further members elected by the Commission at regular sessions from among the Members of the Commission, one each coming from the following geographic locations: Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, Near East, North America, South West Pacific. Not more than one delegate from any one country shall be a member of the Executive Committee. Members elected on a geographic basis shall hold office from the end of the session at which they were elected until the end of the second succeeding regular session and shall be eligible for re-election **if they have not served for more than two years in their current term**, but after having served two consecutive terms shall be ineligible to hold such office for the next succeeding term.

(Secretariat to take care of possible consequential changes)

APPENDIX III

AMENDMENTS TO THE PROCEDURAL MANUAL

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE PROCEDURES FOR THE ELABORATION OF CODEX STANDARDS AND RELATED TEXTS AND TO THE GUIDELINES ON THE CONDUCT OF MEETINGS OF CODEX COMMITTEES AND AD HOC INTERGOVERNMENTAL TASK FORCES

PROCEDURES FOR THE ELABORATION OF CODEX STANDARDS AND RELATED TEXTS

PART 3. UNIFORM PROCEDURE FOR THE ELABORATION OF CODEX STANDARDS AND RELATED TEXTS

Step 8

The draft standard is submitted through the Secretariat to the Executive Committee for critical review and to the Commission, together with any written proposals received from Members and interested international organizations for amendments at Step 8, with a view to its adoption as a Codex standard. **In taking any decision at this step, the Commission will give due consideration to the outcome of the critical review and to any comments that may be submitted by any of its Members regarding the implications which the draft standard or any provisions thereof may have for their economic interests.** In the case of Regional standards, all Members and interested international organizations may present their comments, take part in the debate and propose amendments but only the majority of Members of the region or group of countries concerned attending the session can decide to amend and adopt the draft.

PART 4. UNIFORM ACCELERATED PROCEDURE FOR THE ELABORATION OF CODEX STANDARDS AND RELATED TEXTS

Step 5

In the case of standards identified as being subject to an accelerated elaboration procedure, the **proposed** draft standard is submitted through the Secretariat to the Executive Committee for critical review and to the Commission, together with any written proposals received from Members and interested international organizations for amendments, with a view to its adoption as a Codex standard. In taking any decision at this step, the Commission will give due consideration to **the outcome of the critical review and to** any comments that may be submitted by any of its Members regarding the implications which the proposed draft standard or any provisions thereof may have for their economic interests. **In the case of Regional standards, all Members and interested international organizations may present their comments, take part in the debate and propose amendments but only the majority of Members of the region or group of countries concerned attending the session can decide to amend and adopt the proposed draft.**

~~GUIDE TO THE CONSIDERATION OF STANDARDS AT STEP 8 OF THE PROCEDURE FOR THE ELABORATION OF CODEX STANDARDS INCLUDING CONSIDERATION OF ANY STATEMENTS RELATING TO ECONOMIC IMPACT~~

~~1. In order:~~

~~(a) to ensure that the work of the Codex committee concerned is not made less valuable by the passage of an insufficiently considered amendment in the Commission;~~

~~(b) at the same time to provide scope for significant amendments to be raised and considered in the Commission;~~

~~(c) to prevent, as far as practicable, lengthy discussion in the Commission on points that have been thoroughly argued in the Codex committee concerned;~~

~~(d) to ensure, as far as practicable, that delegations are given sufficient warning of amendments so that they may brief themselves adequately,~~

~~amendments to Codex standards at Step 8 should, as far as practicable, be submitted in writing, although amendments proposed in the Commission would not be excluded entirely, and the following procedure should be employed:~~

~~2. When Codex standards are distributed to Member Countries prior to their consideration by the Commission at Step 8, the Secretariat will indicate the date by which proposed amendments must be received; this date will be fixed so as to allow sufficient time for such amendments to be in the hands of governments not less than one month before the session of the Commission.~~

~~3. Governments should submit amendments in writing by the date indicated and should state that they had been previously submitted to the appropriate Codex committee with details of the submission of the amendment or should give the reason why the amendment had not been proposed earlier, as the case may be.~~

~~4. When amendments are proposed during a session of the Commission, without prior notice, to a standard which is at Step 8, the Chairperson of the Commission, after consultation with the chairperson of the appropriate committee, or, if the chairperson is not present, with the delegate of the chairing country, or, in the case of subsidiary bodies which do not have a chairing country, with other appropriate persons, shall rule whether such amendments are substantive.~~

~~5. If an amendment ruled as substantive is agreed to by the Commission, it shall be referred to the appropriate Codex committee for its comments and, until such comments have been received and considered by the Commission, the standard shall not be advanced beyond Step 8 of the Procedure.~~

~~6. It will be open to any Member of the Commission to draw to the attention of the Commission any matter concerning the possible implications of a draft standard for its economic interests, including any such matter which has not, in that Member's opinion, been satisfactorily resolved at an earlier step in the Procedure for the Elaboration of Codex Standards. All the information pertaining to the matter, including the outcome of any previous consideration by the Commission or a subsidiary body thereof should be presented in writing to the Commission, together with any draft amendments to the standard which would, in the opinion of the country concerned, take into account the economic implications. In considering statements concerning economic implications the Commission should have due regard to the purposes of the Codex Alimentarius concerning the protection of the health of consumers and the ensuring of fair practices in the food trade, as set forth in the General Principles of the Codex Alimentarius, as well as the economic interests of the Member concerned. It will be open to the Commission to take any appropriate action including referring the matter to the appropriate Codex committee for its comments.~~

GUIDE TO THE PROCEDURE FOR THE REVISION AND AMENDMENT OF CODEX STANDARDS

1.- 2. [no change]

3. The procedure for amending or revising a Codex standard **is** ~~would be as~~ laid down in paragraph~~s~~ **8** ~~5 and 6~~ of the Introduction to the Procedure for the Elaboration of Codex Standards **and Related Texts**.

4. [no change]

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GUIDELINES ON THE CONDUCT OF MEETINGS OF CODEX COMMITTEES AND AD HOC INTERGOVERNMENTAL TASK FORCES

REPORTS

[...]

The Joint FAO/WHO Secretariat should ensure that, as soon as possible and in any event not later than one month after the end of the session, copies of the final report, as adopted in the languages of the Committee, are sent to all **members and observers of the Commission** ~~participants, and all Codex Contact Points~~.

Circular Letters should be attached to the report, as required, requesting comments on Proposed Draft or Draft Standards or Related Texts at Step 5, 8 or Step 5 (Accelerated), with the indication of the date by which comments or proposed amendments must be received in writing, so as to allow such comments to be considered by the Commission.

TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND THE COMMITTEE ON CONTAMINANTS IN FOODS

Codex Committee on Food Additives

Terms of reference:

(a) to establish or endorse permitted maximum levels for individual food additives;

(b) to prepare priority lists of food additives for risk assessment by the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives;

(c) to assign functional classes to individual food additives;

(d) to recommend specifications of identity and purity for food additives for adoption by the Commission;

(e) to consider methods of analysis for the determination of additives in food; and

(f) to consider and elaborate standards or codes for related subjects such as the labelling of food additives when sold as such.

Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods

Terms of reference*:*

(a) to establish or endorse permitted maximum levels or guidelines levels for contaminants and naturally occurring toxicants in food and feed;

(b) to prepare priority lists of contaminants and naturally occurring toxicants for risk assessment by the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives;

(c) to consider methods of analysis and sampling for the determination of contaminants and naturally occurring toxicants in food and feed;

(d) to ~~develop~~ consider and elaborate standards or codes of practice for related subjects; and

(e) to consider other matters assigned to it by the Commission in relation to contaminants and naturally occurring toxicants in food and feed.

AMENDMENT TO THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOOD HYGIENE

(a) to (f) [no change]

(g) to consider microbiological risk management matters in relation to food hygiene, including food irradiation, and in relation to the risk assessment of FAO and WHO.

REVISED CRITERIA FOR PRIORITIZATION PROCESS OF COMPOUNDS FOR EVALUATION BY JMPR

1. GENERAL CRITERIA

1.1 Criteria for Inclusion of Compounds on the Priority List

Before a pesticide can be considered for the Priority List it:

i must be registered for use in a member country;

ii must be available for use as a commercial product;

iii must not have been already accepted for consideration; and

iv must give rise to residues in or on a food or feed commodity moving in international trade, the presence of which is (or may be) a matter of public health concern and thus create (or have the potential to create) problems in international trade.

1.2 Criteria for Selecting Food Commodities for which Codex MRLs or EMRLs Should Be Established

The commodity for which the establishment of a Codex MRL or EMRL is sought should be such that it may form a component in international trade. A higher priority will be given to commodities that represent a significant proportion of the diet.

Note

Before proposing a pesticide/commodity for prioritization, it is recommended that governments check if the pesticide is already in the Codex system. Pesticide/commodity combinations that are already included in the Codex system or under consideration are found in a working document prepared for and used as a basis of discussion at each Session of the Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues. Consult the document of the latest session to see whether or not a given pesticide has already been considered.

2. CRITERIA FOR PRIORITISATION

2.1 New Chemicals

When prioritizing new chemicals for evaluation by the JMPR, the Committee will consider the following criteria:

1. If the chemical has a reduced acute and/or chronic toxicity risk to humans compared with other chemicals in its classification (insecticide, fungicide, herbicide);

2. The date when the chemical was nominated for evaluation;

3. Commitment by the sponsor of the compound to provide supporting data for review with a firm date for data submission;

4. The availability of regional/national reviews and risk assessments, and coordination with other regional/national lists; and

5. Allocating priorities to new chemicals, so that at least 50% of evaluations are for new chemicals, if possible.

Note

In order to satisfy the criterion that the proposed new chemical is a “safer” or “reduced risk” replacement chemical, the nominating country is required to provide:

i the name(s) of the chemicals for which the proposed chemical is likely to be an alternative;

ii a comparison of the acute and chronic toxicities of the proposed chemical with other chemicals in its classification (insecticide, fungicide, herbicide);

iii a summary of acute and chronic dietary exposure calculations encompassing the range of diets considered by CCPR; and

iv other relevant information to support classification of the proposed chemical as a safer alternative chemical.

2.2 Periodic Re-Evaluation

When prioritizing chemicals for periodic re-evaluation by the JMPR, the Committee will consider the following criteria:

1. If the intake and/or toxicity profile indicate some level of public health concern;

2. Chemicals that have not been reviewed toxicologically for more than 15 years and/or not having a significant review of maximum residue limits for 15 years;

3. The year the chemical is listed in the list for Candidate Chemicals for Periodic Re-evaluation –Not Yet Scheduled;

4. The date that data will be submitted;

5. Whether the CCPR has been advised by a national government that the chemical has been responsible for trade disruption;

6. If there is a closely related chemical that is a candidate for periodic re-evaluation that can be evaluated concurrently; and

7. The availability of current labels arising from recent national re-evaluations.

2.3 Evaluations

When prioritizing proposed toxicological or residue evaluations by the JMPR the Committee will consider the following criteria:

1. The date the request was received;

2. Commitment by the sponsor to provide the required data for review with a firm date of submission;

3. Whether the data is submitted under the 4-year rule for evaluations; and

4. The nature of the data to be submitted, and the reason for its submission; for example, a request from CCPR.

Note:

Where a pesticide has already been evaluated by the JMPR and MRLs, EMRLs or GLs have been established, new evaluations may be initiated if one or more of the following situations arise:

i New toxicological data becomes available to indicate a significant change in the ADI or ARfD.

ii The JMPR may note a data deficiency in a Periodic Re-evaluation or New Chemical evaluation. In response, national governments or other interested parties may pledge to supply the information to the appropriate Joint Secretary of the JMPR with a copy for consideration by the CCPR. Following scheduling in the JMPR tentative **s**chedule, the data should be submitted subsequently to the appropriate Joint Secretary of the JMPR.

iii The CCPR may place a chemical under the four-year rule, in which case the government or industry should indicate support for the specific MRLs to the FAO Joint Secretary of the JMPR. Following scheduling in the JMPR tentative schedule, any data in support of maintenance of the MRL(s) would be submitted to the FAO Joint Secretary of the JMPR.

iv A government member may seek to expand the use of an existing Codex chemical: that is, obtain MRLs for one or more new commodities where some MRLs already exist for other commodities. Such requests should be directed to the FAO Joint Secretary of the JMPR and submitted for consideration by the CCPR. Following scheduling in the JMPR tentative schedule, the data would be submitted to the FAO Joint Secretary of the JMPR.

v A government member may seek to review a MRL due to a change in GAP. For example a new GAP may necessitate a larger MRL. In this case the request should be made to the FAO Joint Secretary with a copy for consideration by the Committee. Following scheduling in the JMPR tentative schedule, the data would be submitted to the FAO Joint Secretary of the JMPR.

vi The CCPR may request a clarification or reconsideration of a recommendation from the JMPR. In such cases the relevant Joint Secretary will schedule the request for the next JMPR.

vii A serious public health concern may emerge in relation to a particular pesticide for which MRLs exist. In such cases government members should notify the WHO Joint Secretary of the JMPR promptly and provide appropriate data to the WHO Joint Secretary.

THE USE OF ANALYTICAL RESULTS: SAMPLING PLANS, RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE ANALYTICAL RESULTS, THE MEASUREMENT UNCERTAINTY, RECOVERY FACTORS AND PROVISIONS IN CODEX STANDARDS

(To be included in the Codex Procedural Manual at the end of the sections on methods of analysis and sampling in the *Guidelines for the Inclusion of Specific Provisions in Codex Standards and Related Texts)*

ISSUES INVOLVED

There are a number of analytical and sampling considerations which prevent the uniform implementation of legislative standards. In particular, different approaches may be taken regarding sampling procedures, the use of measurement uncertainty and recovery corrections.

At present there is no official guidance on how to interpret analytical results in the framework of Codex. Significantly different decisions may be taken after analysis of the "same sample". For example some countries use an "every-item-must-comply" sampling regime, others use an "average of a lot" regime, some deduct the measurement uncertainty associated with the result, others do not, some countries correct analytical results for recovery, others do not. This interpretation may also be affected by the number of significant figures included in any commodity specification.

It is essential that analytical results be ~~are~~ interpreted in the same way if there is to be harmonization in the framework of Codex.

It is stressed that this is not an analysis or sampling problem as such but an administrative problem which has been highlighted as the result of recent activities in the analytical sector, most notably the development of International Guidelines on the Use of Recovery Factors when Reporting Analytical Results and various Guides prepared dealing with Measurement Uncertainty.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that when a Codex Commodity Committee discusses and agrees on a commodity specification and the analytical methods concerned, it states the following information in the Codex Standard:

1. Sampling Plans

The appropriate sampling plan, as outlined in the Guidelines for Sampling (CAC/GL 50-2004), Section 2.1.2 Guidelines on Sampling to control conformity of products with the specification. This should state:

- whether the specification applies to every item in a lot~~,~~ or to the average in a lot**,** or the proportion non-conforming;
- the appropriate acceptable quality level to be used;
- the acceptance conditions of a lot controlled, in relation to the qualitative/quantitative characteristic determined on the sample.

2. Measurement Uncertainty

An allowance is to be made for the measurement uncertainty when deciding whether or not an analytical result falls within the specification. This requirement may not apply in situations when a direct health hazard is concerned, such as for food pathogens.

3. Recovery

Analytical results are to be expressed on a recovery corrected basis where appropriate and relevant, and when corrected it has to be so stated.

If a result has been corrected for recovery, the method by which the recovery was taken into account should be stated. The recovery rate is to be quoted wherever possible.

When laying down provisions for standards, it will be necessary to state whether the result obtained by a method used for analysis within conformity checks shall be expressed on an recovery-corrected basis or not..

4. Significant Figures

The units in which the results are to be expressed and the number of significant figures to be included in the reported result.

Amendments consequential to the splitting of the Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants into the Committee on Food Additives and the Committee on Contaminants in Foods

SECTION II : UNIFORM SYSTEM OF REFERENCES FOR CODEX DOCUMENTS

Current Text	New Text
Food Additives and Contaminants - CX/FAC	Food Additives - CX/FA Contaminants in Foods - CX/CF

SECTION II : FORMAT FOR CODEX COMMODITY STANDARDS

Current Text	New Text
"The following provisions in respect of food additives and their specifications as contained in section ..... of the Codex Alimentarius are subject to endorsement [have been endorsed] by the Codex Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants."	"The following provisions in respect of food additives and their specifications as contained in section ..... of the Codex Alimentarius are subject to endorsement [have been endorsed] by the Codex Committee on Food Additives."
"The following provisions in respect of contaminants, other than pesticide residues, are subject to endorsement [have been endorsed] by the Codex Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants."	"The following provisions in respect of contaminants, other than pesticide residues, are subject to endorsement [have been endorsed] by the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Food."

SECTION II : RELATIONS BETWEEN COMMODITY COMMITTEES AND GENERAL COMMITTEES

Current Text	New Text
The Codex Committees on Food Labelling; Food Additives and Contaminants; Methods of Analysis and Sampling; ...	The Codex Committees on Food Labelling; Food Additives; Contaminants in Foods; Methods of Analysis and Sampling; ...
All provisions in respect of food additives (including processing aids) and contaminants contained in Codex commodity standards should be referred to the Codex Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants preferably after the Standards have been advanced to Step 5 of the Procedure for the Elaboration of Codex Standards or before they are considered by the Commodity Committee concerned at Step 7, though such reference should not be allowed to delay the progress of the Standard to the subsequent Steps of the Procedure.	All provisions in respect of food additives (including processing aids) and contaminants contained in Codex commodity standards should be referred to the Codex Committees on Food Additives or on Contaminants in Foods, as appropriate, preferably after the Standards have been advanced to Step 5 of the Procedure for the Elaboration of Codex Standards or before they are considered by the Commodity Committee concerned at Step 7, though such reference should not be allowed to delay the progress of the Standard to the subsequent Steps of the Procedure.
All provisions in respect of food additives will require to be endorsed by the Codex Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants, on the basis of technological justification submitted by the commodity committees and of the recommendations of the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives concerning the safety-in-use (acceptable daily intake (ADI) and other restrictions) and an estimate of the potential and, where possible, the	All provisions in respect of food additives will require to be endorsed by the Codex Committee on Food Additives, on the basis of technological justification submitted by the commodity committees and of the recommendations of the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives concerning the safety-in-use (acceptable daily intake (ADI) and other restrictions) and an estimate of the potential and, where possible, the actual intake of the food

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actual intake of the food additives.	additives.
When commodity standards are sent to governments for comment at Step 3, they should contain a statement that the provisions "in respect of food additives and contaminants are subject to endorsement by the Codex Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants and to incorporation into the General Standard for Food Additives or the General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in Foods."	When commodity standards are sent to governments for comment at Step 3, they should contain a statement that the provisions "in respect of food additives and contaminants are subject to endorsement by the Codex Committees on Food Additives or on Contaminants in Food and to incorporation into the General Standard for Food Additives or the General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in Foods."
When an active commodity committee exists, proposals for the use of additives in any commodity standard under consideration should be prepared by the committee concerned, and forwarded to the Codex Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants for endorsement. When the Codex Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants decides not to endorse specific additives provisions (use of the additive, or level in the end-product), the reason should be clearly stated. The section under consideration should be referred back to the Committee concerned if further information is needed, or for information if the Codex Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants decides to amend the provision.	When an active commodity committee exists, proposals for the use of additives in any commodity standard under consideration should be prepared by the committee concerned, and forwarded to the Codex Committee on Food Additives for endorsement. When the Codex Committee on Food Additives decides not to endorse specific additives provisions (use of the additive, or level in the end-product), the reason should be clearly stated. The section under consideration should be referred back to the Committee concerned if further information is needed, or for information if the Codex Committee on Food Additives decides to amend the provision.
When no active commodity committee exists, proposals for new additive provisions or amendment of existing provisions, should be forwarded directly by member countries to the Codex Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants.	When no active commodity committee exists, proposals for new additive provisions or amendment of existing provisions, should be forwarded directly by member countries to the Codex Committee on Food Additives.
Methods of analysis included in Codex Advisory Food Additives Specifications, for the purpose of verifying the criteria of purity and identity of the food additive, need not be referred to the Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling for endorsement. The Codex Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants is responsible for carrying out the steps of the Procedure.	Methods of analysis included in Codex Advisory Food Additives Specifications, for the purpose of verifying the criteria of purity and identity of the food additive, need not be referred to the Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling for endorsement. The Codex Committee on Food Additives is responsible for carrying out the steps of the Procedure.

SECTION III

The Committees on Food Additives and on Contaminants in Foods are to follow up, as necessary, on the review of: (i) Risk Analysis Principles Applied by the Codex Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants, and (ii) CCFAC Policy for Exposure Assessment of Contaminants and Toxins in Foods or Food Groups.

APPENDIX IV

LIST OF STANDARDS AND RELATED TEXTS ADOPTED BY THE TWENTY-NINTH SESSION OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION

Part 1 – Standards and related texts adopted at Step 8

Standard and Related Text	Reference	Status
Standard for Instant Noodles (except Sections 4 and 9 – see Part 2 of this Appendix)	Annex to CL 2006/15-CPL	Adopted
Revision of the Preamble of the Codex General Standard for Food Additives	ALINORM 06/29/12, Appendix V	Adopted
Food additive provisions of the General Standard for Food Additives (GSFA)	ALINORM 06/29/12, Appendix VII & XI	Adopted with amendments (see para. 49)
Maximum Level for Lead in Fish	ALINORM 06/29/12, Appendix XXIV	Adopted*
Maximum Levels for Cadmium in marine bivalve molluscs (excluding oysters and scallops), in cephalopods (without viscera) and in polished rice	ALINORM 06/29/12, Appendix XXV	Adopted*
Amendment to Section 2 “Description” of the General Standard for Cheese	ALINORM 06/29/11, Appendix II	Adopted
Standard for a Blend of Evaporated Skimmed Milk and Vegetable Fat	ALINORM 06/29/11, Appendix III	Adopted with amendments (see para. 82)
Standard for a Blend of Skimmed Milk and Vegetable Fat in Powdered Form	ALINORM 06/29/11, Appendix IV	Adopted with amendments (see para. 82)
Standard for a Blend of Sweetened Condensed Skimmed Milk and Vegetable Fat	ALINORM 06/29/11, Appendix V	Adopted with amendments (see para. 82)
Revision of the Standard for Whey Cheeses	ALINORM 06/29/11, Appendix VIII	Adopted
Revision of the Standard for Processed Cereal-Based Foods for Infants and Young Children	ALINORM 06/29/26, Appendix II	Adopted
Maximum Residue Limits for Pesticides, including Dried Chili Pepper	ALINORM 06/29/24, Appendix II	Adopted
Guidelines on Estimation of Uncertainty of Results	ALINORM 06/29/24, Appendix IV	Adopted
Maximum Residue Limits for Veterinary Drugs	ALINORM 06/29/31, Appendix II	Adopted

* For inclusion in the Codex General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in Foods (CODEX STAN 193-1995)

Part 2 – Standards and related texts adopted at Step 5/8 (with omission of Steps 6 and 7)

Standard and Related Text	Reference	Status
Standard for Instant Noodles (Sections 4 and 9 – see Part 1 of this Appendix)	Annex to CL 2006/15-CPL	Adopted
Food additive provisions of the General Standard for Food Additives (GSFA)	ALINORM 06/29/12, Appendix VII & XI	Adopted with amendments (see para. 49)
Amendments to the International Numbering System for Food Additives	ALINORM 06/29/12, Appendix XVI	Adopted
Specifications for the Identity and Purity of Food Additives arising from the 65th JECFA meeting	ALINORM 06/29/12, Appendix XVII	Adopted
Appendix to the Codex Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Aflatoxins Contamination in Tree Nuts – Additional Measures for the Prevention and Reduction of Aflatoxins Contamination in Brazil nuts (N08-2005)	ALINORM 06/29/12, Appendix XX	Adopted
Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Dioxin and Dioxin-like PCB Contamination in Food and Feeds	ALINORM 06/29/12, Appendix XXVI	Adopted
Revision of the Guideline Levels for Radionuclides in Foods Contaminated Following a Nuclear or Radiological Emergency for Use in International Trade	ALINORM 06/29/12, Appendix XXXI	Adopted
Principles and Guidelines for Imported Food Inspection Based on Risk	ALINORM 06/29/30, Appendix II	Adopted
Principles for Traceability/Product Tracing as a Tool within a Food Inspection and Certification System	ALINORM 06/29/30, Appendix III	Adopted with amendments (see paras 72-73)
Standard for Dairy Fat Spreads	ALINORM 06/29/11, Appendix XXIII	Adopted
Maximum Residue Limits for Pesticides	ALINORM 06/29/24, Appendix III	Adopted

Part 3 – Standards and related texts adopted at Step 5 of the Accelerated Procedure

Standard and Related Text	Reference	Status
Amendment to the Guidelines on Nutrition Labelling: Definition of Trans Fatty Acids	ALINORM 06/29/22, Appendix V	Adopted

Part 4 – Other Standards and related texts submitted for adoption

Standard and Related Text	Reference	Status
Labelling provisions related to processing aids for inclusion in the Codex General Standard for Fruit Juices and Nectars	ALINORM 06/29/22 paras. 4-5	Adopted
Methods of analysis and sampling for inclusion in Codex standards and/or in CODEX STAN 234-1999	ALINORM 06/29/23, Appendix II	Adopted
Codex General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in Foods, including Schedule I	ALINORM 06/29/12, Appendix XVIII	Adopted
Amendment of the Annex to Table 3 of the GSFA	ALINORM 06/29/12, Appendix VIII	Adopted
Revision of the Descriptor of Food Category 13.6 “Food supplements” of the GSFA	ALINORM 06/29/12, Appendix XXXIII	Adopted
Amendment to the Standard for Whey Powders, inclusion of provision for benzoyl peroxide	ALINORM 06/29/11, para. 21	Adopted (see para. 177)
Amendment to the Food Hygiene Section in certain Standards for Milk and Milk Products	ALINORM 06/29/9C, paras 16-17 and Annex I CODEX STAN A-6 1978 (Codex General Standard for Cheese)	Adopted (see para. 178)
Amendment to the reference in the Guidelines for the Assessment of the Competence of Testing Laboratories involved in the Import and Export Control of Foods (CAC/GL 27-1991)	ALINORM 06/29/23, paras 98-102.	Adopted (see para. 197)

APPENDIX V

LIST OF DRAFT STANDARDS AND RELATED TEXTS ADOPTED AT STEP 5 BY THE TWENTY-NINTH SESSION OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION

Part 1 – List of Standards and Related Texts adopted at Step 5 and advanced to Step 6 by the Codex Alimentarius Commission

Standards and Related Texts	Reference	Status
Draft revision of the Codex Class Names and the International Numbering System for Food Additives – CAC/GL 36 – 2003 (N07–2005)	ALINORM 06/29/12, para. 98 and Appendix XV	Adopted
Draft Maximum Level for Total Aflatoxins Almonds, Hazelnuts and Pistachios "ready to eat"	ALINORM 06/29/12, para. 132 and Appendix XXII	Adopted
Draft Maximum Levels for Tin in Canned Foods (other than beverages) and in Canned Beverages	ALINORM 06/29/12, para. 183 and Appendix XXVIII	Adopted
Draft Revised Standard for Infant Formula and Formulas for Special Medical Purposes Intended for Infants (Section B)	ALINORM 06/29/26, para. 126 and Appendix IV B	Adopted
Draft Guidelines for Settling Disputes over Analytical (Test) Results	ALINORM 06/29/23, para. 43 and Appendix III	Adopted
Draft Model Export Certificate for Milk and Milk Products	ALINORM 06/29/11, para. 143 and Appendix XXIV	Adopted
Draft MRLs for Residues of Pesticides	ALINORM 06/29/24 paras. 93 – 94; 134 – 135 and Appendix VI	Adopted
Draft MRLs for Colistin and Ractopamine	ALINORM 06/29/31, para. 77 and Appendix IV	Adopted
Draft Guidelines for the Design and Implementation of National Regulatory Food Safety Assurance Programmes Associated with the Use of Veterinary Drugs in Food Producing Animals	ALINORM 06/29/31, para. 86 and Appendix VII	Adopted

APPENDIX VI

LIST OF DRAFT STANDARDS HELD AT STEP 8 BY THE TWENTY-NINTH SESSION OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION

Part 1 – List of Codex Standards and Related Texts held at Step 8 by the Codex Alimentarius Commission

Standards and Related Texts	Reference	Status
Draft Revised Standard for Cheddar (C-1)	ALINORM 06/29/11, Appendix VI	Held at Step 8 (see para. 88)
Draft Revised Standard for Danbo (C-3)	ALINORM 06/29/11, Appendix VII	

Part 2 – List of Codex Standards and Related Texts adopted at Step 5 and advanced to Step 8 by the Codex Alimentarius Commission

Standards and Related Texts	Reference	Status
Proposed draft Revised Standard for Edam (C-4)	ALINORM 06/29/11, Appendix IX	Held at Step 8 (see para. 88)
Draft Revised Standard for Gouda (C-5)	ALINORM 06/29/11, Appendix X	
Draft Revised Standard for Havarti (C-6)	ALINORM 06/29/11, Appendix XI	
Draft Revised Standard for Samso (C-7)	ALINORM 06/29/11, Appendix XII	
Draft Revised Standard for Emmental (C-9)	ALINORM 06/29/11, Appendix XIII	
Draft Revised Standard for Tilsiter (C-11)	ALINORM 06/29/11, Appendix XIV	
Draft Revised Standard for Saint-Paulin (C-13)	ALINORM 06/29/11, Appendix XV	
Draft Revised Standard for Provolone (C-15)	ALINORM 06/29/11, Appendix XVI	
Draft Revised Standard for Cottage Cheese (C-16)	ALINORM 06/29/11, Appendix XVII	
Draft Revised Standard for Coulommiers (C-18)	ALINORM 06/29/11, Appendix XVIII	
Draft Revised Standard for Cream Cheese (C-31)	ALINORM 06/29/11, Appendix XIX	
Draft Revised Standard for Camembert (C-33)	ALINORM 06/29/11, Appendix XX	
Draft Revised Standard for Brie (C-34)	ALINORM 06/29/11, Appendix XXI	
Draft Standard for Mozzarella	ALINORM 06/29/11, Appendix XXII	

APPENDIX VII

LIST OF STANDARDS AND RELATED TEXTS REVOKED BY THE TWENTY-NINTH SESSION OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION

Standard and Related Text	Reference	Status
Maximum Residue Limits for Pesticides	ALINORM 06/29/24; paras 47 – 142 and Appendix VII	Revoked
List of Individual Codex Maximum Levels and Guideline Levels for Contaminants and Toxins	ALINORM 05/28/12, para. 124 and Appendix XVIII	Revoked
Food Additive Provisions of the GSFA	ALINORM 06/29/12, paras 63 and 81 and Appendices VII & XII	Revoked with the exception of Food Categories 02.2.1.2 Margarine and similar products, 13.1.1 – Infant formulae and 13.1.2 – Follow-up formulae in Appendices VII & XII

APPENDIX VIII

LIST OF STANDARDS AND RELATED TEXTS APPROVED AS NEW WORK BY THE TWENTY-NINTH SESSION OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION

Responsible Committee	Standard and Related Texts	Job Code
TFFBT	Proposed Draft Guideline for the Conduct of Food Safety Assessment of Foods derived from Recombinant-DNA Animals	N01-2006
TFFBT	Proposed Draft Annex to the Codex Guideline for the Conduct of Food Safety Assessment of Foods Derived from Recombinant-DNA Plants (CAC/GL 45-2003) regarding food safety assessment of foods derived from recombinant-DNA plants modified for nutritional or health benefits	N02-2006
CCFA	Guidelines for the Use of Flavourings	N03-2006
CCCF	Revision of the Preamble of the Codex General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in Foods	N04-2006
CCCF	Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Ochratoxin A Contamination in Wine	N05-2006
CCCF	Code of Practice for the Reduction of Acrylamide in Food	N06-2006
CCCF	Code of Practice for the Reduction of Contamination of Food with PAH from Smoking and Direct Drying Processes	N07-2006
CCMMP	Amendment to the List of Additives of the Code Standard for Creams and Prepared Creams	N08-2006
CCPR	Priority List of Pesticides (New Pesticides and Pesticides under Periodic Review)	Ongoing
CCPR	Extension of the Work on the Revision of the Codex Classification of Foods and Animal Feeds	N09-2006
CCRVDF	Priority List of Veterinary Drugs Requiring Evaluation of Re-evaluation	Ongoing
CCFL	Proposed Draft Amendment to the Guidelines for Organically Produced Foods (Ethylene)	N10-2006
CCFL	Definition of advertising as related to Health and Nutrition Claims	N11-2006
CCMAS	Revision of *Principles for the Establishment or Selection of Codex Sampling Procedures* in the Procedural Manual	Procedure
CCMAS	Review of *Analytical Terminology for Codex Use* approved as new work by the 26th Session of the Commissionto be transferred from the Procedural Manual to a Proposed Draft Guideline on Analytical Terminology	N12-2006

APPENDIX IX

LIST OF WORK DISCONTINUED BY THE TWENTY-NINTH SESSION OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION

Responsible Committee	Standards and Related Texts	Reference
CCFAC	Discontinuation of work on draft and proposed draft Food Additive Provisions of the GSFA	ALINORM 06/29/12, para. 81 and Appendix XIII. Except for food additive provisions in Food Categories 2.2.1.2 – Margarine and similar products, 13.1.1 – Instant Formulae and 13.1.2 - Follow-up formulae (see para. 136)
CCPR	Proposed Draft Amendment to the Codex MRL Elaboration Procedure (in relation to the establishment of interim MRLs) (N11-2005)	ALINORM 06/29/24, paras. 203 - 210

APPENDIX X

TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE *AD HOC* CODEX INTERGOVERNMENTAL TASK FORCE ON THE PROCESSING AND HANDLING OF QUICK FROZEN FOODS

Objectives

To finalize the International Code of Practice for the Processing and Handling of Quick Frozen Foods.

Terms of Reference

To resolve all outstanding issues including quality and safety provisions with a view to the advancement of the Code to Step 8.

Time frame

The Task Force shall complete its work within two (2) years, with one (1) Session of the Task Force.

APPENDIX XI

TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE *AD HOC* CODEX INTERGOVERNMENTAL TASK FORCE ON ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE

Objectives

To develop science based guidance, taking full account of its risk analysis principles and the work and standards of other relevant international Organizations, such as FAO, WHO and OIE. The intent of this guidance is to assess the risks to human health associated with the presence in food and feed including aquaculture and the transmission through food and feed of antimicrobial resistant microorganisms and antimicrobial resistance genes and to develop appropriate risk management advice based on that assessment to reduce such risk.

Terms of reference

To develop guidance on methodology and processes for risk assessment, its application to the antimicrobials used in human and veterinary medicine as provided by FAO/WHO through JEMRA, and in close cooperation with OIE, with subsequent consideration of risk management options. In this process work undertaken in this field at national, regional and international levels should be taken into account.

Time frame

The Task Force shall complete its work within four sessions, starting 2007.

APPENDIX XII

CURRENT CHAIRMANSHIP OF CODEX SUBSIDIARY BODIES

Subsidiary Bodies Established under Rule XI.1(b)(i)

Code	Subsidiary Body	Member Responsible	Status
CX 703	Codex Committee on Milk and Milk Products	New Zealand	Active
CX 708	Codex Committee on Cocoa Products and Chocolate	Switzerland	*Sine die*
CX 709	Codex Committee on Fats and Oils	United Kingdom	Active
CX 710	Codex Committee on Sugars	United Kingdom	*Sine die*
CX 711	Codex Committee on Food Additives	China	Active
CX 735	Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods	The Netherlands	Active
CX 712	Codex Committee on Food Hygiene	United States of America	Active
CX 713	Codex Committee on Processed Fruits and Vegetables	United States of America	Active
CX 714	Codex Committee on Food Labelling	Canada	Active
CX 715	Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling	Hungary	Active
CX 716	Codex Committee on General Principles	France	Active
CX 718	Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues	China	Active
CX 719	Codex Committee on Natural Mineral Waters	Switzerland	*Sine die*
CX 720	Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses	Germany	Active
CX 722	Codex Committee on Fish and Fishery Products	Norway	Active
CX 723	Codex Committee on Meat Hygiene	New Zealand	*Sine die*
CX 728	Codex Committee on Vegetable Proteins	Canada	*Sine die*
CX 729	Codex Committee on Cereals, Pulses and Legumes	United States of America	*Sine die*
CX 730	Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods	United States of America	Active
CX 731	Codex Committee on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables	Mexico	Active
CX 733	Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Certification and Inspection Systems	Australia	Active

Code		Subsidiary Body	Member Responsible
Ad hoc Intergovernmental Task Force established by the 27th Session of the Commission			
CX	802	*Ad hoc* Codex Intergovernmental Task Force on Foods derived from Biotechnology	Japan
Ad hoc Intergovernmental Task Force established by the 29th Session of the Commission			
CX	804	*Ad hoc* Codex Intergovernmental Task Force on Antimicrobial Resistance	Republic of Korea
CX	805	*Ad hoc* Codex Intergovernmental Task Force on the Processing and Handling of Quick Frozen Foods	Thailand

Subsidiary Bodies Established under Rule XI.1(b)(ii)

Code	Subsidiary Body	Member Responsible
CX 706	FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Europe	Coordinator for Europe
CX 707	FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Africa	Coordinator for Africa
CX 725	FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Latin America and the Caribbean	Coordinator for Latin America and the Caribbean
CX 727	FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Asia	Coordinator for Asia
CX 732	FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for North America and the South West Pacific	Coordinator for North America and the South West Pacific
CX 734	FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for the Near East	Coordinator for the Near East