



JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME

CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD HYGIENE

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

A MATTERS ARISING FROM THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION (39th Session)

MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

Standards and Related Texts Adopted¹

1. CAC39 **adopted** the following:

- *Guidelines for the Control of Non-typhoidal Salmonella spp in Beef and Pork Meat* (CAC/GL 87-2016);
- *Guidelines on the Application of General Principles of Food Hygiene to the Control of Foodborne Parasites* (CAC/GL 88-2016); and
- Annexes to the *Code of Hygienic Practice for Low-Moisture Foods* (CAC/RCP 75-2015).

Revocation²

2. CAC39 **approved** the revocation of the *Code of Hygienic Practice for Spices and Dried Aromatic Herbs* (CAC/RCP 42-1995).

Codex work on antimicrobial resistance³

3. CAC39 agreed to:

- Establish an *ad hoc* Intergovernmental Task Force on Antimicrobial Resistance (TFAMR), to be hosted by the Republic of Korea, to develop science-based guidance on the management of foodborne antimicrobial resistance (TOR are presented in Appendix VIII of REP16/CAC).
- Establish a PWG, chaired by the United Kingdom and co-chaired by Australia and the United States of America, to revise (a) the project documents for new work; and (b) the terms of reference for the request for scientific advice to FAO and WHO in collaboration with OIE.
- Request FAO and WHO to develop a capacity development programme to respond to the needs identified.

4. The Committee is **invited to note** the above information.

MATTERS FOR ACTION

New Work⁴

5. The Commission approved new work on:

- Revision of the *General Principles of Food Hygiene* (CAC/RCP 1-1969) and its HACCP Annex;
- Revision of the *Code of Practice for Fresh Fruits and Vegetables* (CAC/RCP 53-2003); and
- Guidance for histamine control in the *Code of Practice for Fish and Fishery Products* (CAC/RCP 52-2003) and sampling plans for histamine in standards for fish and fishery products.

¹ REP16/CAC, Appendix III. Full discussion can be found in paragraphs 31 – 39.

² REP16/CAC, Appendix V

³ REP16/CAC, para. 164, Appendix VIII

⁴ REP16/CAC, Appendix VI

Guidance for histamine control in the *Code of Practice for Fish and Fishery Products* (CAC/RCP 52-2003) and sampling plans for histamine in standards for fish and fishery products⁵

6. The Commission approved this new work⁶ and agreed, as recommended by CCEXEC⁷, that the work should be assigned to CCFH. The Commission further agreed to recommend that CCFH start work immediately, i.e. that the work be included on the agenda of CCFH48, and that CCFH consider the timeline for completion of the work in light of its forward work plan.

7. The Committee is **invited** to consider the new work under items 4, 5 and 6, respectively.

B MATTERS ARISING FROM OTHER CODEX SUBSIDIARY BODIES

MATTERS FOR ACTION

Codex Committee on Food Labelling (43rd Session)⁸

Revision of the *General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods* (CODEX STAN 1-1985): date marking

8. CCFL43 agreed to request advice from CCFH on the appropriateness of the food safety criterion 1 to exempt foods from date marking. The criterion has been reproduced in Appendix I to this document.

9. The Committee is **invited** to consider this request.

FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Asia (20th Session)⁹

Endorsement of Hygiene Provisions in Codex Standards

10. In accordance with its Terms of References and established practice the CCFH is invited to endorse the **hygiene provisions** of standards and codes of practice when they have achieved Step 5/8 or 8 status in the Codex elaboration procedure.

11. The Committee is invited to consider and take a decision on the suitability for endorsement of the **relevant hygiene provisions** in the following text from CCASIA:

- Regional Code of Hygienic Practice for Street-vended Foods.

12. The Committee is **invited** to indicate whether the texts are

- Suitable for endorsement;
- Suitable for endorsement with amendments; or
- Not suitable for endorsement, giving reasons.

13. The proposed draft regional code of hygienic practice for street-vended foods is available in [REP17/ASIA, Appendix V](#).

⁵ REP16/CAC paras 98-99, Appendix VI

⁶ Proposed by CCFFP34 - REP16/FFP, para. 72 and CX/CAC 16/39/7, Annex II. CCFFP has been adjourned *sine die* – see further details in REP16/CAC, paras 182-183

⁷ REP16/EXEC, paras 13-15

⁸ REP16/FL, para.42, Appendix II

⁹ REP17/ASIA, para. 98, Appendix V

Proposed draft revision of the General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods: date marking

Section 4.7

(vii) Notwithstanding 4.7.1 (i) and 4.7.1 (ii), a date mark shall not be required for a food if one or more of the following criteria apply:

1. **Where safety is not compromised and quality does not deteriorate**
 - 1.1 **because of the preservative nature of the food is such that it cannot support microbial growth (e.g. alcohol, salt, acidity, low water activity); and/or**
 - 1.2 **under stated storage conditions;**