



JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME CODEX COMMITTEE ON GENERAL PRINCIPLES

Thirty-first Session

Bordeaux, France, 11 - 15 March 2019

Matters referred to the Committee

1. CAC39 (2016) - Consistency of the Risk Analysis Texts across the Relevant Committees¹

1.1 The Commission endorsed the recommendations of the CCGP that:

- CCNFSDU should revise the text on nutritional risk analysis and consider how to include JEMNU as a primary source of scientific advice;
- The Secretariat should address minor numbering issues in the texts for CCCF, CCRVDF and CCPR with the relevant Committees.

1.2 The Commission further noted that CCGP had completed work on the consistency of the risk analysis principles within Codex.

1.3 The Commission noted the reservations of Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Honduras, Paraguay, Peru, and Uruguay in relation to the discontinuation of the discussion on the consistency of the risk analysis principles across Codex committees in CCGP because they considered that the mandate given by CAC to CCGP had not been completed and therefore requested that the matter continue to remain on the agenda of CCGP.

2. CAC40 (2017) - Regular Review of Codex Work Management: Electronic Working Groups²

The Commission:

- (i) endorsed the recommendations of CCEXEC73³;
- (ii) further recommended that the Secretariat work with regional coordinators in examining barriers to active participation and identifying possible solutions and that the matter be included on the agenda of forthcoming RCC meetings; and
- (iii) took note of the proposal by several delegations to discuss EWG-related guidance at CCGP if considered necessary in future.

3. CAC41 (2018) - Pilot for a Committee on Standards Advancement⁴

The Commission agreed to await the outcomes of the discussion at CCGP on guidance for working by correspondence before returning to the question of whether CCSA should be established.

¹ REP16/CAC paras 179-181

² REP17/CAC para 116

³ REP17/EXEC2 para 91

⁴ REP18/CAC para 106

4. CCFICS 24 (2018) - Discussion Paper on Food Integrity and Food Authenticity⁵

4.1 The 24th Session of the Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems Committee agreed to establish an EWG, chaired by the United States of America and co-chaired by the EU and the Islamic Republic of Iran, working in English only, to:

- (i) further consider the role of CCFICS with respect to tackling the challenge of food fraud in the context of food safety and fair practices in the food trade; and
- (ii) conduct a comprehensive analysis of existing relevant Codex texts within and outside of CCFICS to avoid overlapping or intrusion onto the mandate of other Codex general subject or commodity committees, noting that a number of related Codex texts existed within and outside of CCFICS.

4.2 Should the EWG identify gaps in existing CCFICS texts, it may: propose new work, within the scope and mandate of CCFICS, for consideration at CCFICS25; consider what definitions need to be developed; and propose definitions that may be needed in any future project document, consistent with existing Codex texts, scope and mandate for use in prospective project documents as appropriate.

4.3 The results of the discussion and any proposals for new work in CCFICS would not preclude other Codex Committees from initiating new work that may complement the work of CCFICS falling within the scope and mandate of their respective Committees.

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

⁵ REP19/FICS paras 57-60