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MATTERS ARISING FROM THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION AND OTHER CODEX COMMITTEES

A. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION (CAC43, CAC44 AND CAC45)

Matters for Information

Regional Standard for Mixed Zaatar¹

- 1. CAC43 adopted the Regional Standard for Mixed Zaatar at Step 8 noting that it would be published following endorsement by CCFA and CCFL.
- 2. CAC44 adopted the methods of analysis and performance criteria for mixed zaatar, as proposed by CCMAS41 noting the corrections to the method for determination of acid-insoluble ash in mixed zaatar (ISO 939 and ISO 930) for inclusion in the *Recommended Methods of Analysis and Sampling* (CXS 234-1999).

Regional Standard for Maamoul²

3. CAC43 approved the new work proposal: Regional Standard for Maamoul.

Regional Standard for Labneh³

4. CAC43 discontinued the ongoing work to develop a Regional Standard for Labneh.

Amendments to the Procedural Manual⁴

- 5. CAC44 adopted:
 - the Criteria and Procedural Guidelines for Codex Committees and ad hoc Intergovernmental Task Forces Working by Correspondence as contained in CRD02 to CAC44 to be included in the Procedural Manual, Section III; and
 - the following Amendments to the Procedural Manual: Risk Analysis principles applied by CCRVDF and Approach for the extrapolation of MRLs for veterinary drugs to one or more species.

Coordinators of Near East⁵

6. CAC43 appointed Saudi Arabia as Coordinators to hold office from the end of CAC43 until the end of the first regular session of the Commission following the next session of the relevant Coordinating Committee.

<u>Application of the Statements of Principle Concerning the Role of Science in the Codex Decision-Making</u> <u>Process and the extent to which other factors are taken into account (SoP)⁶</u>

7. CAC44 welcomed the ongoing work by CCEXEC on the guidance for Chairpersons and Members on the operationalization and the consistent application of the SoP, and further encouraged CCEXEC to complete this work in an expeditious manner.

¹ REP20/CAC para. 79 and Appendix II; REP21/CAC para. 49

² REP20/CAC para. 80 Appendix V

³ REP20/CAC para. 81 Appendix VI

⁴ REP21/CAC para. 36

⁵ REP20/CAC para. 164

⁶ REP21/CAC para. 14; REP22/CAC para. 22

8. CAC45 endorsed the proposal to refer the draft Guidance for Codex Chairpersons and Members on the application of the SoP to the Chairpersons of Codex subsidiary bodies to facilitate deliberations on matters that fell within the scope of the SoP; and urged members to take account of the draft guidance as appropriate during the process of standards development and advancement. CAC45 furthermore requested the Secretariat to issue a Circular Letter (CL) inviting Members and Observers to provide specific suggestions to improve the draft guidance, its finalization and its possible incorporation into guidance documents for Chairpersons and Members. Comments on the draft guidelines can be submitted in response to CL 2023/32 until 31 August 2023.

Codex and the pandemic7

- 9. CAC43 recommended to all subsidiary bodies and Members and Observers to make full use of existing remote working mechanisms such as EWGs and CLs and to plan their virtual committee meetings in such a manner as to optimize the possibility to complete their agendas.
- 10. CAC44 recommended that Rule XI (7) and (8) continue to be interpreted in a manner that includes a virtual setting with respect to sessions of Codex Subsidiary Bodies including CCEXEC and that application of this should take into consideration the criteria outlined by CCEXEC80.

60th Anniversary of Codex8

- 11. CAC44 agreed that the celebration of the Codex 60th Anniversary would be a wonderful occasion to raise awareness about food safety and encouraged all Members and Observers to use the opportunity of the Codex 60th Anniversary to plan and implement activities to build awareness of Codex and to engage high level political support for Codex work.
- 12. CAC45 encouraged Members and Observers to fully engage in the celebrations and to share information on their plans and activities directly and through the Codex Secretariat and urged Members to commit to advocacy at all levels to ensure both the widest possible participation in the celebrations and the widest possible promotion of the work of Codex.

New food sources and production systems (NFPS)9

13. CAC45 recognized the importance of Codex working in a flexible and timely manner to consider NFPS as an important topic in the development of international standards aimed at protecting consumer health and ensuring fair practices in the food trade; encouraged Members to submit proposals related to NFPS using existing Codex mechanisms, and Codex subsidiary bodies to consider NFPS in their deliberations; and requested the Codex Secretariat to send a circular letter (CL) to Members and Observers to identify possible issues related to NFPS that the current structure and procedures could not address and options to address them for discussion at CAC46. Comments can be submitted in response to CL 2023/31 until 31 August 2023.

Future of Codex¹⁰

- 14. CAC45 considered the report of a subcommittee established by CCEXEC82 to develop a blueprint for the future of Codex based on the experience of and changes that were needed during the COVID-19 pandemic and noting that the upcoming 60th anniversary presented timely opportunities to reflect on the future of Codex. The focus to date had been on preparedness in terms of working modalities and the evolution of working practices within Codex related to meeting formats, meeting schedules, and working groups, and other virtual informal working mechanisms.
- 15. CAC45 noted that the future of Codex was a work in progress and that there would be an opportunity in 2023 for all Members and Observers to engage on this topic; noted the need, in due course, to review the Procedural Manual to ensure that its provisions enabled and facilitated continued virtual and hybrid meetings.
- 16. CAC45 requested the Codex Secretariat to consult with the FAO and WHO Legal Offices on a possible amendment to the rules of procedure allowing the Commission to take place virtually if needed and to prepare a paper on this specific issue for consideration by CCGP33, which in turn should advise CAC46.

Codex Strategic Plan 2020-202511

17. The Codex Strategic Plan 2020-2025 implementation report 2020-2021 was presented at CAC45. The Secretariat also presented the preliminary report on the pilot survey on the use and impact of Codex texts. CAC45 noted the continuing evolution of the Strategic Plan monitoring framework and requested the Codex Secretariat to further review the Strategic Plan monitoring framework with the intent to reduce the number of

⁷ REP20/CAC Para. 20; REP21/CAC para. 12

⁸ REP21/CAC para. 150; REP22/CAC para. 228

⁹ REP22/CAC para. 31

¹⁰ REP22/CAC para. 32 and para. 41

¹¹ REP22/CAC para. 187

indicators to those where the most useful information was collected and noted that there would be benefit in undertaking the elaboration of the next Strategic Plan with the membership in parallel with the development of the monitoring framework led by the Codex Secretariat.

Matters for action

Adoption of the General Standard for the Labelling of Non-Retail containers of Foods and consequential amendments to the Procedural Manual¹²

18. CAC44 adopted:

- the General Standard for the Labelling of Non-retail Containers of Foods (CXS 346-2021), at step 8¹³, and
- the consequential amendment to the Procedural Manual (i.e., the Format for Codex Commodity Standards, section on labelling) (see Procedural Manual 28th Edition, page 43, paras 104 and 105)).
- 19. CAC44 requested the Commodity Committees to review the labelling provisions for non-retail containers in existing and draft standards in light of the new standard for the labelling of non-retail containers. A proposal for consideration by CCNE11 is included in Annex 1, noting that only two of the regional standards currently have provisions for non-retail containers but CCNE11 may wish to consider if the other commodities for which regional standards have been established are also traded in non-retail containers and if so include the relevant provision.

B. MATTERS ARISING FROM CODEX SUBSIDIARY BODIES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION (CCEXEC78, CCEXEC80, CCEXEC81, CCEXEC82, CCEXEC83 and CCEXEC84)

Matters for information

Implementation of CAC42 decisions: Feedback on Changes and Proposals for further improvements¹⁴

- 20. CCEXEC78 requested that Chairpersons of subsidiary bodies and CAC together with the Secretariat:
 - Develop strategies to prevent or mitigate technical discussions at CAC on topics for which there was
 no consensus and communicate these strategies to Members. Such strategies may include short
 adjournments of the session for informal discussions or suspension of discussions on items that
 overrun the planned time limit; and
 - Ensure that, at meetings of CAC, written comments received were given due consideration and the technical basis of reservations were included in meeting reports.

<u>The application of the statements of principle concerning the role of science in the Codex Decision-Making</u> <u>Process and the extent to which other factors are taken into account (SoP)¹⁵</u>

- 21. CCEXEC78 requested that the Codex Secretariat in collaboration with FAO and WHO develop a first draft of the practical guidance in accordance with the ToR of the sub-committee and CCEXEC80 extended the mandate of the sub-committee to CCEXEC81.
- 22. CCEXEC81 agreed to re-establish the CCEXEC sub-committee on the application of the SoP and noted that CCEXEC82 would further consider how to engage the wider Codex membership.
- 23. CCEXEC82 developed a draft flow chart for use by Chairpersons in discussions relating to the advancement or adoption of standards at Step 5, Step 8 and Step 5/8 and agreed to re-establish the sub-committee to complete the work based in its discussions.
- 24. CCEXEC83 considered the report of the subcommittee with the draft guidance including a flowchart and apart from the shortening of the title and paragraph 23 agreed to forward the proposed text to CAC45 for its further consideration noting the subcommittee had completed its work and agreed to close the discussion on this topic.

¹² REP21/CAC, paragraphs 83 and 86

¹³ REP21/FL, paragraph 60

¹⁴ REP20/EXEC1 para. 30

¹⁵ REP20/EXEC1 para. 101 (i); REP21/EXEC1 para. 43(i); REP21/EXEC2 para. 99; REP22/EXEC1 para. 69; REP22/EXE2 para. 82

Codex and the pandemic¹⁶

- 25. CCEXEC80 recommended that when planning the agenda of Codex sessions to be convened virtually in 2021:
 - Pre-meeting planning and preparations were optimized in order to distil key issues for consideration by Codex subsidiary bodies and that this was communicated in a transparent manner; and
 - The Chairpersons together with the host and Codex secretariats were adequately prepared for the sessions and how to deal with agenda items in recognition of the challenges associated with conducting a virtual session.
- 26. CCEXEC81 recommended that Chairpersons and Host Secretariats collaborate closely with the Codex Secretariat in their efforts to establish a meeting schedule that is realistic to implement and ensures adequate time between meetings, and the Codex Secretariat together with Chairpersons and the larger membership further consider how EWGs and/or other inclusive and transparent mechanisms can continue to be strengthened, playing an even more fundamental role in Codex as a flexible mechanism to prepare work and ensure that discussions in subsidiary bodies are only held when there is a need for guidance or the work is ready for progression in the step process.

A model for future Codex work¹⁷

- 27. CCEXEC81 agreed to establish and lead a process to develop the blueprint for the future of Codex for consideration by CAC on its 60th anniversary in 2023. It was noted that the process would begin in the first quarter of 2022 with communication and outreach to Members and observers to collect general views on what a future Codex should look like.
- 28. CCEXEC82 agreed to establish a sub-committee to develop, in collaboration with the Codex Secretariat, a report including a proposed blueprint for the future of Codex for CCEXEC84, with an interim report on progress to CCEXEC83, taking into consideration the views of Members and Observers, FAO and WHO, Chairpersons of Codex Committees, Regional Coordinators, and Host Secretariats.
- 29. CCEXEC83, being presented with the interim report of the CCEXEC sub-committee, recognized that the virtual and hybrid meetings were essential tools for Codex and that practice in relation to these meeting modalities continued to develop; acknowledged the concerns expressed in consultations to date on the complexity of the process for developing new work; noted the added value new tools provided to the deliberations of EWG.
- 30. CCEXEC84 (2023) being presented with the proposed blueprint on the Future of Codex agreed that:
 - Section 2 of the revised draft blueprint Codex Standards for the future context and drivers (Appendix II of REP23/EXEC1) would serve as an input to the next strategic planning process. Inputs would be sought from Members and Observers in the context of that process;
 - The Codex Secretariat would circulate section 3 Model for future Codex work (Appendix II of REP23/EXEC1) for comments among Members and Observers with a small set of questions to guide the nature of inputs sought; and
 - CCEXEC85 would review section 4 and the recommendations in section 5.1.1 and 5.2 in the light of comments from Members on section 3 *Model for future Codex work* and make relevant recommendations for consideration by CAC46.

60th anniversary of the Codex Alimentarius Commission: 1963 – 202318

- 31. CCEXEC82 noted the information provided by the Codex Secretariat and the wealth of ideas shared and supported the main features of the planned celebrations; expressed commitment to advocacy at all levels to ensure the widest possible participation and promotion of the anniversary and encouraged Members and Observers to fully engage in early planning to identify their own contributions.
- 32. CCEXEC83 noted the information provided by the secretariat and the planned celebrations under development by the Secretariat and Members and encouraged Members and Observers to fully engage in the celebrations and to share information on their plans and activities directly and/or through the Codex Secretariat and commit to advocacy at all levels to ensure widest possible participation in and promotion of the anniversary.

¹⁷ REP21/EXEC2 para. 85; REP22/EXEC1 para. 100; REP22/EXEC2 para. 114; REP23/EXEC1 para. 101 Appendix II

¹⁶ REP21/EXEC1 para. 35; REP21/EXEC2 para. 84 (ii)

¹⁸ REP22/EXEC1 para. 129; REP22/EXEC2 para. 177

New food sources and production systems (NFPS)19

- 33. CCEXEC82 recognised that ongoing work by CCEXEC on "new food sources" did not preclude committees from undertaking new work falling within their respective mandates.
- 34. CCEXE82 agreed that the subcommittee should continue its stepwise consideration of the issues, informed by an analysis of the information collected through the CL, CRDs and report of CCEXEC82.
- 35. A report from CCEXEC sub-committee on new food sources and production systems was presented at CCEXEC83. CCEXEC83 recognised that this work had sensitized Codex to the challenges and opportunities arising in relation to NFPS and the potential role Codex could play in addressing any related food safety issues and facilitating fair trade of such commodities; recommended that CAC45 encourage Members to submit proposals related to NFPS using existing Codex mechanisms; and Codex subsidiary bodies to consider NFPS in their deliberations; and recognized the need to prepare guidance on how to apply existing procedures to ensure that Members do not perceive procedural obstacles to submitting new proposals for work in this and other areas of Codex

Codex Strategy Plan 2020 – 2025: Monitoring the use and impact of Codex texts²⁰

- 36. CCEXEC81 noted that, in line with Goal 3 of the Strategic Plan (Increase recognition and use of Codex Standards), the Codex Secretariat in consultation with the FAO and WHO Evaluation Offices had initiated a project to build a mechanism to monitor the use and impact of Codex standards.
- 37. CCEXEC82 discussed the draft mechanism to monitor the use and impact of Codex texts, and
 - recognized the benefits and challenges in monitoring the use and impact of Codex texts, and the importance of engagement as the process evolved and of periodic review;
 - endorsed the proposed approach for building the Codex M&E framework, noting that 2022 would be a pilot year for the re-designed survey approach and that the preliminary results would be reported at CCEXEC83 and CAC45; and
 - encouraged Members and Observers to identify potential resources to support data gathering for this work, particularly through case studies which should be selected according to a set of pre-defined criteria and be clear in terms of scope and context.
- 38. CCEXEC83 (2022), noting the preliminary results of the 2022 pilot survey on the use and impact of Codex texts, requested the Secretariat to further review and streamline the Strategic Plan monitoring framework, and that the results of the survey be considered in elaborating the next Strategic Plan. The full report was made available to CCEXEC84 as EXEC84/INF1.
- 39. CCEXEC84 (2023) considered a proposed revision to the monitoring framework and recommended that lessons learnt from the development and implementation of the monitoring framework for the Strategic Plan 2020-25 be taken into account when developing the monitoring framework for the Strategic Plan 2026-2031. CCEXEC84 noting the report of the survey on the use and impact of Codex texts and its recommendations confirmed that the survey approach, piloted in 2022, should be used as part of the mechanism to monitor the use and impact of Codex texts.

Regional standards21

- 40. CCEXEC83 (2022) in its critical review noted the need for more guidance on the preparation of new work proposals for regional standards and agreed that this would be more extensively considered at CCEXEC84.
- 41. CCEXEC84 (2023), considered a document from the Codex Secretariat on the challenges with the application of the criteria for consideration of new work proposals for regional standards in the context of regional needs and the international nature of trade. Noting the experiences of some Regional Coordinators CCEXEC84 requested the Codex Secretariat to update the working document in line with the discussions; and agreed to include the item on the agenda of CCEXEC85 for further discussion and advice back to CCASIA and other FAO/WHO Coordinating Committees as appropriate.
- 42. CCEXEC84, noting the proposal of a Member for a stocktaking of existing procedures to further consider the procedures and criteria in place regarding new work to reflect on whether there were any gaps, asked the Codex Secretariat to provide a document for a future meeting of CCEXEC that reviewed the approaches that had been developed.

¹⁹ REP22/EXEC1 para. 85; REP22/EXEC2 para. 100

²⁰ REP21/EXEC2 para. 91; REP22/EXEC1 para. 121; REP22/EXEC2 para. 165; REP23/EXEC1 para. 115

²¹ REP22/EXEC2, para, 40-41, 117-118; REP22/CAC, para, 183; CX/EXEC 23/84/8; REP23/EXEC1, paras 39-40, 148-155.

New work proposals²²

- 43. CCEXEC83 (2022), in its discussions on the Future of Codex and NFPS, acknowledged the need for guidance on how to apply existing procedures to ensure that Members did not perceive structural obstacles when submitting proposals for new work. CCEXEC83 requested the Codex Secretariat to draft practical guidance for Codex Members, for further consideration by CCEXEC, noting that CCGP33 would present an opportunity to discuss this topic with the wider Codex membership.
- 44. Discussions during CAC45 (2022) suggested that the prioritization and work management mechanisms developed by the different committees be collated in one place for ease of access and understanding. The Codex Secretariat noted that this could be undertaken as part of the guidance requested by CCEXEC83 on new work proposals.
- 45. CCEXEC84, noting the proposal of a Member for a stocktaking of existing procedures to further consider the procedures and criteria in place regarding new work to reflect on whether there were any gaps, asked the Codex Secretariat to provide a document for a future meeting of CCEXEC that reviewed the approaches that had been developed.

41st SESSION OF THE CODEX COMMITTEE ON METHODS OF ANALYSIS AND SAMPLING (CCMAS41)

Matters for information

Methods of Analysis for mixed zaatar²³

46. CCMAS41 reviewed the proposed methods of analysis for mixed zaatar, and endorsed Type I methods for sodium chloride, moisture, acid insoluble ash, extraneous matter, and foreign matter, recommended Type IV methods for insects/insect fragments, mould damage, mammalian excreta (whole), and mammalian excreta (ground) and noting that as the sodium chloride, and acid insoluble ash methods are on a dry weight basis, they also required a moisture determination in order to generate a result which meets the provision in the regional standard.

Matters for action

Review/ update of methods of analysis in the General Standard on Methods of Analysis and Sampling²⁴

47. CCMAS41 confirmed its continued liaison with other Codex committees on the use of the General Standard on Methods of Analysis and Sampling (CXS 234-1999) as the single reference for methods of analysis and sampling as requested by CCEXEC77.

42nd SESSION OF THE CODEX COMMITTEE ON METHODS OF ANALYSIS AND SAMPLING (CCMAS42)

Revision of the guidelines of sampling (CXG 50 - 2004)25

48. CCMAS42 agreed to inform relevant Codex committees of the revised General Guidelines on Sampling (CXG 50-2004) and request these committees to review their sampling plans in light of the revised Guidelines; and to remind Committees that sampling plans should be developed as needed in compliance with the General Guidelines on Sampling and not by a reference to CXG 50.

46th SESSION OF THE CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD LABELLING (CCFL46)

Matters for information

Consideration of labelling provisions in Codex standards²⁶

49. CCFL46 endorsed the labelling provisions in the Regional Standard for Mixed Zaatar

52nd and 53rd SESSION OF THE CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD ADDITIVE (CCFA52 and CCFA53)

Matters for information

Alignment of the food additive provisions of commodity standards and relevant provisions of the GSFA²⁷

50. CCFA52 agreed to:

• publish on the Codex website the document titled "Guideline on avoiding future divergence of food additive provisions in the GSFA with Commodity Standards" as an information document and inform the corresponding

²² REP22/EXEC2 para. 118; REP23/EXEC1

²³ REP21/MAS Appendix II (section 1.5) and MAS41/CRD02

²⁴ REP21/MAS para. 42

²⁵ REP23/MAS para 81

²⁶ REP21/FL para. 18

²⁷ REP21/FA para. 107; REP23/FA para. 68

Commodity Committees of this document; and

• update the alignment future work plan contained in the Information Document titled Guidance to Commodity Committees on the Alignment of Food Additive Provisions.

51. CCFA53 endorsed an updated forward work plan contained in the Information Document titled Guidance to Commodity Committees on the Alignment of Food Additive Provisions.

Endorsement and/or revision of Maximum levels for food additives and processing aids in Codex Standards²⁸

- 52. CCFA52 endorsed the recommendation, noting that the food additive provisions for the draft standards provided by CCNE did not permit use of food additives.
- 53. CCFA52 agreed to the recommendation for the endorsement of the proposed food additive provision for citric acid (INS 330) in the draft regional standard for mixed zaatar (for grade 3 mixed zaatar).

25th AND 26th SESSIONS CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD IMPORT AND EXPORT INSPECTION AND CERTIFICATION SYSTEMS (CCFICS25 and CCFICS26)

Matters for information

Tackling food fraud in the context of food safety and fair practices in the food trade²⁹

- 54. CCFICS25 agreed to start new work on this topic which was subsequently approved by CAC44 and to keep other relevant Codex Committees informed of the progress of the new work. An EWG chaired by the United States of America and co-chaired by China, EU, Iran and United Kingdom,
- 55. CCFICS26 returned the proposed draft guidelines on the prevention and control of food fraud to Step 2 for redrafting and established an EWG chaired by the United States of America and co-chaired by the United Kingdom, the Peoples Republic of China, the European Union, and the Islamic Republic of Iran, to prepare revised draft guidelines, taking into account all discussions and the comments submitted at CCFICS26, for consideration at CCFICS27 and to keep open the option to hold a physical working group session immediately prior to the next CCFICS session and/or a virtual intersessional meeting, to address any outstanding issues.

16th SESSION OF THE CODEX COMMITTEE ON CONTAMINANTS IN FOODS (CCCF16)

Matters for action

Priority List of Contaminants for Evaluation by JECFA³⁰

56. CCCF16 agreed to encourage Members and Observers to submit data on lead in bentonite, diatomaceous earth, and charcoal (activated carbon) so that data availability could be confirmed at CCFA54 in order to proceed with the review or establishment of the new specification.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 57. CCNE11 is invited to:
 - i. note the information provided in relevant paragraphs;
 - ii. encourage Members and Observers, on the occasion of the 60th anniversary, to plan and implement activities to build awareness of Codex and to engage high level political support for Codex work and to consider the implementation of a regional event to mark the 60th anniversary;
 - iii. consider the request from CAC44 as outlined in paragraphs 18 19 and update the relevant section in the existing CCNE standards noting that currently there are only provisions for non-retail containers in the two most recently developed regional standards (Doogh (CXS 332R-2018) and mixed Zaatar (CXS 341R-2020)) and CCNE11 may wish to consider whether other commodities for which there are regional standards are also traded in non-retail containers and if so propose the inclusion of the provisions for labelling of non-retail containers (Annex 1);
 - iv. provide any relevant comments on the ongoing work in CCMAS on the revision of the General Guidelines on Sampling (CXG 50-2004) and note that the Methods of Analysis and Sampling (CXS 234-1999) is the single reference for methods of analysis and sampling and take action as needed; and

²⁸ REP21/FA para. 69 and para. 70

²⁹ REP21/FICS para. REP23/FICS para. 93

³⁰ REP23/CF, para. 133 (viii)

v. encourage Members and Observers to actively engage in opportunities to contribute to the discussions in CCEXEC (i.e. the future of Codex) through the Regional Coordinator and/or by providing replies to relevant circular letters in this regard.

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Labelling provisions for non-retail containers in the CCNE Regional Standards

Proposed new texts added are shown in **bold**/<u>underlined</u> font. Texts proposed for deletion are shown in strikethrough.

Standard	Current text	Proposed revision
Regional Standard for Canned Humus with Tehena (CXS 257R- 2007)	No provision currently for labelling of non-retail containers. Therefore CCNE11 may wish to determine if this product is traded in non-retail containers and accordingly decide if it is appropriate to include the proposed provision.	9.2 Labelling of non-retail containers The labelling of non-retail containers should be in accordance with the General Standard for the Labelling of Non-Retail Containers in Foods (CXS 346-2021)
Regional Standard for Canned Foul Medames (CXS 258R-2007)	No provision currently for labelling of non-retail containers. Therefore	9.2 Labelling of non-retail containers
	CCNE11 may wish to determine if this product is traded in non-retail containers and accordingly decide if it is appropriate to include the proposed provision.	The labelling of non-retail containers should be in accordance with the General Standard for the Labelling of Non-Retail Containers in Foods (CXS 346-2021)
Regional Standard for Tehena (CXS 259R-2007)	No provision currently for labelling of non-retail containers. Therefore	8.2 Labelling of non-retail containers
	CCNE11 may wish to determine if this product is traded in non-retail containers and accordingly decide if it is appropriate to include the proposed provision.	The labelling of non-retail containers should be in accordance with the General Standard for the Labelling of Non-Retail Containers in Foods (CXS 346-2021)
Regional Standard for Harissa (Red Hot Pepper Paste) (CXS 308R-2011)	No provision currently for labelling of non-retail containers. Therefore CCNE11 may wish to determine if this product is traded in non-retail containers and accordingly decide if it is appropriate to include the proposed provision.	8.1 Labelling of non-retail containers
		The labelling of non-retail containers should be in accordance with the General Standard for the Labelling of Non-Retail Containers in Foods (CXS 346-2021)
Regional Standard for Halwa Tehenia(CXS 309R-2011)	No provision currently for labelling of non-retail containers. Therefore CCNE11 may wish to determine if this product is traded in non-retail containers and accordingly decide if it is appropriate to include the proposed provision.	8.1 Labelling of non-retail containers
		The labelling of non-retail containers should be in accordance with the General Standard for the Labelling of Non-Retail Containers in Foods (CXS 346-2021)
Regional Standard for Date Paste (Near East) (CXS 314R-2013)	No provision currently for labelling of non-retail containers. Therefore CCNE11 may wish to determine if this product is traded in non-retail containers and accordingly decide if it is appropriate to include the proposed provision.	9.2 Labelling of non-retail containers
		The labelling of non-retail containers should be in accordance with the General Standard for the Labelling of Non-Retail Containers in Foods (CXS 346-2021)

Regional Standard for Doogh (CXS 332R-2018)	8.3 Labelling of non-retail containers	8.3 Labelling of non-retail containers	
	Information required in Section 8 of this Standard and Sections 4.1 to 4.8 of the General Standard for the Labelling of Pre-packaged Foods, and, if necessary, storage instructions, shall be given either on the container or in accompanying documents, except that the name of the product, lot identification, and the name and address of the manufacturer, packer, distributor or importer, shall appear on the container. However, lot identification, and the name and address of the manufacturer, packer, distributor or importer may be replaced by an identification mark, provided that such a mark is clearly identifiable with the accompanying documents	Information required in Section 8 of this Standard and Sections 4.1 to 4.8 of the General Standard for the Labelling of Pre-packaged Foods, and, if necessary, storage instructions, shall be given either on the container or in accompanying documents, except that the name of the product, lot identification, and the name and address of the manufacturer, packer, distributor or importer, shall appear on the container. However, lot identification, and the name and address of the manufacturer, packer, distributor or importer may be replaced by an identification mark, provided that such a mark is clearly identifiable with the accompanying documents.	
		The labelling of non-retail containers should be in accordance with the General Standard for the Labelling of Non-Retail Containers in Foods (CXS 346-2021)	
Regional Standard for mixed zaatar (CXS 241R-2020)	7.2 Labelling of Non-Retail Packages	7.2 Labelling of non-retail Packages containers	
	Information for non-retail containers shall be given either on the container or in accompanying documents, except that the name of the product, lot identification, and the name and address of the manufacturer, packer, distributor or importer, as well as storage instructions, shall appear on the container. However, lot identification, and the name and address of the manufacturer, packer, distributor or importer may be replaced by an identification mark, provided that such a mark is clearly identifiable with the accompanying documents.	Information for non-retail containers shall be given either on the container or in accompanying documents, except that the name of the product, lot identification, and the name and address of the manufacturer, packer, distributor or importer, as well as storage instructions, shall appear on the container. However, lot identification, and the name and address of the manufacturer, packer, distributor or importer may be replaced by an identification mark, provided that such a mark is clearly identifiable with the accompanying documents.	
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