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CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION

Thirty-first Session

International Conference Centre, Geneva (Switzerland), 30 June - 4 July 2008

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

PART I: INTRODUCTION

1. Adoption of the Agenda and Arrangements for the Session
2. Report by the Chairperson on the 60th and 61st Sessions of the Executive Committee

PART II: PROCEDURAL MATTERS

3. Amendments to the Procedural Manual

PART III: CODEX STANDARDS AND RELATED TEXTS

4. Draft Standards and Related Texts at Step 8 of the Procedure (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)
5. Proposed Draft Standards and Related Texts at Step 5
6. Revocation of existing Codex Standards and Related Texts
7. Amendments to the Codex Standards and Related Texts
8. Proposals for New Work and for the Discontinuation of Work

PART IV: PROGRAMME AND BUDGETARY MATTERS

9. Financial and Budgetary Matters
10. Strategic Planning of the Codex Alimentarius Commission

Working documents will be uploaded onto the Codex website: www.codexalimentarius.net/web/index_en.jsp
Delegates are kindly requested to bring with them to the meeting all documents which have been distributed, as the number of additional copies which can be made available at the session is limited.

PART V: POLICY AND GENERAL MATTERS

11. Implementation of the Joint FAO/WHO Evaluation of the Codex Alimentarius and other FAO and WHO Work on Food Standards
 - a) General Implementation Status
 - b) Review of Codex Committee Structure and Mandates of Codex Committees and Task Forces
12. Matters arising from the Reports of the Commission, Codex Committees and Task Forces
13. Relations between the Codex Alimentarius Commission and other International Organizations
14. FAO/WHO Project and Trust Fund for Enhanced Participation in Codex
15. Other Matters arising from FAO and WHO

PART VI: ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

16. Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of the Commission
17. Designation of Countries responsible for Appointing the Chairpersons of Codex Committees and Task Forces

PART VII: OTHER MATTERS

18. Other Business
19. Adoption of the Report

**DRAFT TIMETABLE FOR AGENDA ITEMS
PART I – PART VII**

DAY	ITEMS
Monday, 30 June	1-3, 16, 4-8
Tuesday, 1 July	9-14
Wednesday, 2 July	15, 17, 18
Thursday, 3 July (a.m.)	(if necessary)
Friday, 4 July (p.m.)	19 (Adoption of report)

NOTES ON THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

General Note: With the exception of Agenda Item 16, for which the election process will begin on the opening day and continue through Wednesday, it is recommended that all items be taken in the order in which they appear. The adoption of report will take place on Friday 4 July in the afternoon. All delegations are kindly requested to stay until the end of the adoption of report.

PART I: INTRODUCTION (Items 1-2)

In accordance with Rule VII.2 of the Rules of Procedure, the first item on the Agenda is the Adoption of the Agenda. In accordance with Rule V.7 of the Rules of the Procedure the Executive Committee shall report to the Commission on the sessions of the Executive Committee held since the previous regular session of the Commission.

PART II: PROCEDURAL MATTERS (Item 3)

The Commission is invited to consider proposed amendments to the Rules of Procedure if there are any. The quorum required for the purpose of adopting amendments to the Rules of Procedure is the majority of the Members of the Commission, and such amendments require a two-thirds majority of votes cast for their adoption (Rule VI.7 and Rule XV.1).¹ Such amendments come into force only upon the approval of the Directors-General of FAO and WHO (Rule XV.1). The Commission will also be invited to consider other amendments to the Procedural Manual. The quorum required for such amendments is the normal quorum required for the transaction of business (Rule VI.7). They take effect upon the adoption of the report of the present session of the Commission.

PART III: CODEX STANDARDS AND RELATED TEXTS (Items 4-8)

The Commission is invited to consider draft standards and related texts submitted to it for adoption by subsidiary Codex Committees and Task Forces; these include drafts submitted at Step 8 of the Uniform Procedure for the Elaboration of Codex Standards, drafts submitted at Step 5 with the recommendation to omit Steps 6 and 7, and drafts submitted at Step 5 of the Accelerated Procedure. The Commission is also invited to consider proposed draft standards and related texts for adoption as draft standards and to confirm the revocation of existing Codex standards and related texts, as recommended by Codex Committees and Task Forces. Furthermore, the Commission is invited to consider proposals, from the Secretariat, for possible amendments to Codex standards and related texts in accordance with the *Guide to the Procedure for the Amendment and Revision of Codex Standards and Related Texts*². Finally, the Commission is invited to approve proposals to undertake the elaboration of new standards and texts (including the amendment or revision of existing texts) and proposals to discontinue work, taking into consideration the advice of the Executive Committee in the framework of the Critical Review.

PART IV: PROGRAMME AND BUDGETARY MATTERS (Items 9-10)

The Secretariat will present to the Commission a report on financial and budgetary matters, including the expenditures of the previous financial period. The Commission will also be invited to note the progress being made on the implementation of the Strategic Plan 2008-2013.

PART V: POLICY AND GENERAL MATTERS (Items 11-15)

The 26th Session of the Commission approved a number of proposals to implement the recommendations of the Joint FAO/WHO Evaluation of the Codex Alimentarius and Other FAO and WHO Work on Food Standards. The Commission will be invited to note the progress made in this regard and to follow up on the review of Codex committee structure and mandates of subsidiary bodies. The Commission will be invited to consider matters referred to it from its previous sessions and by its subsidiary bodies, including Codex future work on animal feeding. The Commission will be informed of the status of the relations between the Commission and

¹ The current Membership of the Commission being 175 countries, the quorum for this purpose is 88 Members.

² Procedural Manual of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, 17th Edition.

other international governmental and non-governmental organizations. In accordance with the *Principles Concerning the Participation of International Non-governmental Organizations in the Work of the Codex Alimentarius Commission*³, a list of organizations granted observer status will be presented to the Commission. The 25th (Extraordinary) Session of the Commission requested to be kept informed of the progress and operations of the FAO/WHO Project and Trust Fund for Enhanced Participation in Codex. A Progress Report will be presented to the Commission in this regard. The Commission will be invited to consider other matters arising from FAO and WHO.

PART VI: ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS (Items 16-17)

The election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of the Commission is governed by Rule III.1 of the Rules of Procedure. Because of the sequential nature of the election process a specific timetable is followed. A detailed explanatory note on the election procedure and voting is provided in document ALINORM 08/31/2. In accordance with Rule XI.10 of the Rules of Procedure, the Commission is also required to designate those countries responsible for appointing the chairpersons of Codex Committees and Task Forces (“host countries”).

PART VII: OTHER MATTERS (Items 18-19)

In accordance with Rule VII.5 of the Rules of Procedure, any Member of the Commission, and the Directors-General of FAO and WHO, may, after the dispatch of the Provisional Agenda, propose the inclusion of specific items in the Agenda with respect to matters of an urgent nature. In accordance with Rule X.1 of the Rules of Procedure and established practice, the Commission shall adopt the report of its 31st Session, based on a draft provided by the Secretariat.

DRAFT TIMETABLE FOR THE ELECTION OF THE OFFICERS OF THE COMMISSION

	OPENING OF NOMINATIONS	CLOSURE OF NOMINATIONS	SECRET BALLOT (IF REQUIRED)
Chairperson:	Monday 13:00	Tuesday 12:00	Tuesday 17:30
Vice-Chairpersons:	Wednesday 09:30	Wednesday 15:00	Wednesday 17:30

DRAFT TIMETABLE FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPORT (AGENDA ITEM 19)

	INDICATIVE HOURS
Distribution of Draft Report:	Friday 13:00
Beginning of Adoption:	Friday 14:00
Completion of Adoption:	Friday 17:00

³ Procedural Manual of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, 17th Edition.