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REPORT OF THE FOURTH SESSION OF THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR EUROPE

Rome, 8 November 1966

INTRODUCTION

1. The Fourth Session of the Coordinating Committee for Europe was held on 8th November 1966 in Rome. The meeting was opened by Prof. M.J.L. Dols, Chairman of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, and attended by Members of the Coordinating Committee for Europe, with Members of the Codex Alimentarius Commission from other regions as observers. Due to the decease of the Coordinator for Europe, it was necessary for the Coordinating Committee to recommend to the Commission the appointment of a new Coordinator for Europe. Dr. R. Wildner of Austria was unanimously proposed as the new Coordinator for two years and was elected to act as temporary Chairman for the Fourth Session of the Coordinating Committee for Europe.

HONEY

2. Before the Committee were the Report of the Third Session of the Coordinating Committee for Europe, including a report on the standard for honey and a draft provisional standard for honey which presented the points on this standard adopted at the meeting. This document was sent to governments for comments, and the comments received up to the time of the meeting were also before the Committee. On the basis of some of these comments the Austrian delegation had prepared a revised draft standard, which the Committee agreed to consider after some discussion, with the note that this was not to set a precedent since the document had not been circulated two months prior to the meeting. After some discussion on the technical points in the document under consideration, the Committee agreed that the standard for honey should be reconsidered by the Coordinating Committee for Europe at its next session at Step 7 of the Procedure for the Elaboration of Regional Standards. The Committee at that time should also recommend whether the standard be developed as a regional or world-wide standard. It was agreed that all the documents under consideration at this meeting (mentioned above in this paragraph) should be sent out to Governments for comment. The Austrian delegation should take into account as far as possible in redrafting the standard comments from Governments of all Member countries and should include these comments in the working paper for the next session of the Committee. The working document should be sent out well in advance of the meeting, so as to enable all countries interested in the standard to consult with their experts.

BROTHS AND SOUPS

3. The Committee, after receiving a brief verbal report from the delegation of Switzerland, decided not to recommend setting up a Codex Committee on this subject at this time. The subject would be reexamined at the next session of the Committee in the light of an outline paper on the broths and soups covering the international trade in these products, reviewing any draft standards of other Organizations and including a justification for the establishment of a Codex Committee on Broths and Soups.

NATURAL MINERAL WATERS

4. Professor C. Högl, Chairman of the Codex Committee on Natural Mineral Waters, gave a verbal report on the last session held in Berne in October 1966 of the drafting committee set up by the Codex Committee on Natural Mineral Waters, and stated that a second session of the drafting committee was expected to be held about the end of January 1967. The Commission was informed that, following the January 1967 meeting of the drafting committee, it was hoped to be able to submit a text for consideration by the Codex Committee at its next session.

DIETETIC FOODS

5. The Coordinating Committee noted the statement of the delegation of the Federal Republic of Germany that the annex to the report of the first meeting of the Codex Committee on Dietetic Foods was regarded by that Committee as a proposed draft provisional standard at Step 3, and that this matter would be referred to the Commission when the report of the first meeting was under consideration.