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Agenda Item 2

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CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD IMPORT AND EXPORT INSPECTION AND CERTIFICATION SYSTEMS

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MATTERS ARISING FROM THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION AND ITS SUBSIDIARY BODIES

(Comments submitted by Kenya, Norway, Rwanda, Singapore, United Republic of Tanzania, and East African Community)

Kenya

Kenya takes note of the matters arising from CAC 46 and its 85th and 86th Executive Committee meetings, as well as those from its other subsidiary bodies.

Norway

We would like to comment on the Principles and Guidelines on the Use of Remote Audit and Inspection in Regulatory Frameworks CXG 102-2023 adopted in 2023. We would like to refer to “Matters for information” paragraph 1, subsection ii “that any proposed amendments or revision should be submitted to the next session of CCFICS for consideration”, and hereby propose the following:

Paragraph 6a should be amended to read:

Ensure ~~they understand~~ the availability of and have access to necessary technologies to facilitate remote audit and inspection activities when there is a stipulated reasonable requirement from a competent authority. They should clearly indicate their ability to engage in remote auditing or inspection, otherwise physical audit or inspection would be the preferred option.

Reason: Considering the experience gained on remote audits and challenges connected to technology, we find it important that language on necessary technologies is clear for entities to be audited or inspected.

We would like to suggest that this amendment is discussed under this agenda item or under agenda item 10.

Rwanda

Rwanda takes note of matters arising from the 46th sessions of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC 46) and its executive committee (CCEXEC85 AND CCEXEC86) and matters arising from other subsidiary bodies.

The matters noted include among others Standards and Related Texts adopted by the Commission and new work items that were approved.

Singapore

During the 86th Session of the Executive Committee of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CCEXEC86), Singapore presented two new work proposals under the New Food Sources and Production System, focusing on cell-based foods. One proposal was for a “Guideline for the Conduct of Food Safety Assessment of Cell Culture Media Components Used in the Production of Cell-Based Foods” and the other proposal was for a “Code of Hygienic Practice for the Manufacture of Cell-Based Foods.”

CCEXEC86 noted the new work proposals on cell-based foods and recommended that the proposed code of hygienic practice be submitted to Codex Committee on Food Hygiene (CCFH) in response to the Circular Letter requesting new work proposals, and that the proposed guidelines on safety assessment may be submitted to Codex Committee on Food Additives (CCFA).

Singapore invites Member Countries to consider these two proposals, provide comments and support the initiation of new work at the respective subsidiary Codex Committees.

Tanzania

TANZANIA notes the matters arising from the 46th sessions of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC 46) and its executive committee (CCEXEC85 and CCEXEC86), and matters arising from other subsidiary bodies as well as their recommendations.

East African Community

Position: EAC notes the matters arising from the 46th sessions of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC 46) and its executive committee (CCEXEC85 and CCEXEC86), and matters arising from other subsidiary bodies as well as their recommendations.