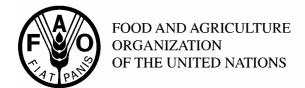
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MATTERS REFERRED BY THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION AND OTHER CODEX COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON FOOD HYGIENE¹

The Committee noted that the Committee on General Principles had referred the matter of definitions of Food Safety Objectives to the relevant committees for consideration regarding their applications to specific food safety issues.

While considering the Proposed Draft Principles and Guidelines for the Conduct of Microbiological Risk Management, the Committee agreed to forward the definitions on Food Safety Objective, Performance Objective and Performance Criterion to the Committee on General Principles for endorsement and subsequent adoption by the Commission, with the understanding that these definitions would be included in the Procedural Manual (ALINORM 04/27/13, para. 87 and Appendix III)

DEFINITIONS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE PROCEDURAL MANUAL

(for endorsement by the Codex Committee on General Principles)

Food Safety Objective (FSO): The maximum frequency and/or concentration of a hazard in a food at the time of consumption that provides or contributes to the appropriate level of protection.

Performance Objective (PO): The maximum frequency and/or concentration of a hazard in a food at a specified step in the food chain before the time of consumption that provides or contributes to an FSO or ALOP, as applicable.

Performance Criterion (PC): The effect in frequency and/or concentration of a hazard in a food that must be achieved by the application of one or more control measures to provide or contribute to a PO or an FSO.

^{36&}lt;sup>th</sup> Session, Washington D.C, USA, 29 March – 3 April 2004, ALINORM 04/27/13