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TO: Codex Contact Points
Interested International Organizations

FROM: Secretary, Codex Alimentarius Commission

SUBJECT: **Request for comments and information on: (i) the Use of Codex standards at national and regional level; and (ii) Nutritional issues in the region**

DEADLINE: **1 September 2010**

COMMENTS: **To:** Secretary
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In preparation of the 17th FAO/WHO (Codex) Coordinating Committee for Asia (CCASIA), information is requested on: (i) the use of Codex standards and related texts at the national and regional levels (Part A of the attached questionnaire); and (ii) nutritional issues within the region (Part B of the attached questionnaire). The information submitted will be compiled in working documents to be considered by the 17th CCASIA.

Governments and international organizations in observer status with Codex are invited to submit the relevant information by using the questionnaire, attached to this Circular Letter and to provide this information, as directed above, *preferably by e-mail*, not later than **1 September 2010**.

QUESTIONNAIRE

Governments and international organizations in observer status with Codex are invited to provide information on the following matters:

PART A. USE OF CODEX STANDARDS AT NATIONAL AND REGIONAL LEVEL

(i) Use of Codex standards and related texts at the national and regional level

(ii) Non-use of Codex standards and related texts at the national and regional level, with reasons where applicable

(iii) Difficulties encountered in the use or application of Codex standards and related texts at the national and regional level

(iv) Relevance of Codex standards and related texts as a basis for harmonization of legislation and regulations, including in the perspective of economic integration

(v) Any other health and/or trade problems related to standardization at the national or regional level

PART B. NUTRITIONAL ISSUES IN THE REGION

Nutritional issues within the country or region such as: obesity, nutritional profiles, and any public health-oriented actions taken including the use of nutritional labelling and claims.
