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MATTERS FOR ACTION

CCPFV (*Codex Committee on Processed Fruits and Vegetables*)

Report on Status of Work and Recommendations for Future CCPFV Activities¹

This report provides an update on the progress of CCPFV since CAC41, and recommendations for next steps for CCPFV for efficiently furthering its standards development work. The Commission **is invited to consider** the recommendations provided in paragraph 5 of Section III of this document.

I. BACKGROUND

1. In spring 2018, the Codex Committee on Processed Fruits and Vegetables (CCPFV) met by correspondence through the electronic user-group “CCPFV-online” using the Codex electronic forum to prioritize work, develop a workplan, and recommend Electronic Working Groups (EWG) to carry out standards development and related work. These three tasks were assigned by CAC40².

2. Twenty members, one member organization, and seven observers joined CCPFV-online which used the results of an online survey and other inputs to develop recommendations for each of the three tasks. The CCPFV Chair presented these recommendations to CCEXEC75 and CAC41. CAC41 endorsed the recommendations for EWGs and for holding a physical meeting at the appropriate time³.

3. Following CAC41, the seven EWGs began their standards development and responses to matters referred from the Codex Committee on Food Additives (CCFA) and the Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling (CCMAS). As indicated in the CCPFV workplan, the EWGs provided progress reviews in December 2018. Six of the seven EWGs provided reports, with varying degrees of progress indicated. Based on review of the reports, the CCPFV Chair, after consultation with the U.S. Host Secretariat and discussion with the Codex Secretariat, determined that “Option 2” of the CCPFV workplan was most appropriate, i.e., continuing to “meet by correspondence until the level of progress on standards is sufficient for a physical meeting.” “Option 1,” which called for holding a physical meeting in September 2019, was not seen as practicable. Option 2 was selected due to the need for continuation of the ongoing work by the EWGs before overall progress could be assessed, and the need for adequate administrative lead time to prepare for a physical meeting. Option 2 also called for the CCPFV Chair to provide an update and recommendations to CCEXEC and CAC.

II. CURRENT SITUATION

4. As of mid-June 2019, four of the seven CCPFV EWGs have provided final reports with proposed draft revised standards and recommendations on matters referred, as appropriate. Final reports are expected from the other three EWGs soon. See Appendix I for the status of each EWG.

III. RECOMMENDATIONS

5. Based on the progress of the seven CCPFV EWGs, the following steps for CCPFV are recommended:

- CCPFV to continue meeting by correspondence by reconvening CCPFV-online, open to all Codex members and observers;

¹ This report has been prepared by the Chair of CCPFV

² REP17/CAC para. 95

³ REP18/CAC, para. 88

- Distribute the EWG final reports and proposed draft revised standards and recommendations via CCPFV-online for review and comment by CCPFV-online members;
- CCPFV-online to assess comments and incorporate them into draft documents and recommendations as appropriate (may include re-establishment of EWGs to perform part of this step);
- Recommend final adoption by CAC of those draft standards for which consensus is reached by CCPFV-online;
- Recommend CAC adoption at Step 5 of those draft standards for which this step is appropriate;
- Convey to CCFA and CCMAS recommendations regarding matters referred;
- Assess and respond to newly identified matters referred from CCFA51 and other committees if such referrals arise; and
- Review progress of current CCPFV work, and assess whether a physical meeting in 2020 would be appropriate.

6. In 2018-2019, CCPFV met by correspondence using the Codex electronic forum and e-mail, and used resources efficiently to successfully complete the specific tasks it was assigned. CCPFV's current situation is again suited for meeting by correspondence to efficiently further the committee's work of advancing documents for possible adoption, and/or further elaboration of drafts in advance of a physical meeting.

The status of seven EWGs established by CAC41

<p>EWG for Dried Fruits (Proposed Draft General Standard for Dried Fruits (including dried persimmons and dried longans))</p> <p>The EWG, chaired by Thailand and co-chaired by the Republic of Korea, held three rounds of consultations and issued a final report in June 2019 with a Proposed Draft Standard with Annexes.</p> <p>This is ready to be made available to CCPFV-online for review and comment. (Ten member countries, one UN agency, one member organization, and one non-governmental organization joined this EWG.)</p>
<p>EWG for Canned Fruit Salad (Proposed Draft General Standard for Canned Mixed Fruits (Revision of the Standard for Canned Tropical Fruit Salad (CODEX STAN 99-1981)))</p> <p>The EWG, chaired by Thailand, held three rounds of consultations and issued a final report in June 2019 with a Proposed Draft Standard with Annexes.</p> <p>This is ready to be made available to CCPFV-online for review and comment. (Nine member countries, one member organization, and one non-governmental organization joined this EWG.)</p>
<p>EWG for Chili Sauce (Conversion of the Regional Standard for Chili Sauce (CODEX STAN 306R-2011) into a Worldwide Standard)</p> <p>The EWG, chaired by India, provided a mid-year report in December 2018 indicating responses from four member countries had been received (out of 10 registered member countries) on the first draft circulated. A final report is expected by the end of June 2019.</p>
<p>EWG for Gochujang (Conversion of the Regional Standard for Gochujang (CODEX STAN 294R-2009) into a worldwide standard)</p> <p>The EWG, chaired by the Republic of Korea, provided a mid-year report in December 2018 indicating a first consultative round was completed and four member countries joined the EWG.</p> <p>A final report with a proposed draft worldwide standard, resulting from two additional circulation rounds, is expected soon.</p>
<p>EWG for Mango Chutney (Revision of the Standard for Mango Chutney (CODEX STAN 160-1987))</p> <p>The EWG, chaired by India and cochaired by Jamaica, held two rounds of consultations and issued a final report in May 2019 with a Proposed Draft Revised Standard.</p> <p>This is ready to be made available to CCPFV-online for review and comment. (Twelve member countries and one member organization joined this EWG.)</p>
<p>EWG for Matters Referred from the Codex Committee on Food Additives</p> <p>The EWG, chaired by the United States, held several rounds of consultations and issued a final report in May 2019 with recommendations on some items for which consensus was reached, and identified areas where there were divergent views. (Sixteen countries, one member organization, and five non-governmental organizations joined this EWG.)</p>
<p>EWG for Matters Referred from the Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling</p> <p>The EWG, chaired by the United States, held one round of consultations.</p> <p>A final report is expected soon. (Four member countries and one non-governmental organization joined in this EWG.)</p>