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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

CAC44 was opened by the Directors-General of WHO and FAO. The Session was attended by delegates from 158 Member Countries, one Member Organization, one Observer Country, and Observers of 49 international governmental (IGOs) and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and United Nations agencies, and Palestine.

Main decisions of CAC44:

Amendments to the Procedural Manual, including

- Criteria and Procedural Guidelines for Codex Committees and ad hoc Intergovernmental Task Forces Working by Correspondence
- Risk Analysis principles applied by CCRVDF: Approach for the extrapolation of MRLs for veterinary drugs to one or more species

Final adoption of more than 900 new and revised Codex standards (including numerical standards), guidelines and codes of practice, including

- Principles and guidelines for the assessment and use of voluntary Third-Party Assurance (vTPA) programmes
- Guidance on paperless use of electronic certificates (*Revised Guidelines for Design, Production, Issuance and Use of Generic Official Certificates*, CXG 38-2001)
- General standard for the labelling of non-retail containers of foods
- Guidelines on front-of-pack nutrition labelling (Annex to the *Guidelines on Nutrition Labelling*, CXG 2-1985)
- Revision to the *Code of practice to minimize and contain foodborne antimicrobial resistance* (CXC 61-2005)
- Guidelines on integrated monitoring and surveillance of foodborne antimicrobial resistance
- Standards for dried oregano; dried or dehydrated ginger; dried cloves; and dried basil
- Maximum Levels for cadmium in chocolates containing or declaring < 30% or ≥30% to <50% total cocoa solid on a dry matter basis
- Amendment to the Maximum Levels for lead in fruit juices and grape juice
- Revision of the *Code of practice for the prevention and reduction of lead contamination in foods* (CXC 56-2004)
- Revision to the *Guidelines on Measurement Uncertainty* (CXG 54-2004)
- ~400 Maximum Residue Limits for 43 different pesticides in various foods and feeds
- 6 Maximum Residue Limits for 3 veterinary drugs in foods
- >500 food additive provisions
- Methods of analysis /performance criteria for provisions in *Recommended Methods of Analysis and Sampling* (CXS 234-1999)

5 Codex texts adopted at Step 5:

- Standard for dried seeds - nutmeg
- Code of practice for the prevention and reduction of cadmium contamination in cocoa beans
- Revision to the *General Guidelines on Sampling* (CXG 50-2004)
- Maximum Residue Limits for ivermectin
- Guidelines for compounds of low public health concerns that may be exempted from the establishment of Codex Maximum Residue limits or do not give rise to residues

7 new work items and 3 priority lists for evaluation approved:

- Standard for small cardamom; Standard for turmeric; and Group standard for spices in the form of dried fruits and berries (All spice, Juniper berry, Star anise and Vanilla)
- Maximum Levels for methylmercury in orange roughy and pink cusk eel
- Code of practice for the prevention and reduction of mycotoxins contamination in cassava and cassava-based products
- Guidance on the prevention and control of food fraud
- Labelling information provided through technology
- Priority lists of food additive substances proposed for evaluation by JECFA; of veterinary drugs for evaluation/re-evaluation by JECFA; and of pesticides for evaluation by JMPR

Codex Ad hoc Intergovernmental Task Force on Antimicrobial Resistance (TFAMR) dissolved.

Elected as Chairperson Mr Steve Wearne (United Kingdom), and as **Vice-Chairpersons** Mr Diego Varela (Chile), Mr Allan Azegele (Kenya), and Mr Raj Rajasekar (New Zealand).

Elected as Members of the Executive Committee Elected on a geographic basis: Africa: United Republic of Tanzania (re-elected); Asia: Japan (re-elected); Europe: Germany (re-elected); Latin America and the Caribbean: Uruguay (re-elected); Near East: Iran; North America: Canada; South-West Pacific: Vanuatu.

Adopted measures to address the ongoing challenges caused by the pandemic to ensure that work could continue virtually in Codex committees in 2022 if physical meetings are not possible.

Agreed a process to review and consider how standards related to new food sources and production systems could be addressed within Codex.

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

AMR	Antimicrobial resistance
CAC	Codex Alimentarius Commission
CCCF	Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods
CCEXEC	Executive Committee of the Codex Alimentarius Commission
CCFA	Codex Committees on Food Additives
CCFFP	Codex Committee of Fish and Fishery Products
CCFICS	Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Certification System
CCFL	Codex Committee on Food Labelling
CCFO	Codex Committee on Fats and Oils
CCGP	Codex Committee on General Principles
CCMAS	Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling
CCMMP	Codex Committee on Milk and Milk Products
CCPR	Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues
CCPFV	Codex Committee on Processed Fruit and Vegetables
CCRVDF	Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods
CCSCH	Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs
CL	Circular Letter
CRD	Conference Room Document
CTF	Codex Trust Fund
CXL	Codex Maximum Residue Limit for Pesticide
EWG	Electronic Working Group
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
FOPNL	Front-of-Pack Nutrition Labelling
GSFA	General Standard for Food Additives
IGO	International governmental organization
IPPC	International Plant Protection Convention
ISO	International Organization for Standardization
JECFA	Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives
JMPR	The Joint FAO/WHO Meeting on Pesticide Residues
ML	Maximum Level
MRL	Maximum Residue Limit
NGO	Non-governmental organization
OIE	World Organisation for Animal Health
PM	Codex Procedural Manual
RCCs	Regional Coordinating Committees
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
TFAMR	Task Force on Antimicrobial Resistance
ToRs	Terms of Reference
vTPA	Voluntary Third-Party Assurance
WHO	World Health Organization

INTRODUCTION

1. The Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC) convened its forty-fourth Session (CAC44), as a virtual session, with in-person voting for Agenda Item 9 - Elections in Geneva, Switzerland, on 8-13, 15 and 17-18 November 2021, chaired by Mr Guilherme Antonio da Costa Jr. (Brazil), Chairperson of the Commission and assisted by the Vice-Chairpersons Mr Purwiyatno Hariyadi (Indonesia), Ms Mariam Eid (Lebanon), and Mr Steve Wearne (United Kingdom). The Session was attended by delegates from 158 Member Countries, one Member Organization, Observers of 49 international governmental (IGOs) and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and United Nations agencies and Palestine. The list of participants is contained in Appendix I.

OPENING

Welcome addresses by FAO and WHO

2. The Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO), Dr Tedros Ghebreyesus Adhanom¹ and the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Dr QU Dongyu² welcomed participants and addressed the Commission. The Directors-General highlighted the importance of food system transformation and the contribution of Codex standards in ensuring food safety and improving food quality as well as the importance of ongoing collaboration and application of a One Health approach to address ongoing and new challenges in a holistic manner. The Chairperson of the Commission, Mr Guilherme Antonio da Costa Jr., also gave an opening address. Recalling that this was his last session of the Commission as Chairperson, he reflected on the strength, perseverance, wisdom, determination and cooperation of the Codex family, which had enabled Codex to overcome challenges and emerge stronger to protect consumers and facilitate fairer food trade.

Division of competence³

3. CAC44 noted the division of competence between the European Union and its Member States in accordance with Rule II, paragraph 5, of the CAC Rules of Procedure.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA (Agenda Item 1)⁴

4. CAC44 adopted the provisional agenda as its agenda for the Session and agreed to address the following items under Agenda Item 11 - Other Business:
 - 60th Anniversary of the Codex Alimentarius Commission; 1963-2023 (Switzerland)⁵
 - Proposal for the development of a Codex standard for yeast (China)⁶

REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON ON THE EIGHTIETH (CCEXEC80) AND EIGHTY-FIRST (CCEXEC81) SESSIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (Agenda Item 2)⁷

5. Pursuant to Rule V, paragraph 7, of the CAC Rules of Procedure, the Chairperson drew the attention of the Commission to the reports of CCEXEC80 and CCEXEC81, observing that the Commission would consider their recommendations under the relevant agenda items.
6. CAC44 noted:

¹ [https://www.who.int/director-general/speeches/detail/who-director-general-s-opening-remarks-at-the-44th-session-of-codex-alimentarius-commission-\(cac44\)](https://www.who.int/director-general/speeches/detail/who-director-general-s-opening-remarks-at-the-44th-session-of-codex-alimentarius-commission-(cac44))

² <https://www.fao.org/director-general/speeches/detail/en/c/1454943/>

³ Division of Competence between the European Union and its Member States (CRD01)

⁴ CX/CAC 21/44/1 Rev.1

⁵ CRD03

⁶ CRD05

⁷ REP21/EXEC1; REP21/EXEC2; CRD04 (Thailand); CRD06 (Panama); CRD07 (Ecuador and Costa Rica); CRD21 (HealthforAnimals); CRD22 (Dominican Republic); CRD25 (African Union); CRD29 (Republic of Korea); CRD32 (Indonesia); CRD41 (Ecuador, Costa Rica, Uruguay, Argentina, Australia, Belize, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Saint Lucia, Paraguay and Trinidad And Tobago) CRD42 (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Canada, China, European Union, Georgia, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, North Macedonia, Norway, Panama, Russian Federation, Singapore, Switzerland, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, United Kingdom, Uzbekistan); CRD43 (NHF); CRD44 (Saudi Arabia).

- i. the discussions and conclusions contained in the reports of CCEXEC80 and CCEXEC81;
 - ii. that the recommendations of the Critical Review of CCEXEC81 would be addressed under Agenda Items 3 to 6, on a committee-by-committee basis;
 - iii. that the conclusions and/or recommendations on Codex Budgetary and Financial Matters would be considered under Agenda Item 7;
 - iv. that the conclusions and/or recommendations on "Matters arising from FAO and WHO", in particular on "New food sources and production systems: need for Codex attention and guidance?", would be further considered under Agenda Item 8; and
 - v. that any discussion on the CCEXEC81 recommendations regarding the further consideration of the proposed draft Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) on zilpaterol hydrochloride would be considered after Agenda Item 6.
7. In the context of point iv., while the important strategic and advisory role of CCEXEC was acknowledged, it was also highlighted that on certain issues such as how Codex might deal with new food sources and new production systems, a broader discussion among all Members of the Commission was required and should be facilitated.
8. Other items of the report were considered as follows:

Codex Strategic Plan 2014-2019: Final Report (CCEXEC80) and Implementation of the Strategic Plan 2020-2025 (CCEXEC80 and 81)

9. CAC44 considered the conclusions and recommendations of both CCEXEC80 and CCEXEC81.
10. In response to a question, the Codex Secretariat confirmed that the documents from the Codex Committee on General Principles (CCGP) on the topics of "Monitoring the use of Codex standards" and "Monitoring of Codex results in the context of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)", had been forwarded to the Sub-committee on the implementation of the Codex Strategic Plan 2020-2025.
11. CAC44:
- i. noted the report of the Codex Strategic Plan 2014-2019;
 - ii. noted the progress on the implementation of the Codex Strategic Plan 2020-2025;
 - iii. welcomed the preparation of a review of the first biennium of implementation of the Codex Strategic Plan 2020-2025 for discussion at the next session of CAC and endorsed the monitoring framework for the Strategic Plan, with the modifications as proposed by CCEXEC81; and
 - iv. requested FAO and WHO Members to maintain and maximise co-ordination in the development and subsequent implementation of their respective food safety strategies.

Codex and the pandemic (CCEXEC80 and 81)

12. CAC44:
- i. commended the ongoing work of CCEXEC on Codex and the pandemic and generally endorsed the conclusions and recommendations in this regard;
 - ii. appreciated the huge efforts of the Codex family to deliver the 2021 work programme in a pragmatic and effective manner;
 - iii. recommended that Rule XI (7) and (8) continue to be interpreted in a manner that includes a virtual setting with respect to sessions of Codex Subsidiary Bodies including CCEXEC and that application of this should take into consideration the criteria outlined by CCEXEC80;
 - iv. mandated the Codex Secretariat to prepare a proposal for a less work intensive method for standards adoption in 2022 than a full CAC for consideration by CCEXEC82, with a view to lighten the workload in 2022, and noted that the proposed approach be subject to subsequent endorsement by Codex Members; following a question, the Codex Secretariat said that in case CCEXEC would act on behalf of CAC in the future, webcasting of CCEXEC would seem appropriate and would be explored with the legal offices of FAO and WHO; and
 - v. supported the CCEXEC leading a process to develop the blueprint for the future of Codex for consideration by CAC on its 60th anniversary in 2023, highlighting the importance of ensuring there were opportunities for all Members and observers to contribute to the process.

CCEXEC sub-committee on the application of the *Statements of Principle concerning the Role of Science in the Codex decision-making process and the extent to which other factors are taken into account* (in the following abbreviated as SOP)(CCEXEC80 and 81)

13. The importance of this work was highlighted by several Members who with reference to their written comments emphasized the value of completing the guidance to Chairpersons and Members of Codex to ensure the scientific basis of Codex standards development and decision making, and the extent to which other factors are taken into account to facilitate consensus in standards setting.
14. CAC44 welcomed the ongoing work on guidance for Chairpersons and Members on the operationalization and the consistent application of the SOP and encouraged CCEXEC to complete this work in an expeditious manner.

CCEXEC recommendation on the proposed draft MRLs on zilpaterol hydrochloride

15. CCEXEC81 in its critical review on items from CCRVDF also monitored the work on the development of the draft MRLs for zilpaterol hydrochloride (cattle fat, kidney, liver, muscle). The Chairperson of CCRVDF had noted that the Committee was unable to reach consensus on either advancing the MRLs for zilpaterol hydrochloride to step 5 or 5/8 or to retain them at Step 4. He had further noted that all efforts had been exhausted in CCRVDF to reach consensus and observed that CCRVDF had reiterated the views that there were no public health concerns regarding the proposed MRLs and supported the JECFA scientific evaluations while recognizing that some Members disagreed. The CCRVDF Chairperson had thus requested CCEXEC81 to provide a recommendation on the way forward in the framework of the critical review and to inform a CAC decision on the path forward for the proposed MRLs in the Codex step process (REP21/RVDF, paragraph 87).
16. The Chairperson recalled that CCEXEC81, with reservations from the Member for Europe, the Regional Coordinator for Europe, the Member for the Near East, and the Regional Coordinator for the Near East, had recommended that the Codex Secretariat circulate the proposed draft MRLs for zilpaterol for comments at Step 5 to be considered in the next critical review of CCEXEC together with the outcome of the discussion on the SOP and subsequent discussion at and adoption by CAC, noting that:
 - the proposed draft MRLs for zilpaterol had met all the procedural and scientific requirements required for advancement
 - delegations at CCRVDF which remained opposed to advancement had provided reasons for their position which were legitimate within their national regulatory contexts, but which could not be taken into account by CCRVDF because they were not “other legitimate factors” for Codex as they were not acceptable on a worldwide basis
 - advancement to Step 5 was a compromise; it would still allow for further comments at Step 6 through which Members could submit any new scientific information if/as available for consideration by CCRVDF26
17. Delegations supporting the recommendation of CCEXEC81 expressed the view that it addressed the request from the Chairperson of CCRVDF for advice and guidance and upheld the robustness of the JECFA risk assessment. These delegations expressed their continued support for advancement of the draft MRLs in the step process to Step 5 or Step 5/8 without further delay in order to protect the health of consumers and ensure fair practices in the food trade. Continuing to delay a decision on this issue had the potential to affect the reputation of Codex as the preeminent food standard setting body. These delegations were of the view that the proposed draft MRLs met scientific and procedural requirements and progress of this work was not dependent on the completion of the work on the operationalization of the SOP.
18. Delegations not supporting the advancement of the draft MRLs were of the opinion that any decision should be postponed until after completion of work on the operationalization of the SOP. These delegations noted that CAC41⁸ had approved work by CCEXEC to develop practical guidance to operationalize application of the SOP, that was still due to provide critical guidance to build consensus, but was delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Other proposals for a way forward included discontinuation of the work and advice to Members to make use of the JECFA evaluation in their national legislation or inclusion of a note in the standard to reflect abstention from acceptance.
19. In response to those delegations opposed to advancement and who were of the opinion that there was a need for further scientific data and risk assessment regarding edible tissues other than those already

⁸ REP18/CAC paragraph 12

addressed, the JECFA representative emphasized that all safety evaluations included the consideration of a broad range of applicable health endpoints.

20. The Chairperson proposed a conclusion to CAC44 closely based on the recommendation of CCEXEC81 as follows:

'In response to the request of the Chairperson of CCRVDF, CAC44 endorsed the recommendation of CCEXEC81 that the Codex Secretariat circulate the proposed draft MRLs for zilpaterol for comments at Step 5, noting that:

- the proposed draft MRLs for zilpaterol had met all the procedural and scientific requirements for advancement
- advancement for comments at Step 5 was a compromise that would still allow for Members to submit any new scientific information.
- The proposed draft MRLs will be considered in the next critical review of CCEXEC, together with the output from the discussion on operationalization of the SOP at CCEXEC82, and will be discussed subsequently by CAC.'

21. After discussion, the Chairperson noted that, while there had been support for his proposed conclusion, there had also been objections to it.

22. The Chairperson thus proposed an amended conclusion, which sought to reflect the concerns expressed by Members:

'In response to the request of the Chairperson of CCRVDF, CAC44 endorsed the recommendation of CCEXEC81 that the Codex Secretariat circulate the proposed draft MRLs for zilpaterol for comments at Step 5, noting that:

- the proposed draft MRLs for zilpaterol had met all the procedural and scientific requirements for advancement
- advancement for comments at Step 5 was a compromise that would still allow Members to submit any new scientific information/data.
- The Circular Letter should also include the output of the discussion on the operationalization of the SoP in CCEXEC and invite Members to provide their views on the different options that could facilitate consensus on a decision regarding MRLs for zilpaterol.
- The proposed draft MRLs will be considered in the next critical review of CCEXEC, together with the responses to the CL, and will be discussed subsequently by CAC.'

23. The Chairperson noted that there was less support and continued opposition to his amended conclusion and invited Members to submit further comments via CRDs suggesting possible ways forward to reach consensus.

24. Based on these comments, the Chairperson proposed a third conclusion:

'In response to the request of the Chairperson of CCRVDF, CAC44 endorsed the recommendation of CCEXEC81 that the Codex Secretariat circulate the proposed draft MRLs for zilpaterol for comments at Step 5, noting that the proposed draft MRLs for zilpaterol had met all the procedural and scientific requirements for advancement.

- The proposed draft MRLs will be considered in the next critical review of CCEXEC, together with the output from the discussion on operationalization of the SOP at CCEXEC82, and comments received from Members, and will be discussed subsequently by CAC.
- Possible adoption at Step 5 at a subsequent Session of CAC would be a compromise that would still allow Members to submit any new scientific information.'

25. The Chairperson noted that while again there was support for his conclusion, there continued to be opposition to it despite several attempts to adjust it further to facilitate consensus-building. The Chairperson thus acknowledged that there was no consensus on any of the proposed options.

26. The Legal Office of WHO speaking on behalf of the Legal Offices of FAO and WHO, confirmed that the Commission did not have all tools at its disposal to resolve the issue in the context of the current Session due to the suspension of the part of Rule XII "Elaboration and Adoption of Standards", providing that decisions to adopt or amend standards may be taken by voting only if such efforts to reach consensus have failed.

27. On behalf of the joint JECFA secretariat, the FAO JECFA secretariat expressed his gratitude to all delegates that expressed their strong support to the FAO/WHO scientific advice programme in general and JECFA in particular. He stressed further that the FAO/WHO risk assessments were evidence driven and routinely included topics such as the potential to be of concern with regard to their potential to promote antimicrobial resistance, or any specific risk to a wide range of potentially vulnerable sub-populations and possible interactions with other substances present in food.
28. In response to the question of a Member, the FAO JECFA Secretariat detailed that the FAO/WHO scientific advice programme took data from all applicable sources into consideration, including data received in response to call for data, data sponsors as identified by members and scientific publications from a variety of databases.

Conclusion

29. The following conclusions were reached:
- i. CAC44 extensively discussed several proposed conclusions from the Chairperson that were based on the CCEXEC81 recommendation.
 - ii. CAC44 could not reach agreement on any of these proposed conclusions.
 - iii. CAC44 noted that as per the advice of the Legal Office of WHO speaking on behalf of the Legal Offices of FAO and WHO, the Commission did not have all tools at its disposition to resolve this issue in the context of the current Session due to the suspension of the rule relating to voting on any matter other than elections.
 - iv. Expressing his regret for not finding an agreement on any of the conclusions, the Chairperson noted there was no dispute on the risk assessment provided by JECFA, which, in his view, was the key requirement for advancement and adoption of the proposed draft standard.
 - v. CAC44 requested the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of the Commission to undertake informal consultations with all relevant parties to encourage and enable sustained effort to build consensus in advance of CAC45.
 - vi. CAC44 directed the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of the Commission to submit a report two months in advance of CCEXEC83 to inform its further monitoring and critical review, and then to inform further discussion at CAC45.
 - vii. CAC44 acknowledging that, even with informal consultation mechanisms, consensus might not be forthcoming and that, having exhausted all the opportunities that successive Chairpersons would then have explored all options/avenues to find consensus, requested the Codex Secretariat to ensure that all tools, including voting, are at the disposal of CAC45 to allow resolution of this issue.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PROCEDURAL MANUAL (Agenda Item 3)⁹

30. CAC44 considered the following items for adoption in each case taking into account the recommendations of CCEXEC81:

Amendment to the Codex Procedural Manual: draft Criteria and Procedural Guidelines for Codex Committees and ad hoc Intergovernmental Task Forces Working by Correspondence (CX/CAC 21/44/2 & Add.1) (CCGP32)

31. The Codex Secretariat explained that following a review of the comments received in response to the Circular Letter (CL) CL 2021/66/OCS-GP, the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of the electronic working group (EWG) on the topic, in collaboration with the Codex Secretariat, had prepared CRD02, containing a proposed revised version of the Draft Criteria and Procedural Guidelines for Codex Committees and ad hoc Intergovernmental Task Forces Working by Correspondence.
32. The Codex Secretariat recalled that CCEXEC81 had recommended that CAC44 adopt the Draft Criteria and Procedural Guidelines for Codex Committees and ad hoc Intergovernmental Task Forces Working by Correspondence as contained in CRD02 to be included in the Codex Procedural Manual (PM), Section III.
33. There was general support for this amendment to the PM with the proposed revisions as presented in CRD02. The Chairperson of CCGP underlined the efficient work of CCGP in developing the guidelines

⁹ CX/CAC 21/44/2; CX/CAC 21/44/2 Add.1 (Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Egypt, France, Indonesia, Iraq, Japan, Kenya, Malaysia, Morocco, Norway, Uruguay, USA); CX/CAC 21/44/2 Add.2; CRD02 (New Zealand, Germany, Japan, Unites States of America); CRD10 (El Salvador); CRD22 (Dominican Republic); CRD24 (Guatemala); CRD25 (African Union); CRD30 (India).

and indicated that the Codex Secretariat, in cooperation with the EWG chair and co-chairs, considered that some substantial changes were needed, especially taking into account the evolving technological environment. He further underlined that this background should be part of the broader thinking related to the development of Codex procedures.

34. The Chairperson of the Codex Committee of Fish and Fishery Products (CCFFP) highlighted the experience gained in conducting CCFFP35 by correspondence, noting that this was well reflected in CRD02.

Amendment to the Procedural Manual, Risk Analysis principles applied by the Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods (CCRVDF): Approach for the extrapolation of MRLs for veterinary drugs to one or more species (CX/CAC 21/44/2 Add.2) (CCRVDF25)

35. There was general support for this amendment.

Conclusion

36. CAC44 adopted:

- i. the Criteria and Procedural Guidelines for Codex Committees and ad hoc Intergovernmental Task Forces Working by Correspondence as contained in CRD02 to CAC44 to be included in the PM, Section III; and
- ii. the Amendment to the PM, Risk Analysis principles applied by CCRVDF: Approach for the extrapolation of MRLs for veterinary drugs to one or more species.

CODEX COMMITTEE ON SPICES AND CULINARY HERBS (CCSCH) (AGENDA ITEM 4.1)¹⁰

37. CAC44 considered the following items falling under the categories: Final adoption; Adoption at Step 5; Proposals for new work; and Extension of timelines, in each case taking into account the recommendations of CCEXEC81.

Final adoption

38. CAC44 adopted at Step 8:

- Standard for dried oregano
- Standard for dried roots, rhizomes and bulbs-dried or dehydrated ginger with the food additive provisions as amended and endorsed by the Codex Committee on Food Additives (CCFA)
- Standard for dried floral parts – dried cloves
- Standard for dried leaves – dried basil

Adoption at Step 5

39. CAC44 adopted the Standard for dried seeds - Nutmeg at Step 5 and extended the timeline for completion of work to CCSCH06.
40. CAC44 noted that the standard would be circulated for comments at step 6 and encouraged interested parties to resubmit technical comments and join the ongoing EWG co-chaired by Indonesia and India.

Proposals for new work

41. CAC44 approved as new work:

- Standard for small cardamom
- Standard for turmeric
- Group standard for spices in the form of dried fruits and berries (all spice, juniper berry, star anise and vanilla)

Extension of timeline for completion of work

¹⁰ CX/CAC 21/44/3; CX/CAC 21/44/3 Add.1 (Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Cuba, Egypt, Grenada, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Syrian Arab Republic, and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)); CRD11 (Philippines); CRD22 (Dominican Republic); CRD25 (African Union); CRD26 (Nigeria); CRD30 (India); CRD31 (Saudi Arabia); CRD32 (Indonesia)

42. CAC44 endorsed the recommendation of CCEXEC81 to extend the timeline for completion of work on the standard for saffron (at Step 7) and the standard for dried chili peppers and paprika (at step 2/3) to CCSC06.

CODEX COMMITTEE ON CONTAMINANTS IN FOODS (CCCF) (Agenda Item 4.2)¹¹

43. CAC44 considered the following items falling under the categories: Final adoption; Adoption at Step 5; and Proposals for new work, in each case taking into account the recommendations of CCEXEC81.

Final adoption

44. CAC44 adopted, while noting specific reservations and comments under the relevant bullets:
- the Maximum Level (ML) for cadmium in chocolates containing or declaring <30% total cocoa solid on a dry matter basis at Step 8, noting the reservations of the European Union, Egypt, Norway, Switzerland and Ukraine, for the reasons expressed at CCCF14 and reiterated in CX/ CAC21/44/4 Add.1;
 - the ML for cadmium in chocolates containing or declaring ≥30% to <50% total cocoa solid on a dry matter basis at Step 5/8 noting the reservations of the European Union, Egypt, Norway, Switzerland and Ukraine, for the reasons expressed at CCCF14 and reiterated in CX/ CAC21/44/4 Add.1;
 - the revision of the *Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Lead Contamination in Foods* (CXS 56-2004) at Step 5/8; and
 - the amendment to extend the MLs for lead in fruit juices and grape juice in the *General Standard for Contaminants in Food and Feed* (CXS 193-1995) to cover infants and young children, noting the reservations of the European Union, Norway, Switzerland and Ukraine. CAC44 also noted the concerns of two Observers.

Adoption at Step 5

45. CAC44 adopted the Code of practice for the prevention and reduction of cadmium contamination in cocoa beans at Step 5 and endorsed the extension of the timeline for completion of the work to CCCF16.

Proposals for new work

46. CAC44 approved as new work:
- MLs for methylmercury in orange roughy and pink cusk eel
 - Code of practice for the prevention and reduction of mycotoxin contamination in cassava and cassava-based products
47. Since cassava was also used as feed for food-producing animals, one Member stated that it was important to clarify that the scope of the new work was limited to cassava as food.

CODEX COMMITTEE ON METHODS OF ANALYSIS AND SAMPLING (CCMAS) (Agenda Item 4.3)¹²

48. CAC44 considered the following items falling under the categories: Final adoption; Adoption at Step 5; and Revocation, in each case taking into account the recommendations of CCEXEC81.

Final adoption

49. CAC44 adopted the:
- revised *Guidelines on Measurement Uncertainty* (CXG 54-2004) at Step 8;
 - methods of analysis and performance criteria for provisions in *Recommended Methods of Analysis and Sampling* (CXS 234-1999), noting the corrections to the method for determination of potassium, sodium and zinc in infant formula (AOAC 2011.14/ ISO 15151 | IDF 229) and the footnote to the provision “Water (moisture)” for blend of skimmed milk and vegetable fat in powdered form and

¹¹ CX/CAC 21/44/4; CX/CAC 21/44/4 Add.1 (Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Egypt, Ecuador, European Union, India, Kenya, Switzerland, United Kingdom); CRD12 (El Salvador, Ghana, Philippines and Thailand); CRD22 (Dominican Republic); CRD25 (African Union); CRD26 (Nigeria); CRD32 (Indonesia); CRD36 (Ecuador); CRD38 (Senegal)

¹² CX/CAC 21/44/5; CX/CAC 21/44/5 Add.1 (Australia, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Morocco, Norway, Peru, Philippines, United Kingdom, Uruguay, EURACHEM, GOED, IDF/FIL Australia, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Morocco, Norway, Peru, Philippines, United Kingdom, Uruguay, EURACHEM, GOED, IDF/FIL); CRD13 (El Salvador and Ghana); CRD22 (Dominican Republic); CRD25 (African Union); CRD30 (India); CRD38 (Senegal)

reduced fat blend of skimmed milk powder and vegetable fat in powdered form; and the method for determination of acid-insoluble ash in mixed zaatar (ISO 939 and ISO 930);

- editorial amendment to the provision in Section 3.3 of the *Standard for Edible Casein Products* (CXS 290-1995); and
- methods of analysis for provisions for fats and oils (part 4.3 of REP21/MAS), which had been considered and agreed by the 27th Session of Codex Committee on Fats and Oils (CCFO27).

Adoption at Step 5

50. CAC44 adopted the revised *General Guidelines on Sampling* (CXG 50-2004) at Step 5.

51. A Member, while supporting the adoption at Step 5, expressed concern regarding the user-friendliness of the revised guideline. They welcomed that apps and an e-book would be developed which were crucial tools for Members and committees applying sampling plans and expressed the hope that these tools would not require statistical knowledge. While understanding that the tools would only be made available following the final version of the guideline, they requested information from the Codex Secretariat on their development.

52. The Codex Secretariat clarified that the e-book as well as an information document containing a step-by-step procedure for the design of sampling plans were still under development by the CCMAS EWG on sampling plans. Once finalised by CCMAS, the Codex Secretariat would make the e-book / apps and the information document available online.

Revocation

53. CAC44 revoked the methods of analysis/ performance criteria for provisions in *Recommended Methods of Analysis and Sampling* (CXS 234-1999) as listed in REP21/MAS Appendix II, Part 2.

CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD IMPORT AND EXPORT INSPECTION AND CERTIFICATION SYSTEMS (CCFICS) (Agenda Item 4.4)¹³

54. CAC44 considered the following items falling under the categories: Final adoption; Proposal for new work; and Extension of timeline, in each case taking into account the recommendations of CCEXEC81.

Final adoption

- Principles and Guidelines for the Assessment and Use of Voluntary Third-Party Assurance (vTPA) programmes at Step 8
 - Guidance on Paperless Use of Electronic Certificates (Revised *Guidelines for Design, Production, Issuance and Use of Generic Official Certificates* (CXG 38-2001) at Step 5/8
55. A Member proposed to replace the words “existing mechanisms” with “examples of mechanisms” in the title of Section 5 of the new Annex II of the revised *Guidelines for Design, Production, Issuance and Use of Generic Official Certificates* (CXG 38-2001) noting that the word “existing” was inappropriate and it could lead to misinterpretation that the stated three systems in paragraph 10 were the only ones available to-date. In response to the proposal, the Chairperson of CCFICS, referring to paragraph 11 of the same section, clarified that the three stated mechanisms were the ways electronic certificates were currently being exchanged by all active countries. These mechanisms did not exclude exchanges of electronic representations of certificates (e.g., secured PDF format) and future evolved electronic certification mechanisms and therefore the concerns of a Member were fully addressed by the guidance.
56. One Member and one observer emphasized that implementation of the guidance on paperless use of electronic certificates would depend on the developmental status of the country; the speed of implementation would therefore vary from country to country, and that the implementation would require a transition period. Therefore, both paper and electronic certificates should continue to operate side by side. It was underlined that the use of electronic certificates was on a voluntary basis and that developing countries would need technical assistance on how best to implement the guidance.

Conclusion

57. CAC44 adopted:

¹³ CX/CAC 21/44/6; CX/CAC 21/44/6 Add.1 (Algeria, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, Egypt, European Union, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Kenya, New Zealand, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Thailand, USA, Fédération internationale des vins et spiritueux (FIVS), and The European Federation of the Associations of Dietitians (EFAD), OIE); CRD14 (El Salvador, Ghana and Philippines); CRD22 (Dominican Republic); CRD24 (Guatemala); CRD25 (African Union); CRD26 (Nigeria); CRD30 (India); CRD32 (Indonesia); CRD38 (Senegal)

- the Principles and Guidelines for the Assessment and Use of Voluntary Third-Party Assurance (vTPA) Programmes at Step 8
- the Guidance on Paperless Use of Electronic Certificates (revised *Guidelines for Design, Production, Issuance and Use of Generic Official Certificates* (CXG 38-2001) at Step 5/8

Proposal for new work

58. CAC44 approved the new work proposal on the development of guidance on the prevention and control of food fraud.

Extension of timeline for completion of work

59. CAC44 endorsed the extension of the timeline for completion of the work on the proposed draft guidelines on recognition and maintenance of equivalence of National Food Control Systems (NFCS) to CCFICS26.

CODEX COMMITTEE ON RESIDUES OF VETERINARY DRUGS IN FOODS (CCRVDF) (Agenda Item 4.5)¹⁴

60. CAC44 considered the following items falling under the categories: Final adoption; Adoption at Step 5; and Proposals for new work, in each case taking into account the recommendations of CCEXEC81.

Final adoption

61. CAC44 adopted the following MRLs/texts noting reservations under the relevant bullet:

- MRL for flumethrin in honey at Step 8
- MRLs for diflubenzuron (salmon - muscle plus skin in natural proportion) at Step 5/8
- MRLs for halquinol (swine - muscle, skin plus fat, liver and kidney) at Step 5/8, noting the reservations of Egypt, the European Union, Kazakhstan, Norway, Russian Federation, Switzerland, Tunisia and Ukraine regarding the MRLs for halquinol due to the use of this antimicrobial agent as growth promoter. CAC44 also noted the concerns of one Observer.
- amendment to the Glossary of Terms and Definitions (Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods) (CXA 5-1993): Definition of edible offal

Adoption at Step 5

62. CAC44 adopted the MRLs for ivermectin (sheep, pigs, and goats - fat, kidney, liver and muscle) at Step 5 and endorsed extension of the timeline until CCRVDF26.

Approval

63. CAC44 approved the priority list of veterinary drugs for evaluation or re-evaluation by the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA) as listed in REP21/RVDF Appendix VI.

Joint EWG between CCRVDF and Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR)

64. Following the recommendation of CCEXEC81, CAC44 agreed to establish a Joint CCRVDF/CCPR EWG chaired by the United States, working in English only and open to all Members and observers working with the support of JECFA, the Joint FAO/WHO Meeting on Pesticide Residues (JMPR) and the Codex Secretariat, with the following Terms of Reference (ToRs):

- the Joint EWG will review work already done cooperatively between CCRVDF and CCPR and will identify, and if possible, prioritize areas of possible further collaboration between CCRVDF and CCPR and how this could be carried out (e.g. jointly, in parallel, etc.) so as to facilitate the consideration of compounds with dual uses by both committees and the possible harmonization of MRLs
- this may include reflections on improved synchronization of work between CCPR and CCRVDF as well as collaboration between CCPR/CCRVDF and JMPR/JECFA
- the Joint EWG will provide an update on their preliminary findings to CCRVDF26 and CCPR53

65. Regarding the timeframe, the Joint EWG will continue its work as long as both CCRVDF and CCPR consider it useful.

¹⁴ CX/CAC 21/44/7; CX/CAC 21/44/7 Add.1 (Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, Egypt, European Union, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Panama, Uganda, HealthforAnimals); CRD15 (El Salvador, Ghana, Philippines); CRD22 (Dominican Republic); CRD24 (Guatemala); CRD25 (African Union); CRD26 (Nigeria); CRD34 (United States of America); CRD36 (Ecuador); CRD38 (Senegal); CRD39 (European Union and its Member States)

66. The Joint EWG will not replace the ongoing parallel cooperation between the established EWGs under CCRVDF (edible offal) and CCPR (revision of the Classification) within their respective ToRs.

CODEX COMMITTEE ON PESTICIDE RESIDUES (CCPR) (Agenda Item 4.6)¹⁵

67. CAC44 considered the following items falling under the categories: Final adoption; Adoption at Step 5; Approval; Revocation; and Discontinuation, in each case taking into account the recommendations of CCEXEC81.

Final adoption

68. CAC44 adopted the following MRLs/texts, noting specific comments and reservations under the relevant bullet:

- MRLs for different combinations of pesticide/commodity(ies) for food and feed at Step 5/8 with the revisions to the MRLs for metaflumizone for mammalian fats (excluding milk fats) at 0.15 mg/kg and milk fats at 0.6 mg/kg, noting the reservations of the European Union, Norway and Switzerland as expressed at CCPR52¹⁶ and reiterated in CX/CAC 21/44/8 Add.1
- revised *Classification of Food and Feed* (CXA 4-1989), Class C - Primary feed commodities, Type 11 - Primary feed commodities of plant origin; and revised *Principles and Guidelines for the Selection of Representative Commodities for the extrapolation of MRLs for Pesticides to Commodity Group* (CXG 84-2012) Table 7 - Representative commodities for Class C, at Step 5/8
- revised *Classification of Food and Feed* (CXA 4-1989) Class D - Processed foods of plant origin; and revised *Principles and Guidelines for the Selection of Representative Commodities for the extrapolation of MRLs for Pesticides to Commodity Group* (CXG 84-2012) Table 8 - Representative commodities for Class D at Step 5/8

Adoption at Step 5

69. CAC44 adopted the Guidelines for compounds of low public health concerns that may be exempted from the establishment of Maximum Residue Limits for Pesticides (CXLs) or do not give rise to residues at Step 5 and endorsed extension of the timeline for completion until CCPR53.

70. One Member requested CCPR53 to take into account comments already submitted noting that CCPR52 did not discuss the text of the proposed draft standard at Step 4.

71. The Codex Secretariat noted that the mandate¹⁷ of the EWG established by CCPR52 to continue the development of these guidelines included the consideration of the written comments submitted at CCPR52, as well as those received during the pre-meetings and plenary session. The Codex Secretariat encouraged all delegations to submit additional comments at Step 6 as appropriate.

Approval

72. CAC44 approved the proposed priority lists of pesticides for evaluation by JMPR as proposed by CCPR52 and described in REP21/PR Appendix XV.

Revocation

73. CAC44 revoked the MRLs for different combinations of pesticide/commodity(ies) for food and feed as listed in REP21/PR Appendix III except for the CXL on acetamiprid for cardamom that will be retained for one year awaiting clarifications by JMPR at CCPR53.

Discontinuation

74. CAC44 noted discontinuation of work on MRLs in the step procedure for different combinations of pesticide/commodity(ies) for food and feed as listed in REP21/PR Appendix VI.

CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD ADDITIVES (CCFA) (Agenda Item 4.7)¹⁸

¹⁵ CX/CAC 21/44/8; CX/CAC 21/44/8 Add.1 (Australia, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, Egypt, European Union, Indonesia, Kenya, Uganda, THIE – Tea & Herbal Infusions Europe); CRD16 (El Salvador, Ghana, Morocco, Philippines); CRD22 (Dominican Republic); CRD25 (African Union); CRD33 and 40 (CropLife International); CRD34 (United States of America); CRD36 (Ecuador); CRD37 (NHF); CRD38 (Senegal)

¹⁶ REP21/PR paragraph 99

¹⁷ REP21/PR52, paragraph 194(ii)

¹⁸ CX/CAC 21/44/9; CX/CAC 21/44/9 Add.1 (Costa Rica, Egypt, Iraq, Kenya, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, United Kingdom, the International Special Dietary Food Industries and the International Stevia Council); CRD17 (Ghana and Ecuador);

75. CAC44 considered the following items falling under the categories: Final adoption; Approval; Revocation; and Discontinuation, in each case taking into account the recommendations of CCEXEC81.

Final adoption

76. CAC44 adopted the following provisions while noting specific reservations and comments under the relevant points i to xv below:

- i. specifications for the Identity and Purity of Food Additives
- ii. revisions to adopted provisions of the *General Standard for Food Additives* (GSFA) (CXS 192-1995)
- iii. revision of the *Class Names and the International Numbering System for Food Additives* (CXG 36-1989)
- iv. changes related to the group header STEVIOL GLYCOSIDES in the GSFA (CXS 192-1995)
- v. revised provisions of the GSFA in relation to the amendments to title and food category number for CXS 283-1978 in Annex C of the GSFA (CXS 192-1995)
- vi. revised food-additive provisions of the GSFA in relation to the alignment of nine standards for the Codex Committee on Milk and Milk Products (CCMMP), six standards for CCFO, and three standards for CCSCH.
- vii. revised food-additive provisions of the GSFA in relation to the partial alignment of CXS 249-2006, CXS 273-1968, CXS 275-1973 and CXS 288-1978 to include tamarind seed polysaccharide (INS 437)
- viii. revised food-additive provisions of the GSFA in relation to the linked entry for food category 12.5 in the References to Commodity Standards for GSFA Table 3 Additives in the Annex to Table 3
- ix. revised provisions for sweeteners in different food categories (CXS 192-1995)
- x. revised food-additive sections of the nine standards for milk and milk products, i.e. Group Standards for *Cheeses in Brine* (CXS 208-1999); *Unripened Cheese including Fresh Cheese* (CXS 221-2001); *Standards for a Blend of Evaporated Skimmed Milk and Vegetable Fat* (CXS 250-2006); *a Blend of Skimmed Milk and Vegetable Fat in Powdered Form* (CXS 251-2006); *a Blend of Sweetened Condensed Skimmed Milk and Vegetable Fat* (CXS 252-2006); *Standards for Cottage Cheese* (CXS 273-1968); *Cream Cheese* (CXS 275-1973); *Extra Hard Grating Cheese* (CXS 278-1978); and *General Standard for Cheese* (CXS 283-1978)
- xi. revised food-additive sections of the six standards for fats and oils, i.e. *Standards for Edible Fats and Oils not covered by Individual Standards* (CXS 19-1981); *Olive oils and olive pomace oils* (CXS 33-1981); *Named vegetable oils* (CXS 210-1999); *Named animal fats* (CXS 211-1999); *Fat spreads and blended spreads* (CXS 256-2007); and *Fish oils* (CXS 329-2017)
- xii. revised food-additive sections of the three standards for spices and culinary herbs, i.e. *Standards for Black, White and Green Peppers* (CXS 326-2017); *Cumin* (CXS 327-2017); and *Dried Thyme* (CXS 328-2017)
- xiii. amendments to Standards for *Bouillons and Consommés* (CXS 117-1981) and *Wheat Flour* (CXS 152-1985) due to alignment of methylate copolymer, basic (INS 1205)
- xiv. food-additive provisions of the *General Standard for Food Additives* (GSFA) (CXS 192-1995)
 - a. One Member expressed the view that the proposed maximum use levels for several colours were too high and cited the case of Caramel II - sulfite caramel with a maximum use level of 50,000 mg/kg that should be reduced to 10,000 mg/kg.
- xv. inclusion of xanthan gum (INS 415) and pectins (INS 440) in FC 13.1.3 "Formulae for special medical purposes for infants" of the GSFA (CXS 192-1995)
 - a. The Russian Federation made a reservation on the inclusion of these additives to the GSFA and reiterated that, in their view: (i) the JECFA safety assessment of sulfur dioxide as a separate food additive was not sufficient to conclude that the use of pectins would not provoke allergen reactions and (ii) the safety assessment for xanthan gum carried out by JECFA in 2016 was not sufficient and an additional assessment relating to *Xanthomonas campestris* in the additive and its impact to infants and young children (0- 3 years) was needed. Three

observers also expressed concerns on these two provisions due to the special considerations needed for infants.

- b. The JECFA Secretariat clarified that xanthan gum (INS 415) and pectins (INS 440) had been thoroughly and comprehensively evaluated with regard to their safety for all consumers, including infants and young children, as applicable. The Representative further elaborated that all JECFA evaluations focus on the additive itself. Other food additives that may have been added to any other specific food additive for technological reasons (i.e. secondary food additives) fall under the same provisions with regard to food safety for all intended consumers.
- c. The Codex Secretariat further explained that based on JECFA's evaluation, the two provisions had been adopted by CAC43 and included in the *Standard for Infant Formula and Formulas for Special Medical Purposes Intended for Infants* (CXS 72-1981).

Approval

77. CAC44 approved the priority list of substances proposed for evaluation by JECFA as listed in REP21/FA Appendix XI.
78. One Member requested that the evaluations for nisin (INS 234) and natamycin (INS 235) should not be further postponed, noting that they had proposed to include these two substances in the priority list and that it was unclear which additional information was needed for the evaluation to proceed.
79. The JECFA Secretariat clarified that a sponsor had informed them that additional toxicological data would be submitted and JECFA would review all these data at the forthcoming re-evaluation of nisin (INS 234) and natamycin (INS 235).

Revocation

80. CAC44 revoked the food additive provisions of the GSFA as listed in REP21/FA Appendix VII.

Discontinuation

81. CAC44 discontinued the work on draft and proposed draft food additive provisions of the GSFA as listed in REP21/FA Appendix VIII.

CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD LABELLING (CCFL) (Agenda Item 4.8)¹⁹

82. CAC44 considered the following items falling under the categories: Final adoption; and Proposals for new work, in each case taking into account the recommendations of CCEXEC81.

Final adoption

83. CAC44 adopted the following texts noting reservations under the relevant bullet:
 - the General Standard for the Labelling of Non-retail Containers of Foods at Step 8
 - the consequential amendment to the PM (Format for Codex Commodity Standards, section on labelling)
 - the Guidelines on Front-of-Pack Nutrition Labelling (FOPNL) and inclusion as an Annex to the *Guidelines on Nutrition Labelling* (CXG2-1985) at Step 5/8 noting the reservation of the Russian Federation in particular due to their concerns with the list of exclusions in section 2.2 as also expressed at CCFL46
 - the consequential amendment to Section 5 of the *Guidelines on Nutrition Labelling* (CXG2-1985)

Further discussion on FOPNL

84. Some observers expressed their concern with the lack of explicit exclusion of baby foods and other complementary foods in the Guidelines as FOPNL could be used to inappropriately promote these foods. These observers further expressed concern with conflict of interest, which in their view was not sufficiently addressed in these guidelines and emphasized that FOPNL should be mandatory, government-led and free from conflict of interest.
85. In response to the interventions made, the Chairperson of CCFL noted that the Guidelines were a result of good discussion in the EWG, the virtual working group held immediately prior to CCFL, and in CCFL.

¹⁹ CX/CAC 21/44/10; CX/CAC 21/44/10 Add.1 (Costa Rica, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, Egypt, India, Kenya, New Zealand, Paraguay, Uganda, USA, International Baby Food Action Network, ICBA, IDF/FIL, International Special Dietary Food Industries, The European Federation of the Associations of Dietitians (EFAD)); CRD18 (Ghana); CRD22 (Dominican Republic); CRD25 (African Union); CRD26 (Nigeria); CRD27 (Peru)

She further clarified that it was important to note that the Guidelines could be used by national authorities to establish FOPNL based on national authorities' dietary guidelines and the concerns raised could be taken into account as FOPNL is developed in respective countries. She further noted that adoption of the Guidelines would provide timely guidance to governments considering FOPNL.

Follow-up on the adoption of the General Standard for the Labelling of Non-retail Containers of Foods

86. CAC44 requested Commodity Committees and the Codex Secretariat to review the labelling provisions for non-retail containers in existing and draft standards in light of the new standard for the labelling of non-retail containers.

General Standard for Dried Fruits

87. CAC44 also adopted the proposed amendment to the labelling provision 4.2.1 in annex C raisins, of the *General Standard for Dried Fruits* by including a reference to the *General Guidelines on Claims* (CXG 1-1979). Since the Codex Committee on Processed Fruits and Vegetables (CCPFV) was adjourned *sine die*, this amendment had been forwarded to CAC44 for adoption.

Proposals for new work

88. CAC44 approved new work on:

- Food Labelling Information Provided through Technology

AD HOC CODEX INTERGOVERNMENTAL TASK FORCE ON ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE (TFAMR) (Agenda Item 4.9)²⁰

89. CAC44 considered the following items falling under the category: Final adoption, in each case taking into account the recommendations of CCEXEC81.

Final adoption

90. CAC44 adopted:

- the revised *Code of Practice to Minimize and Contain Foodborne Antimicrobial Resistance* (CXC 61-2005) at Step 8 with the reservations noted as below
- the Guidelines on Integrated Monitoring and Surveillance of Foodborne Antimicrobial Resistance at Step 5/8

Reservations on the revised Code of Practice

While there was broad general support for the final adoption of the Code of Practice as it was a significant advance taking into account scientific developments and a One Health approach, there were several reservations filed on some of the principles.

Principle 12

91. The European Union and its Member States²¹, Kazakhstan, Norway, Thailand and the Russian Federation expressed their reservation, stating that in their view no antimicrobial agents should be used for growth promotion or yield increase and that such use should be phased out for all antimicrobial agents starting immediately with the medically important antimicrobial agents for the reasons expressed at previous sessions of TFAMR²² and CAC²³.

Inclusion of a footnote on “therapeutic use” to the definition of “veterinary medical use”

92. The European Union and its Member States, Colombia, Canada, Kazakhstan, Morocco and Norway expressed their reservation on the inclusion of a footnote on “therapeutic use” associated with the definition of “veterinary medical use”.

93. These Members recalled that in their view the inclusion of this footnote to the definition of “veterinary medical use” allowed the term “therapeutic use” to be interpreted as a synonym for “veterinary medical

²⁰ CX/CAC 21/44/11; CX/CAC 21/44/11 Add.1 (Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Norway, Thailand, Uruguay, USA); CRD19 (Morocco); CRD22 (Dominican Republic); CRD24 (Guatemala); CRD25 (African Union); CRD26 (Nigeria); CRD28 (Philippines); CRD31 (Saudi Arabia); CRD36 (Ecuador); CRD37 (NHF)

²¹ As per CRD01 this was an area of mixed competence with European Union vote and Rule II, 7 of the Rules of Procedure of the Codex Alimentarius Commission applies.

²² TFAMR07 (REP20/AMR); TFAMR08 (REP21/AMR)

²³ CAC43 (REP 20/CAC paragraphs 96-113)

use”, which encompassed treatment, control and prevention. They considered that such an interpretation was not consistent with the approach taken by the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) and recalled that the definition of “therapeutic use” in the current *Code of Practice* reserved this term for “treatment” only and continued to be interpreted in that way in their countries or regions. Consequently, the inclusion of the footnote could favour the continued non-responsible use of medically important antimicrobial agents in animals by other Members.

94. Norway reiterated their position that the definition for “veterinary medical use” was redundant and definitions for related terms of control, prevention and treatment of disease were already included in the *Code of Practice*. Definitions in Codex texts should only be used when the defined term was not understood by reading the text in context which in their view was not the case for the term “veterinary medical use”.

Other provisions

95. Norway indicated their reservation on Principles 8, 13, 14 and 15 as all antimicrobial agents as opposed to only medically important antimicrobial agents contributed to increased antimicrobial resistance (AMR).
96. The Russian Federation reiterated their reservation on Principles 13 and 15 since in their view these principles allowed critically important antimicrobial agents to be used routinely for control and prevention of diseases and therefore could lead to misuse of such agents for purposes other than treatment.

Other comments

97. One observer supported the concerns as expressed by European Union and its Member States, Norway and the Russian Federation.

Implementation of the two texts

98. The importance of the Codex Secretariat, FAO and WHO working together to develop practical tools and support countries in their efforts to implement these new Codex texts was highlighted.

Other Matters

99. Acknowledging the importance of a One Health approach to addressing AMR, the role of Codex, OIE and the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) in developing coherent texts to support efforts to address AMR, and in line with the conclusion of CCEXEC81, CAC44 encouraged Members to advocate that IPPC prioritize the development of guidance on the use of antimicrobial agents for phytosanitary purposes.

Dissolution of TFAMR

100. Members congratulated TFAMR on completing their mandate despite the challenges posed by both the topic and the COVID-19 pandemic and extended thanks to the government of the Republic of Korea for hosting the task force, acknowledged the expert leadership of the Chairperson, Dr Yong Ho Park, and the assistance of the Chairpersons of the EWGs, Dr Donald Prater and Dr Rosa Peran, their Co-chairpersons and the host country and Codex Secretariats in bringing this second round of TFAMR to a successful completion.
101. CAC44, noting that TFAMR had completed its mandate, agreed to dissolve the task force.

EDITORIAL AMENDMENTS TO CODEX TEXTS PROPOSED BY THE CODEX SECRETARIAT (Agenda Item 5)²⁴

102. CAC44 adopted editorial corrections to the following:
- descriptors for food category 14.1.2 Fruits and vegetable juice in Annex B, Part II, Food Category Descriptors in the *General Standard for Food Additives* (CXS 192-1995)
 - most of the species names in Section 2.1, product definition of the English version of the *Standard for Canned Sardines and Sardine-Type Products* (CXS 94-1981)
103. One Member recalled that two species, *Sardinella fimbriata* and *Sardinella sirm* had not been introduced in the *Standard for Canned Sardines and Sardine-Type Products* (CXS 94-1981) despite the decision of CAC13 (1979) and CCFFP22 (1996) to include them in CXS 94-1981 and of CAC15 (1983) to issue a corrigendum rectifying the accidental omission of the two species.
104. Following a suggestion from the Codex Secretariat in light of the *Procedure for inclusion of additional species in the Codex standards for fish and fishery products* (Codex Procedural Manual, 2013), which was

²⁴ CX/CAC 21/44/12; CRD08 (Thailand); CRD22 (Dominican Republic); CRD30 (India)

not supposed to be applied retrospectively to the two species, CAC44 agreed to refer this matter for further consideration to CCFPP36, scheduled to meet early 2023.

MATTERS RELATED TO OTHER CODEX SUBSIDIARY BODIES (Agenda Item 6)²⁵

Codex Committee on General Principles (CCGP)

105. CAC44 noted that CCGP32 had forwarded to CAC44 its considerations on monitoring the use of Codex standards and monitoring Codex results in the context of the SDGs.

Codex Committee on Fats and Oils (CCFO)

106. CAC44 noted the information provided and agreed to extend to CCFO28 the timeline for completion of the work on the revision of the *Standard for Olive Oils and Olive Pomace Oils* (CXS 33-1981) and the provisions for avocado oil for inclusion in the *Standard for Named Vegetable Oils* (CXS 210-1999).

CODEX BUDGETARY AND FINANCIAL MATTERS (Agenda Item 7)²⁶

107. The Codex Secretariat presented an overview of expenditures during the 2020-21 biennium as well as a budget proposal for the 2022-23 biennium. Efforts continued to direct available budget to support the inclusiveness and transparency of Codex work during the COVID-19 pandemic. Where savings had been identified, these had been directed to key work areas in line with the Codex Strategic Plan 2020-25 such as preliminary work on a mechanism to monitor the use and impact of Codex standards (Goal 3) and renewal of the Codex information technology systems (Goal 5). The Codex Secretariat further noted that flexibility would continue to be important in the next biennium as uncertainties remain, and expenditure will continue to be guided by the Strategic Plan.

Conclusion

108. CAC44 noted:

- the progress report for 2020-21, the adjustments made in response to the pandemic, and the ongoing efforts to anticipate work under the Codex Strategic Plan to ensure optimal use of savings;
- the assessment of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the work plan and budget; and
- welcomed the proposals for the 2022-23 biennium, including the assumptions therein and the ongoing flexibility in the budget lines to ensure Codex continued to be able to adapt to evolving situations.

MATTERS ARISING FROM FAO AND WHO (Agenda Item 8)²⁷

109. The Representatives of FAO and WHO introduced this item.

General

110. CAC44 welcomed the reports from FAO and WHO, commended their work during the COVID-19 pandemic, and encouraged both organisations to sustain their efforts, in particular regarding the provision of scientific advice to support Codex work.

111. CAC44 extended special appreciation to the experts contributing to the FAO/WHO scientific programme under the difficult conditions of the pandemic and highlighted the importance of national governments providing the experts with the time needed to fully participate in the various expert committees.

112. CAC44 further recalled the importance of the scientific advice in achieving Goal 2 of the Codex Strategic Plan 2020-25.

113. An observer emphasized the importance of reducing or eliminating the problem of microplastics and thanked the FAO for its work in this area.

Item 8.1 New food sources and production systems: need for Codex attention and guidance

114. CAC44 welcomed the document presented by FAO and WHO and generally supported the need for Codex to be prepared to address cross-cutting, overarching and emerging issues.

²⁵ CX/CAC 21/44/13; CRD30 (India)

²⁶ CX/CAC 21/44/14

²⁷ CX/CAC 21/44/15; CX/CAC 21/44/15 Add.1; CX/CAC 21/44/15 Add.2 Rev.1; CX/CAC 21/44/15 Add.3; CX/CAC 21/44/15 Add.4; CAC/44 INF/1; CAC/44 INF/2; CAC/44 INF/3; CRD09 (Good Food Institute); CRD20 (Thailand); CRD22 (Dominican Republic); CRD23 (Singapore); CRD29 (Republic of Korea); CRD32 (Indonesia); CRD35 (European Union); CRD38 (Senegal)

115. Different options were considered on how Codex could progress this issue, such as a working group of the Commission, a subcommittee of CCEXEC as recommended by CCEXEC81, use of CLs, discussion at the FAO/WHO Regional Coordinating Committees (RCCs), or a combination of these options.
116. The importance of having a mechanism that enabled wider participation from Member States and observers was highlighted by some Delegations while others noted that Codex already had all the tools and mechanisms necessary to address any new issues that may arise.
117. Some Members pointed out that it was necessary to clarify the scope, i.e. types of food and issues to be considered by Codex, as some of the commodities listed in the discussion paper as examples had been consumed for a long time and existing Codex committees were already considering some of the topics mentioned.
118. Other Members noted that there might be a need for Codex to consider work in specific areas mentioned in the document.
119. One Member also stated that in other cases given the early stage of the technology, attempts to create standards prematurely could in their view inhibit productive innovation and create technical barriers to trade. Another Member stated that the lack of Codex texts may create obstacles to increased production and consumer protection and may also lead to barriers to trade.
120. The Representative of FAO recalled that the challenge was how these issues could initially be introduced for consideration by Codex noting that these items did not naturally fall within the ToR of existing committees.
121. One observer with reference to CRD09, stated their willingness to develop a discussion paper in collaboration with FAO and WHO and for comment by Members exploring potential pathways for future new work relating to the recognition of a new generation of plant-based and other types of alternative proteins.
122. Other observers highlighted the importance of independent oversight and standards being available to facilitate regulation of new food products and production systems in order to ensure consumer protection and indicated their willingness to contribute to the discussion.
123. Following discussion, CAC44 agreed to follow a series of actions in a sequential approach.

Conclusion

124. CAC44 requested that the:
- i. Codex Secretariat issue a CL to collect information from Members and observers on ongoing developments related to new food sources and production systems (e.g. regulatory initiatives to address safety and fair trade practices);
 - ii. CCEXEC subcommittee consider the information received through the CL and provide an assessment of the range and suitability of Codex tools that could be used to progress work on safety, quality, labelling, nutrition and/or fair trade practices related to new food sources and production systems;
 - iii. CCEXEC sub-committee work in an inclusive manner, ensuring an approach that engages with all Members and observers that wish to contribute, possibly through the regional coordinators, and prepare a report for consideration by CCEXEC83 recommending a way forward to CAC45.
125. CAC44 noted that CAC45 would further discuss the issue based on the information collected through the CL, the work of the CCEXEC sub-committee, and the recommendations of CCEXEC83, and determine the next steps.

Item 8.2 New FAO Food Safety Strategy 2022-2031 – update of status

Item 8.3 WHO global strategy for Food Safety 2022-2030 – update of status

126. CAC44 noted the updates provided by FAO and WHO on progress on their respective food safety strategies and welcomed the close collaboration in this process.
127. CAC44 recommended that FAO and WHO maintain and maximise coordination during the implementation of their respective food safety strategies.

Item 8.4 Codex Trust Fund: lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic

128. CAC44 welcomed the information and analysis provided by the Codex Trust Fund (CTF) Secretariat and supported the request of the CTF for flexibility to better address the needs of participating countries in engaging in Codex work during the COVID-19 pandemic to ensure the effective and equitable participation of Members in a virtual Codex environment.

129. CAC44 noted that while flexibility was important under the current circumstances, the transparency of the adaptations made should also be ensured.

ELECTION OF THE CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSONS AND MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTED ON A GEOGRAPHICAL BASIS (Agenda Item 9)²⁸

130. The Representative of the FAO Legal Office, speaking at the request of a Member, and on behalf of the Legal Offices of FAO and WHO, recalled that due to the exceptional circumstances created by the COVID-19 pandemic and considering the positive conduct of the in-person secret ballot during the 42nd Session of the FAO Conference held in June 2021, it was proposed that elections at CAC44 be conducted using the same modality as that approved by the FAO Conference, i.e. in-person voting through secret ballot by appointment.
131. The Representative further indicated that this approach was endorsed by more than two thirds of the membership of the CAC in September 2021, in response to a letter from the Deputy Directors-General of FAO and WHO requesting the endorsement of the membership, inter alia, on this matter.

Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons

132. CAC44 elected the following persons to hold office from the end of its present Session to the end of the next regular Session of the Commission (CAC45):

Chairperson: Mr Steve Wearne (United Kingdom)

Vice-Chairpersons: Mr Diego Varela (Chile)

Mr Allan Azegele (Kenya)

Mr Raj Rajasekar (New Zealand)

Members of the Executive Committee Elected on a geographical basis

133. CAC44 elected/re-elected the following Members of the Executive Committee on a geographic basis for the period from the end of its present Session to the end of the second succeeding regular Session of the Commission (CAC46):

Africa: United Republic of Tanzania (re-elected)

Asia: Japan (re-elected)

Europe: Germany (re-elected)

Latin America and the Caribbean: Uruguay (re-elected)

Near East: Iran (Islamic Republic of)

North America: Canada

South-West Pacific: Vanuatu

DESIGNATION OF COUNTRIES RESPONSIBLE FOR APPOINTING THE CHAIRPERSONS OF CODEX SUBSIDIARY BODIES (Agenda Item 10)²⁹

134. Ms Mariam Eid, speaking on behalf of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of the Commission expressed appreciation to the Member Countries responsible for appointing Chairpersons of Codex Subsidiary bodies recalling their relentless efforts to ensure the functioning of Codex and Codex meetings in the virtual environment.

Conclusion

135. CAC44:
- dissolved TFAMR, thanking the host country the Republic of Korea for its tremendous support and for enabling the Task Force to complete its work within four sessions as mandated; and
 - confirmed the designation of the Host Governments as contained in CX/CAC 21/44/17.

OTHER BUSINESS (Agenda Item 11)³⁰

²⁸ CX/CAC 21/44/16 Rev1

²⁹ CX/CAC 21/44/17; CRD22 (Dominican Republic)

³⁰ CRD03 (Switzerland); CRD05 (China)

60th Anniversary of the Codex Alimentarius Commission: 1963-2023: Codex standards: Science, policy and practice for consumer health protection and fair practices in the food trade

136. Switzerland introduced the Discussion Paper, emphasizing the opportunity that the Codex 60th Anniversary presented to Codex Members, Observers and other relevant stakeholders to undertake activities to promote the use of Codex standards and related texts, and to raise awareness about food safety at national, regional and global levels. Switzerland stressed the importance of using this opportunity to highlight the notable achievements that Codex has made over the past 60 years.
137. As part of the proposed activities contained in CRD03, Switzerland underlined key issues, such as the need to ensure a high-level Ministerial participation at CAC46, the possibility of the Codex 60th Anniversary to focus on the importance of water safety to ensure food safety, and fostering partnerships for Codex and food safety across regions and sectors including consumers and consumer organizations, the private sector, academia etc.
138. Switzerland insisted on the need to promote youth engagement to ensure efficient and competent leadership in Codex as well as the sustainable advocacy for Codex and food safety in the future. In order to ensure the perfect staging of the Codex 60th Anniversary celebrations with the dynamic and full engagement of all the Members of the Commission and Observers, Switzerland proposed the establishment of a Codex 60th Anniversary Organizing Committee, which would be co-chaired by one of the Vice-Chairpersons and Switzerland and include as members the Regional Coordinators, the Codex Secretariat, FAO and WHO, to work between CAC44 and CAC46.
139. Its mandate would be to collect ideas from Codex Members and Observers on activities which could be organized in view of the celebrations of the Codex 60th Anniversary in 2023, submit a Progress Report on the preparations as well as a Draft Programme of the Codex 60th Anniversary to the CAC45 in 2022, and submit a Final Report on the activities that would have been organized as part of the Codex 60th Anniversary celebrations to the CAC47 in 2024. The timeframe for the Codex 60th Anniversary Organizing Committee would be from CAC44 (Nov 2021) until CAC47 when the Final Report would be submitted to the Commission.
140. The Codex Secretariat welcomed the initiative to use the occasion of the 60th Anniversary to build awareness of and engagement in Codex and outlined plans already underway to celebrate the event. The Secretariat noted that the 7 June date of the annual World Food Safety Day (WFSD), which coincided with the period of the Codex 60th Anniversary, was an excellent opportunity to raise the level of awareness of Codex work in particular and food safety in general and that Members and Observers could use this as a natural launch pad for their own initiatives to promote Codex.
141. The Codex Secretariat described some of the activities planned including the preparation of a Codex publication reflecting on 60 years of Codex and a project to enhance the visibility of Codex standards, in line with Goal 3 of the Codex Strategic Plan 2020-2025.
142. The Codex Secretariat confirmed that all Codex Members and Observers would be updated on its plans for the celebration, which would hopefully have a strong in-person component supported by virtual events using the experience gained over the last 18 months.
143. In terms of a mechanism to facilitate preparations for the Codex 60th Anniversary, it was noted that Codex already had a number of tools at its disposal to facilitate engagement and planning for the Anniversary including the FAO/WHO coordinating Committees (RCCs), and the CCEXEC, which would also be leading the preparation of the blueprint for the future of Codex to be considered on the occasion of the Codex 60th Anniversary.
144. The Codex Secretariat further explained that over the course of the past 18 months in developing a series of interactive and engaging events related to Codex meetings, the values of flexibility, agility and pragmatism in planning with finite resources had been fully recognized and Codex now had at its disposal numerous communication tools to facilitate an inclusive celebration.
145. The Representatives of FAO and WHO expressed their strong support for the celebration of the Codex 60th Anniversary and the importance of Member engagement in that celebration, the opportunity to use WFSD to raise awareness and engage with Members, and to maintain an agile organization mechanism as proposed by the Codex Secretariat.
146. The Discussion Paper prepared by Switzerland was welcomed by many Members and Observers that expressed their strong support for this initiative as well as for the activities proposed by Switzerland. In addition, delegations expressed strong support for preparing an appropriate celebration of the Codex 60th Anniversary with suggestions to include national level events and activities, and engage all stakeholders along the food chain from primary producers through to consumers.

147. The important role of Members to assure high-level political support to the Codex 60th Anniversary celebrations was emphasized.
148. The possibility to use the event as an opportunity for reflection on Codex and where it sees itself in the context of its core values and principles as well as the broader context of global trade was also highlighted e.g. issues of inclusiveness in terms of the language coverage of EWGs.
149. With regards to the mechanisms to organize the Codex 60th Anniversary celebrations, both the proposal to use an organizing committee or a lighter structure of existing mechanisms, found support. Switzerland emphasized that the activities of the Codex 60th Anniversary Organizing committee and those of the Codex Secretariat would be complimentary and their collaboration would create synergies. There was an overall agreement on the need to ensure inclusiveness and the important role that the RCCs could play to ensure this was emphasized.
150. Following the discussion, CAC44:
- i. thanked Switzerland for raising this issue and for enabling the Commission to have a timely discussion on the Codex 60th Anniversary;
 - ii. agreed that the celebration of the Codex 60th Anniversary would be a wonderful occasion to raise awareness about food safety and quality also in connection with the 5th celebration of World Food Safety Day;
 - iii. encouraged all Members and Observers to use the opportunity of the Codex 60th Anniversary to plan and implement activities to build awareness of Codex and to engage high level political support for Codex work;
 - iv. requested the Codex Secretariat in cooperation with FAO, WHO, the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of the Commission and CCEXEC (including the Regional Coordinators) to reach out to all Members and Observers in their preparations for the Codex 60th Anniversary and provide regular updates; and
 - v. to include the Codex 60th Anniversary on the agenda of the next sessions of the CCEXEC and CAC45, which would be the final session before the Codex 60th Anniversary session.

Proposal for the development of a Codex standard for yeast

151. China introduced the topic recalling the wide applications of yeast worldwide, and requested guidance regarding which Codex Committee could undertake the proposed new work on yeast since such a product fell outside of the ToR of existing Committees. It was clarified that although yeast may be used to produce alcoholic beverages, this was excluded from the scope of the new work proposal. It was also suggested that the work proposal consider the revision of the GFSA Category 12.8 on yeast and yeast products to include yeast containing cultures for kefir in the Standard for Fermented milks (CXS 243-2003) and to note that ISO was beginning work on microbial food cultures including yeast and that such work be considered by Codex moving forward.
152. The Chairperson recalled the recommendation of the Codex Secretariat at CCEXEC81 that a discussion paper on the development of a standard for yeast be presented at the next session of CCFA, which could then take a decision accordingly.
153. CAC44 endorsed this approach.

Dr Claude Mosha, 15th Chairperson of the Codex Alimentarius Commission

154. CAC44 recalled the recent passing of Dr Mosha and reflected on his life and service to Codex. The Chairperson reminded CAC44 of his unwavering commitment and deep passion for Codex and food safety, and that he would be remembered for his hard work, dedication, astute leadership, and positivity, and for his mentoring of the next generation of Codex leaders in Africa.

Appreciation of the outgoing Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons

155. CAC44 expressed deep appreciation to the outgoing Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of the Commission for their dedication and excellent contributions to the work of Codex, including through the very special and challenging time of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE PROCEDURAL MANUAL

Codex body	Text	Reference	Status
CCGP	Amendment to the Procedural Manual, Section III, Criteria and Procedural Guidelines for Codex Committees and ad hoc Intergovernmental Task Forces Working by Correspondence	CRD2 (REP21/GP, paragraphs 22 and 23, Appendix II)	Adopted
CCRVDF	Amendment to the Procedural Manual, Risk Analysis principles applied by CCRVDF: Approach for the extrapolation of MRLs for veterinary drugs to one or more species	REP21/RVDF, paragraph 105(i,ii), Appendix III	Adopted
CCFL	Consequential amendment to the Procedural Manual Section II - Elaboration of Codex Standards and Related Texts: Format for Codex Commodity Standards: Section on labelling, following the adoption of the <i>General standard for the labelling of non-retail containers of foods</i> .	REP21/FL, paragraph 60(i.,b), Appendix III	Adopted

Appendix III**LISTS OF ADOPTED STANDARDS AND RELATED TEXTS**

Standards and Related Texts	Reference	Job No.	Status
Standard for dried oregano	REP21/SCH, paragraph 36, Appendix II	N06- 2014	8
Standard for dried roots, rhizomes and bulbs — dried or dehydrated ginger, with the food additive provisions as amended and endorsed by CCFA	REP21/SCH, paragraph 65, Appendix III	N02- 2017	8
Standard for dried floral parts – dried cloves	REP21/SCH, paragraph 81, Appendix IV	N08- 2017	8
Standard for dried leaves - dried basil	REP21/SCH, paragraph 115, Appendix V	N05- 2017	8
MLs for cadmium in chocolates containing or declaring <30% total cocoa solids on a dry matter basis (CXS 193-1995)	REP21/CF, paragraphs 18-27, Appendix II	N15- 2014	8
MLs for cadmium in chocolates containing or declaring ≥30% to <50% total cocoa solid on a dry matter basis (CXS 193-1995)	REP21/CF, paragraphs 28-40, Appendix II	N15- 2014	5/8
Amendment to the MLs for lead in fruit juices and grape juice (CXS 193-1995)	REP21/CF, paragraphs 98 and 101, Appendix IV		Adopted
Revision of the <i>Code of practice for the prevention and reduction of lead contamination in foods</i> (CXC 56-2004)	REP21/CF, paragraph 106, Appendix V	N06- 2019	5/8
Methods of analysis / performance criteria for provisions in <i>Recommended Methods of Analysis and Sampling</i> (CXS 234-1999)	REP21/MAS, paragraphs 24(i), 42(i), Appendix II, Part 1	-	Adopted
Amendments to methods of analysis / performance criteria for provisions in <i>Recommended Methods of Analysis and Sampling</i> (CXS 234-1999)	REP21/MAS, paragraph 42(i), 51(i), Appendix II, Part 3 and Part 4.3	-	Adopted
Editorial amendment to the provision in Section 3.3 of the <i>Standard for Edible Casein Products</i> (CXS 290-1995)	REP21/MAS, paragraphs 23 and 24(ii)	-	Adopted
Revision to the <i>Guidelines on Measurement Uncertainty</i> (CXG 54-2004)	REP21/MAS, paragraph 70(i), Appendix III	N07- 2018	8
Principles and guidelines for the assessment and use of voluntary Third-Party Assurance (vTPA) programmes	REP21/FICS, paragraph 37, Appendix II	N27- 2017	8
Guidance on paperless use of electronic certificates (<i>Revised Guidelines for Design, Production, Issuance and Use of Generic Official Certificates</i> , CXG 38-2001)	REP21/FICS, paragraph 64, Appendix III	N26- 2017	5/8

Standards and Related Texts	Reference	Job No.	Status
Maximum residue limit for flumethrin (honey)	REP21/RVDF, paragraph 39, Appendix II	-	8
Maximum residue limits for diflubenzuron (salmon - muscle plus skin in natural proportion)	REP21/RVDF, paragraph 43, Appendix II	-	5/8
Maximum residue limits for halquinol (in swine - muscle, skin plus fat, liver and kidney)	REP21/RVDF, paragraph 50, Appendix II	-	5/8
Amendment to the <i>Glossary of Terms and Definitions</i> (CXA 5-1993): Definition of edible offal	REP21/RVDF, paragraph 116 (i), Appendix IV	-	Adopted
MRLs for pesticides	REP21/PR, paragraph 163(i), a), Appendix II	-	5/8
Revision to <i>Classification of Food and Feed</i> (CXA 4-1989), Class C – Primary feed commodities, Type 11 – Primary feed commodities of plant origin; and revised <i>Principles and Guidelines for the Selection of Representative Commodities for the extrapolation of MRLs for Pesticides to Commodity Group</i> (CXG 84-2012), Table 7 - Representative commodities for Class C	REP21/PR, paragraph 170, Appendix VII	-	5/8
Revision to <i>Classification of Food and Feed</i> (CXA 4-1989), Class D – Processed foods of plant origin; and revised <i>Principles and Guidelines for the Selection of Representative Commodities for the extrapolation of MRLs for Pesticides to Commodity Group</i> (CXG 84-2012) Table 8 - Representative commodities for Class D	REP21/PR, paragraph 173 (i), Appendix VIII	-	5/8
Specifications for the Identity and Purity of Food Additives (CXM6)	REP21/FA, paragraph 66, Appendix III	-	5/8
Food-additive provisions of the <i>General Standard for Food Additives</i> (GSFA) (CXS 192-1995)	REP21/FA, paragraph 182 (i), Appendix VI, part D	-	8 and 5/8
Revision of the <i>Class Names and the International Numbering System for Food Additives</i> (CXG 36-1989)	REP21/FA, paragraph 201 (i), Appendix X	-	5/8
Inclusion of xanthan gum (INS 415) and pectins (INS 440) in FC 13.1.3 "Formulae for special medical purposes for infants" of the GSFA (CXS 192-1995)	REP21/FA, paragraph 27, Appendix VI, part A	-	Adopted
Changes related to the group header STEVIOL GLYCOSIDES in the GSFA (CXS 192-1995)	REP21/FA, paragraph 203 (ii), Appendix VI, part B	-	Adopted
Revised provisions of the GSFA in relation to the amendments to title and food category number for CXS 283 in Annex C of the GSFA (CXS 192-1995)	REP21/FA, paragraph 106 (ii), a) Appendix VI, part C.1	-	Adopted
Revised food-additive provisions of the GSFA in relation to the alignment of nine standards for CCMMP, six standards for CCFO and three standards for CCSCHE	REP21/FA, paragraph 106 (ii), b) Appendices C.2 -C.4	-	Adopted
Revised food-additive provisions of the GSFA in relation to the partial alignment of CXS 249-2006, CXS 273-1968, CXS 275-1973 and CXS 288-1978 to include tamarind seed polysaccharide (INS 437)	REP21/FA, paragraph 106 (ii), c) Appendix VI, Part C.5	-	Adopted

Standards and Related Texts	Reference	Job No.	Status
Revised food-additive provisions of the GSFA in relation to the linked entry for food category 12.5 in the References to Commodity Standards for GSFA Table 3 Additives in the Annex to Table 3	REP21/FA, paragraph 106 (ii), d), Appendix VI, part C.6	-	Adopted
Revised provisions for sweeteners in different food categories (CXS 192-1995)	REP21/FA, paragraph 173(i), Appendix VI, part E	-	Adopted
Revised food-additive sections of the nine standards for milk and milk products, i.e. Group Standards for <i>Cheeses in Brine</i> (CXS 208-1999); <i>Unripened Cheese including Fresh Cheese</i> (CXS 221-2001); <i>Standards for a Blend of Evaporated Skimmed Milk and Vegetable Fat</i> (CXS 250-2006); <i>a Blend of Skimmed Milk and Vegetable Fat in Powdered Form</i> (CXS 251-2006); <i>a Blend of Sweetened Condensed Skimmed Milk and Vegetable Fat</i> (CXS 252-2006); <i>Standards for Cottage Cheese</i> (CXS 273-1968); <i>Cream Cheese</i> (CXS 275-1973); <i>Extra Hard Grating Cheese</i> (CXS 278-1978); and <i>General Standard for Cheese</i> (CXS 283-1978)	REP21/FA, paragraph 106(i), a), Appendix V, part A	-	Adopted
Revised food-additive sections of the six standards for fats and oils, i.e. <i>Standards for Edible Fats and Oils not covered by Individual Standards</i> (CXS 19-1981); <i>Olive oils and olive pomace oils</i> (CXS 33-1981); <i>Named vegetable oils</i> (CXS 210-1999); <i>Named animal fats</i> (CXS 211-1999); <i>Fat spreads and blended spreads</i> (CXS 256-2007); and <i>Fish oils</i> (CXS 329-2017)	REP21/FA, paragraph 106(i), b), Appendix V, Part B	-	Adopted
Revised food-additive sections of the three standards for spices and culinary herbs, i.e. <i>Standards for Black, White and Green Peppers</i> (CXS 326-2017); <i>Cumin</i> (CXS 327-2017); and <i>Dried Thyme</i> (CXS 328-2017)	REP21/FA, paragraph 106(i), c), Appendix V, Part C	-	Adopted
Amendments to Standards for <i>Bouillons and Consommés</i> (CXS 117-1981) and <i>Wheat Flour</i> (CXS 152-1985) due to alignment of methylate copolymer, basic (INS 1205)	REP21/FA, paragraph 106(i), d), Appendix V, Part D	-	Adopted
General standard for the labelling of non-retail containers of foods	REP21/FL, paragraph 60 i., Appendix III	N06-2016	8
Guidelines on front-of-pack nutrition labelling (Annex to the <i>Guidelines on Nutrition Labelling</i> (CXG 2-1985)); and consequential amendment to Section 5 of the <i>Guidelines on Nutrition Labelling</i> (CXG 2-1985)	REP21/FL, paragraph 99 i. and ii, Appendix IV	N04-2018	5/8
Amendment to the labelling provision 4.2.1 in annex C raisins of the <i>General Standard for Dried Fruits</i> by including a reference to the <i>General Guidelines on Claims</i> (CXG 1-1979)	REP21/FL, paragraph 40 ii), Appendix II	-	Adopted
Revision to the <i>Code of practice to minimize and contain foodborne antimicrobial resistance</i> (CXC 61-2005)	REP21/AMR, paragraph 89, Appendix II	N28-2017	8
Guidelines on integrated monitoring and surveillance of foodborne antimicrobial resistance	REP21/AMR, paragraph 152, Appendix III	N29-2017	5/8

Appendix IV**LIST OF DRAFT STANDARDS AND RELATED TEXTS ADOPTED AT STEP 5**

Standards and Related Texts	Reference	Job No.	Status
Standard for dried seeds - nutmeg	REP21/SCH, paragraph 149, Appendix VI	N07-2017	Adopted
Code of practice for the prevention and reduction of cadmium contamination in cocoa beans	REP21/CF, paragraph 59, Appendix III	N07-2019	Adopted
Revision to the <i>General Guidelines on Sampling</i> (CXG 50-2004)	REP21/MAS, paragraph 110(i), Appendix IV	N08-2018	Adopted
Maximum residue limits for ivermectin (sheep, pigs and goats – fat, kidney, liver and muscle)	REP21/RVDF, paragraph 59, Appendix II	-	Adopted
Guidelines for compounds of low public health concerns that may be exempted from the establishment of Codex Maximum Residue limits or do not give rise to residues	REP21/PR, paragraph 194(i), Appendix XII	N03-2019	Adopted

Appendix V**LIST OF REVOKED STANDARDS AND RELATED TEXTS**

Standards and Related Texts	Reference
Methods of analysis in <i>Recommended Methods of Analysis and Sampling</i> (CXS 234-1999)	REP21/MAS, paragraphs 24(i), and 42(i), Appendix II, Part 2
Maximum Residue Limits for pesticides (with the exception of the MRLs for acetamiprid/cardammon)	REP21/PR, paragraph 163(i), b), Appendix III
Food additive provisions of the GSFA	REP21/FA, paragraph 182(ii), Appendix VII

Appendix VI**LIST OF APPROVED NEW WORK**

Codex Body	Text	Reference and project document	Job No.
CCSCH	Development of a standard for small cardamom	REP21/SCH, Appendix VII CX/CAC 21/44/3, Annex I	N01-2021
CCSCH	Development of a standard for turmeric	REP21/SCH, Appendix VIII CX/CAC 21/44/3, Annex II	N02-2021
CCSCH	Development of a group standard for spices in the form of dried fruits and berries (All spice, Juniper berry, Star anise and Vanilla)	REP21/SCH, Appendix IX CX/CAC 21/44/3, Annex III	N03-2021
CCCF	MLs for methylmercury in orange roughy and pink cusk eel (CXS 193-1995)	REP21/CF, Appendix VI CX/CAC 21/44/4, Annex I	N04-2021
CCCF	Development of a Code of practice for the prevention and reduction of mycotoxins contamination in cassava and cassava-based products	REP21/CF, Appendix VII CX/CAC 21/44/4, Annex II	N05-2021
CCFICS	Development of guidance on the prevention and control of food fraud	REP21/FICS, Appendix IV CX/CAC 21/44/6, Annex I	N06-2021
CCFL	Labelling information provided through technology	REP21/FL, Appendix V CX/CAC 21/44/10, Annex I	N07-2021
CCRVDF	Priority list of veterinary drugs for evaluation/re-evaluation by JECFA	REP21/RVDF, paragraph 150, Appendix VI (Parts I and V)	Ongoing
CCPR	Priority lists of pesticides for evaluation by JMPR	REP21/PR, paragraph 249, Appendix XV	Ongoing
CCFA	Priority list of food additive substances proposed for evaluation by JECFA	REP21/FA, paragraph 227, Appendix XI	Ongoing

Appendix VII**LIST OF DISCONTINUED WORK**

Codex Body	Text	Reference
CCFA	The work on draft and proposed draft food additive provisions of the GSFA	REP21/FA, Paragraph 182(iii), Appendix VIII
CCPR	MRLs in the step procedure for different combinations of pesticide/commodity(ies) for food and feed	REP21/PR, Appendix VI

Appendix VIII**CHAIRMANSHIP OF CODEX SUBSIDIARY BODIES****Established under Rule XI.1(b)(i)**

Code	Subsidiary Body	Member Responsible	Status
CX 703	Codex Committee on Milk and Milk Products	New Zealand	<i>Adjourned sine die</i>
CX 708	Codex Committee on Cocoa Products and Chocolate	Switzerland	<i>Adjourned sine die</i>
CX 709	Codex Committee on Fats and Oils	Malaysia	Active
CX 710	Codex Committee on Sugars	Colombia	<i>Adjourned sine die</i>
CX 711	Codex Committee on Food Additives	China	Active
CX 712	Codex Committee on Food Hygiene	United States of America	Active
CX 713	Codex Committee on Processed Fruits and Vegetables	United States of America	<i>Adjourned sine die</i>
CX 714	Codex Committee on Food Labelling	Canada	Active
CX 715	Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling	Hungary	Active
CX 716	Codex Committee on General Principles	France	Active
CX 718	Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues	China	Active
CX 719	Codex Committee on Natural Mineral Waters	Switzerland	<i>Adjourned sine die</i>
CX 720	Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses	Germany	Active
CX 722	Codex Committee on Fish and Fishery Products	Norway	Active ³¹
CX 723	Codex Committee on Meat Hygiene	New Zealand	<i>Adjourned sine die</i>
CX 728	Codex Committee on Vegetable Proteins	Canada	<i>Adjourned sine die</i>
CX 729	Codex Committee on Cereals, Pulses and Legumes	United States of America	<i>Adjourned sine die</i>

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CX 730	Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods	United States of America	Active
CX 731	Codex Committee on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables	Mexico	Active
CX 733	Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Certification and Inspection Systems	Australia	Active
CX 735	Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods	The Netherlands	Active
CX 736	Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs	India	Active
CX 804	<i>Ad hoc</i> Codex Intergovernmental Task Force on Antimicrobial Resistance	Republic of Korea	Dissolved