



**JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME
CODEX COMMITTEE ON METHODS OF ANALYSIS AND SAMPLING**

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**MATTERS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE BY THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION
AND/OR ITS SUBSIDIARY BODIES**

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION AND ITS EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE**

MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

Specific matters

Standards and related texts adopted

1. CAC46 (2023) adopted¹:
 - i. proposed methods of analysis/performance criteria for provisions in Codex standards for inclusion in CXS 234–1999;
 - ii. the sampling plans for total aflatoxins in certain cereals and cereal-based products including foods for infants and young children for inclusion in CXS 193-1995;
 - iii. the revised *General Guidelines on Sampling* (CXG 50-2004).

Revoked standards and related texts

2. CAC46 revoked² the:
 - i. Methods of analysis for provisions in relevant Codex standards and CXS 234–1999; and
 - ii. *General Methods of Analysis for Contaminants* (CXS 228-2001).

Other issues

3. At CAC46, the CCMAS Chairperson recalled the decision to develop a database for methods of analysis and sampling as a means of making the outputs of the committee more accessible and asked for additional support from Members and the Codex Secretariat so that the development of the database could start.

General matters

Future Codex work³

4. CCEXEC85(2023) agreed that rather than develop a blueprint for the future of Codex, it was more appropriate to use the Codex Strategic Plan 2026-2031 to guide the future direction of Codex and to consider, in parallel, a working model for future Codex work; and that the document (i.e. CX/EXEC 23/85/3, Appendix II) describing the key elements of a model for future Codex work remained a living document that should be periodically reviewed in light of experiences and learnings.
5. CAC46 endorsed the conclusions of CCEXEC85 regarding matters pertaining to future Codex work.

Codex Strategic Plan 2026-2031⁴

6. CCEXEC85 discussed the first draft of the elements to be included in the Codex Strategic Plan 2026-

¹ [REP23/CAC](#), para. 92, Appendix II

² [REP23/CAC](#), para. 93, Appendix IV

³ [REP23/CAC](#), paragraphs 8 and 16; [REP22/CAC](#) paragraph 41; [REP23/EXEC2](#) paragraph 38 (i and iii).

⁴ [REP22/EXEC2](#) paragraph 54, [REP23/EXEC1](#) paragraph 115 (iii); [REP23/CAC](#) paragraphs 9 and 16

2031 and agreed to send a Circular Letter (CL) to Members and Observers requesting comments on these elements. CCEXEC85 further agreed that the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons should hold informal consultations with Members and Observers to encourage interaction, discussion and reflection, and to support Members and Observers in responding to the CL.

7. CAC46 endorsed the conclusions of CCEXEC85 regarding matters pertaining to the Codex Strategic Plan 2026-2031.

MATTERS ARISING FROM OTHER SUBSIDIARY BODIES

MATTERS FOR ACTION OR INFORMATION

Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs (CCSCH7, 2024)

8. CCSCH agreed to forward the updated methods of analysis together with the answers to CCMAS, methods of analysis provisions in the draft standard for spices derived from dried or dehydrated fruits and berries – small cardamom, - allspice, juniper berry and star anise, and draft standard for dried or dehydrated roots, rhizomes and bulbs – turmeric for endorsement under CCMAS43 Agenda item 3 (CX/MAS 24/43/3).⁵

RECOMMENDATIONS

9. CCMAS43 is invited to:
- i. note the matters for information referred by CAC and CCEXEC;
 - ii. encourage Members and Observers to actively engage in opportunities to contribute to the discussions in CCEXEC and CAC (i.e., Codex strategic plan 2026-2031) by providing replies to relevant CLs;
 - iii. note that matters for action or information arising from other subsidiary bodies and that matters for endorsement would be considered under Agenda Item 3 (Endorsement of methods of analysis and sampling).

⁵ [REP24/SCH](#) paragraph 12 and Appendix II PartB, 30(ii) and Appendix III, 48(ii) and Appendix IV, 70(ii) and Appendix V, 85(ii) and Appendix VI