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DESIGNATION OF COUNTRIES RESPONSIBLE FOR APPOINTING THE CHAIRPERSONS OF CODEX COMMITTEES AND TASK FORCES

BACKGROUND

1. In accordance with Rule IX.10 of the Commission's Rules of Procedure and with established practices, the Commission is required to designate, at each Session, the Member country responsible for appointing the Chairperson of Codex Committees. The *Criteria for the Establishment of Subsidiary Bodies of the Codex Alimentarius Commission* state that the Rules of Procedure shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to *ad hoc* Codex Intergovernmental Task Forces and therefore the same action is required for these subsidiary bodies.

2. At its 23rd Session (1999) the Commission established three *ad hoc* Intergovernmental Task Forces requiring them to provide final reports to the present session of the Commission. In accordance with the *Criteria for the Establishment of Subsidiary Bodies of the Codex Alimentarius Commission* these Task Forces "shall be dissolved after the specified work has been completed or when the number of sessions or the time limit has expired".¹

ACTION REQUIRED

3. The Commission is invited:

- to confirm the designation of the Member countries responsible for appointing the Chairpersons of the Committees and Task Forces listed in the Annex;
- to consider the dissolution of the *ad hoc* Task Forces established by the 23rd Session of the Commission; and
- to continue to review the status of Codex Committees and Task Forces as they complete their programmes of work.

¹ Procedural Manual of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, 12th ed., page 63, FAO/WHO, Rome 2001.

ANNEX

CURRENT CHAIRMANSHIP OF CODEX SUBSIDIARY BODIES

Code	Subsidiary Body	Host	Status
CX 703	Codex Committee on Milk and Milk Products	New Zealand	Active
CX 708	Codex Committee on Cocoa Products and Chocolate	Switzerland	<i>Sine die</i>
CX 709	Codex Committee on Fats and Oils	United Kingdom	Active
CX 710	Codex Committee on Sugars	United Kingdom	<i>Sine die</i>
CX 711	Codex Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants	The Netherlands	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	Active
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	The Netherlands	Active
CX 719	Codex Committee on Natural Mineral Waters	Switzerland	<i>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
CX 723	Codex Committee on Meat and Poultry Hygiene	New Zealand	Active
CX 728	Codex Committee on Vegetable Proteins	Canada	<i>Sine die</i>
CX 729	Codex Committee on Cereals, Pulses and Legumes	United States of America	<i>Sine die</i>
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

Ad hoc Intergovernmental Task Forces established by the 23rd Session of the Commission

CX 801	<i>ad hoc</i> Codex Intergovernmental Task Force on Fruit and Vegetable Juices	Brazil
CX 802	<i>ad hoc</i> Codex Intergovernmental Task Force on Foods Derived from Biotechnology	Japan
CX 803	<i>ad hoc</i> Codex Intergovernmental Task Force on Animal Feeding	Denmark
