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Agenda Item 3

JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME

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AMENDMENTS TO THE PROCEDURAL MANUAL

Amendments consequential to the splitting of the Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants into the Committee on Food Additives and the Committee on Contaminants in Foods

1. If the Commission agrees to the splitting of the Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants into the Committee on Food Additives and the Committee on Contaminants in Foods by approving the terms of reference of the latter committees (see ALINORM 06/29/4 paras 7-8 and Appendix IV), there will be a need to make a number of consequential changes to the Procedural Manual.
2. The Commission is invited to endorse the amendments of editorial nature, as listed in Annex 1, and note that they will be reflected in the 16th Edition of the Procedural Manual.
3. The Commission may wish to agree that the amendments of substantive nature, listed in Annex 2, will be considered at a future session of the Commission based on the discussion by appropriate subsidiary bodies.

ANNEX 1

SECTION II : UNIFORM SYSTEM OF REFERENCES FOR CODEX DOCUMENTS

Current Text	New Text
Food Additives and Contaminants - CX/FAC	Food Additives - CX/FA Contaminants in Foods - CX/CF

SECTION II : FORMAT FOR CODEX COMMODITY STANDARDS

Current Text	New Text
“The following provisions in respect of food additives and their specifications as contained in section of the Codex Alimentarius are subject to endorsement [have been endorsed] by the Codex Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants.”	“The following provisions in respect of food additives and their specifications as contained in section of the Codex Alimentarius are subject to endorsement [have been endorsed] by the Codex Committee on Food Additives.”
“The following provisions in respect of contaminants, other than pesticide residues, are subject to endorsement [have been endorsed] by the Codex Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants.”	“The following provisions in respect of contaminants, other than pesticide residues, are subject to endorsement [have been endorsed] by the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Food.”

SECTION II : RELATIONS BETWEEN COMMODITY COMMITTEES AND GENERAL COMMITTEES

Current Text	New Text
The Codex Committees on Food Labelling; Food Additives and Contaminants; Methods of Analysis and Sampling; ...	The Codex Committees on Food Labelling; Food Additives; Contaminants in Foods; Methods of Analysis and Sampling; ...
All provisions in respect of food additives (including processing aids) and contaminants contained in Codex commodity standards should be referred to the Codex Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants preferably after the Standards have been advanced to Step 5 of the Procedure for the Elaboration of Codex Standards or before they are considered by the Commodity Committee concerned at Step 7, though such reference should not be allowed to delay the progress of the Standard to the subsequent Steps of the Procedure.	All provisions in respect of food additives (including processing aids) and contaminants contained in Codex commodity standards should be referred to the Codex Committees on Food Additives or on Contaminants in Foods, as appropriate, preferably after the Standards have been advanced to Step 5 of the Procedure for the Elaboration of Codex Standards or before they are considered by the Commodity Committee concerned at Step 7, though such reference should not be allowed to delay the progress of the Standard to the subsequent Steps of the Procedure.
All provisions in respect of food additives will require to be endorsed by the Codex Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants, on the basis of technological justification submitted by the commodity committees and of the recommendations of the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives concerning the safety-in-use (acceptable daily intake (ADI) and other restrictions) and an estimate of the potential and, where possible, the actual intake of the food additives.	All provisions in respect of food additives will require to be endorsed by the Codex Committee on Food Additives, on the basis of technological justification submitted by the commodity committees and of the recommendations of the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives concerning the safety-in-use (acceptable daily intake (ADI) and other restrictions) and an estimate of the potential and, where possible, the actual intake of the food additives.

<p>When commodity standards are sent to governments for comment at Step 3, they should contain a statement that the provisions “in respect of food additives and contaminants are subject to endorsement by the Codex Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants and to incorporation into the General Standard for Food Additives or the General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in Foods.”</p>	<p>When commodity standards are sent to governments for comment at Step 3, they should contain a statement that the provisions “in respect of food additives and contaminants are subject to endorsement by the Codex Committees on Food Additives or on Contaminants in Food and to incorporation into the General Standard for Food Additives or the General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in Foods.”</p>
<p>When an active commodity committee exists, proposals for the use of additives in any commodity standard under consideration should be prepared by the committee concerned, and forwarded to the Codex Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants for endorsement. When the Codex Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants decides not to endorse specific additives provisions (use of the additive, or level in the end-product), the reason should be clearly stated. The section under consideration should be referred back to the Committee concerned if further information is needed, or for information if the Codex Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants decides to amend the provision.</p>	<p>When an active commodity committee exists, proposals for the use of additives in any commodity standard under consideration should be prepared by the committee concerned, and forwarded to the Codex Committee on Food Additives for endorsement. When the Codex Committee on Food Additives decides not to endorse specific additives provisions (use of the additive, or level in the end-product), the reason should be clearly stated. The section under consideration should be referred back to the Committee concerned if further information is needed, or for information if the Codex Committee on Food Additives decides to amend the provision.</p>
<p>When no active commodity committee exists, proposals for new additive provisions or amendment of existing provisions, should be forwarded directly by member countries to the Codex Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants.</p>	<p>When no active commodity committee exists, proposals for new additive provisions or amendment of existing provisions, should be forwarded directly by member countries to the Codex Committee on Food Additives.</p>
<p>Methods of analysis included in Codex Advisory Food Additives Specifications, for the purpose of verifying the criteria of purity and identity of the food additive, need not be referred to the Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling for endorsement. The Codex Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants is responsible for carrying out the steps of the Procedure.</p>	<p>Methods of analysis included in Codex Advisory Food Additives Specifications, for the purpose of verifying the criteria of purity and identity of the food additive, need not be referred to the Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling for endorsement. The Codex Committee on Food Additives is responsible for carrying out the steps of the Procedure.</p>

ANNEX 2

	Text	Responsible Subsidiary Body to Follow up
<i>Section III</i>	Risk Analysis Principles Applied by the Codex Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants	CCFA, CCCF
	CCFAC Policy for Exposure Assessment of Contaminants and Toxins in Foods or Food Groups	CCFA, CCCF