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STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE CCASIA 2009-2014

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Introduction

1. The 16th Session of the FAO/WHO Regional Coordinating Committee for Asia agreed to adopt the Strategic Plan for the Coordinating Committee for Asia (CCASIA) 2009-2014 (*see* Appendix VI) and to inform the 32nd Session of the Commission. It further agreed to request the Coordinator to monitor the implementation of the Strategic Plan and to present a report on the status of implementation at the 17th Session of the CCASIA (ALINORM 09/32/15 para 96).
2. The status of implementation of the Strategic Plan for the CCASIA 2009-2014 are included in Annex 1 of the document (column on “Status” and “Notes”)
3. CL 2010/17-ASIA request for comments and information on National food control systems and consumer participation in food standard setting which will be discussed under Agenda item 7 should be referred for monitoring the implementation of the Regional Strategic Plan for the CCASIA as template contained in the CL provides a more systematic framework and link to the activities of the Strategic Plan.
4. The Committee is invited to review the status of implementation with a view to providing views and recommendations, where appropriate.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR ASIA (CCASIA) 2009-2014

Objectives 1: To develop and strengthen national food regulatory system and Codex Contact Point and/or National Codex Committee				
Actions	Responsible party	Timeline	Status	Notes
1.1 - To identify capacity-building needs in national food regulatory system and to identify the resources required including funding.	Member countries	2009-2010	On going	Refer to information submitted by member countries in response to CL 2010/17-ASIA, Question 1 strengthening national food regulatory systems, 2 nd bullet
1.2 - To organise technical exchange programmes amongst member countries of the region on a mutual basis.	Interested member countries	2009-2014	On going	Refer to information submitted by member countries in response to CL 2010/17-ASIA, Question 4 Training and Capacity building, 1 st bullet
1.3 - To identify the capacity-building needs of the Codex Contact Points to facilitate and strengthen the implementation and participation in Codex work, and to identify the resources required including funding.	Member countries	2009-2010	On going	Refer to information submitted by member countries in response to CL 2010/17-ASIA, Question 1 strengthening national food regulatory systems, 2 nd bullet
1.4 - To assist CCASIA Member Countries in developing and strengthening national food regulatory system and Codex Contact Point and/or National Codex Committee such as mentoring and training programme with the assistance of FAO/WHO and other international organizations	Member countries with the required capability	Initiate by 2010	On going	Refer to information submitted by member countries in response to CL 2010/17-ASIA, Question 4 Training and Capacity building, 1 st bullet
1.5 - To organise on-the-job training at Codex Contact Points of member countries to observe structural work programme and implementation processes with the assistance of FAO/WHO and other international organizations.	Member countries with the required capability	Initiate by 2010	On going	Refer to information submitted by member countries in response to CL 2010/17-ASIA, Question 4 Training and Capacity building, 1 st bullet
1.6 - To conduct national workshops on effective functioning of Codex Contact Points and National Codex Committee.	Interested member countries	2009-2014	On going	Refer to information submitted by member countries in response to CL 2010/17-ASIA, Question 1 strengthening national food regulatory systems
1.7 - To conduct regional workshops on effective functioning of Codex Contact Points and National Codex Committee with the support of FAO, WHO and other international organizations.	Coordinator	Initiated by 2010	Completed in 2008	Codex Trust Fund has conducted the workshop prior to 16 th CCASIA session. The next event organized by Trust Fund will be about application of scientific basis and a risk based approach

Objective 2. To strengthen communication & coordination amongst the CCASIA members, with other regions and Codex Secretariat as well as other relevant organizations				
Actions	Responsible party	Timeline	Status	Notes
2.1 - To maintain an up-to-date directory of the National Codex Contact Points of the CCASIA member countries.	Coordinator	Initiate by 2009	On going	An up to date directory of the National Codex Contact Points are provided on CCASIA website
2.2 - To optimize the use of electronic communication systems in countries of the region by i) conducting e-discussions amongst member countries on issues of mutual interest from time to time ii) sharing of national positions/written comments on issues of interest to the region on a regular basis iii) encouraging the development of a web page for each contact point iv) promoting regional networking among Codex Contact Points to improve communication and share experiences on Codex and related issues.	Coordinator and member countries	Initiate by 2009	On going	The electronic communication for conducting e discussion amongst member countries was held in the electronic working group established by Codex. Sharing of national position was held during informal meeting organized by regional Coordinator prior to Codex session. It is noted that India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippine and Thailand has a website contained information on Codex activities. Other countries who have such website may inform to Coordinator to be linked on CCASIA website
2.3 - To update and maintain a virtual page for CCASIA and to encourage its use.	Interested member countries	Initiate by 2010	On going	Regional website (www.ccasia.org) has been established. The contents and its usage should be improved. It is noted that the maintenance of the website should be transferred to the next regional coordinator
Objective 3. To achieve maximum and effective participation of member countries in the activities of CCASIA, Codex Alimentarius Commission and its subsidiary bodies				
Actions	Responsible party	Timeline	Status	Notes
3.1 - To organize informal meetings of CCASIA prior to Codex meetings to develop common position, where possible, on issues of interest as well as to update on national and regional activities.	Coordinator	2009-2014	On going	Indonesia is leading the implementation until the 34 th CAC session on July 2011.
3.2 - To discuss Codex issues of interest to the region including those issues arising from Commission and other Codex subsidiary bodies during CCASIA sessions.	Coordinator and Member countries	2009-2014	On going	Agenda item 6 of the 17 th Session of the CCASIA discuss issues relevant to the region
3.3 - To seek funding to participate in Codex Meetings and support other Codex activities from "FAO/WHO Project	Member countries	2009-2014	On going	FAO/WHO Codex Trust Fund is still available for eligible countries

and Fund for Enhancing the Participation of Developing Countries in the Work of Codex”, as well as other sources funded by WHO, FAO, UNDP, STDF and other international organizations.				
Objective 4. To strengthen scientific and technical capacities of member countries in the region				
Actions	Responsible party	Timeline	Status	Notes
4.1 - To identify and prioritize food safety and Codex issues that affect the region and where appropriate seek the assistance of FAO/WHO for scientific advice.	Member countries	2009-2014	On going	Refer to information submitted by member countries in response to CL 2010/17-ASIA, Question 6: Codex Standards-national priorities, interests and training needs
4.2 - To develop a list of experts and institutions available in the region which can provide the required scientific/technical expertise.	Coordinator	Complete by 2009	On going	Only Indonesia and China submitted list of experts
4.3 - To establish e-Working Groups to address prioritized regional issues.	Interested member countries	Initiate by 2010	On going	e-Working groups has been established for developing Proposed draft standard for non-fermented soybean products (led by China) and Proposed draft regional standard for chili sauce (led by Thailand) and National food control systems and consumer participation in food standard setting (led by Indonesia)
4.4 - To collate and generate quality data on issues of interest to the region and submit to the Joint FAO/WHO expert bodies and consultation. FAO and WHO to assist countries in this activity in line with the Working Principles for Risk Analysis for Application in the Framework of the Codex Alimentarius Commission.	Lead countries	Initiate by 2010		Has not been implemented
4.5 - To promote the consistent application of risk analysis principles at the national level.	Member countries	2009-2014	On going	Refer to information submitted by member countries in response to CL 2010/17-ASIA, Question 6: Codex Standards-national priorities, interests and training needs
4.6 - To organize and conduct regional workshops/training courses with assistance of FAO/WHO and other international organizations to facilitate the development of the technical capacity of the members of the region including risk analysis.	Facilitating countries	Initiate by 2009	On going	Codex Trust Fund, in cooperation with regional Coordinator, organizes a workshop prior to the 17 th CCASIA session, November 2010

4.7 - To establish scientific and technical networks amongst the experts and institutions in the countries of the region.	Interested member countries	Initiate by 2010		Has not been implemented
Objective 5. To promote use of Codex standards and related texts as a basis for national legislation				
Actions	Responsible party	Timeline	Status	Notes
5.1 - To train technical personnel and policy makers responsible for the elaboration of food safety policy (including regulations) on the significance of and need to consider Codex standards and related texts, with technical assistance from FAO/WHO.	Member countries	2009	On going	Refer to information submitted by member countries in response to CL 2010/17-ASIA, Question 6: Codex Standards-national priorities, interests and training needs
5.2 - To increase awareness on the importance of Codex amongst relevant stakeholders i.e. government, industries, consumers, academia and professional bodies.	Member countries	2009-2014	On going	Refer to information submitted by member countries in response to CL 2010/17-ASIA Question 2. Promotion of codex standards and related texts
5.3 - To assist member countries in terms of capacity building to harmonize national legislation with that of Codex with assistance of FAO/WHO and other international organizations.	Member countries	2009-2014	On going	Refer to information submitted by member countries in response to CL 2010/17-ASIA, Question 4 Training and Capacity building, 2 nd bullet
Objective 6. To develop and/or review Codex standards and related texts taking into account regional interests				
Actions	Responsible party	Timeline	Status	Notes
6.1 - To convene informal meeting (physical or electronic) to address issues of common interest to the region as and when necessary.	Coordinator on the recommendation of interested member country	2009-2014	On going	Indonesia organized physical informal meeting prior to the Codex meeting. Invitation was circulated by email to all Asian member countries. Indonesia also sent an email requesting comments on the Agendas of the Executive Committee
6.2 - To identify specific food products of interest to the region that requires standard to be developed in order to protect the health of the consumers and ensure fair practices in food trade	Interested member countries	2009-2014	Under consideration	Indonesia proposes regional standard for tempe to be developed by CCASIA