



Agenda Item 2 (b)

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JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION****Sixty-eighth Session****FAO Headquarters, Rome, Italy****25-28 June 2013****CRITICAL REVIEW FOR THE ELABORATION OF CODEX STANDARDS AND RELATED TEXTS - MONITORING OF STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT**

1. In the framework of the Critical Review, the present document considers all items of work which are in the process of elaboration in Codex Committees. Draft Standards and Related Texts submitted to the Commission for Adoption are presented under Agenda Item 2 (b). New work items are presented under Agenda Item 2 (c).
2. The 63rd Session of the Executive Committee (2009) agreed that a list of discussion papers should be included in the document on monitoring for information purposes only, in order to present a complete view of the workload of each Committee, but would not be discussed as such. A list of discussion papers related to potential new work was therefore included, when applicable.
3. When recommendations have been made by previous sessions of the Executive Committee for specific items of work, they are also mentioned in the notes.
4. The format included in the Strategic Plan 2008-2013 was used in the presentation of the critical review, as follows. The Job Identification Number provides information on standards and related texts that were approved as new work from 2004 onwards. The first column in the Table indicates either the Identification Number, or the year when new work was approved, or the year when work actually started, as applicable. The target year is the year by which the text is to be adopted at Step 8, as agreed by the Commission on the basis of the project document (from 2004 onwards), or the date specified by the Committee at another stage of the process, where applicable.
5. The output codes are specified in Part 2 of the Strategic Plan: 1.1: Review and develop Codex standards and related texts for food safety; 1.2: Review and develop Codex standards and related texts for food quality; 1.3: Review and develop Codex standards and related texts for food labelling and nutrition; 1.4: Review and develop Codex standards and related texts for food inspection and certification, and methods of sampling and analysis. Scientific advice is mentioned when it has been required and when it has been provided. The comments received from Chairpersons or host countries of the committees concerned are included in the Tables.
6. In accordance with Rule V.2 of the Rules of Procedure and with Paragraphs 5-8 in Part 2 “Critical Review” of the Procedures for the Elaboration of Codex Standards and Related Texts, the Executive Committee is invited to review the status of development of draft standards against the timeframe agreed by the Commission. In particular, the Executive Committee may propose an extension of the time frame; cancellation of work; or propose that the work be undertaken by a Committee other than the one to which it was originally entrusted.
7. To facilitate the conduct of monitoring progress of standards development, the 58th Session of the Executive Committee (June 2006) agreed on the following criteria to be applied:

- When progress on a standard is delayed due to the need for scientific advice, the Executive Committee could encourage FAO and WHO to schedule an expert consultation to provide such advice in a timely manner, and recommend suspension of work until such time as scientific advice became available;
- When scientific advice has been provided and a standard has been under consideration for more than five years, the Executive Committee should urge the Committee concerned to take action within a specified timeframe;
- When an item has been considered for several sessions without any progress and there is no prospect of reaching consensus, the Executive Committee could propose suspension of work at a particular Step in the Elaboration Procedure for a specified period of time or discontinuation of work, or corrective action to be taken to achieve progress, fully taking into consideration the information provided by the subsidiary body concerned.¹

¹ ALINORM 06/29/3A, para. 47. The criteria were endorsed by the Commission (ALINORM 06/29/41, para. 13).

Committee on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables (17 th Session, 3-7 September 2012 – 18 th Session, 24-28 February 2014)	Timeframe		Current Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
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Proposed Draft Standard for Durian	N06-2011	2015	2/3	1.2		The 34 th Commission (2011) agreed that CCFFV would consider whether the standard should be international, otherwise it would be developed as a regional standard by CCASIA. CCFFV agreed to develop an international standard and considered the proposed draft, which was returned for further redrafting
Comments by the Chairperson/host country of the Committee:						

FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for North America and the South West Pacific (12 th Session, 17-20 September 2012, 13 th Session, 23-26 September 2014)	Timeframe		Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
	Job ID or year	Target Year				
Comments by the Chairperson/host country of the Committee:						
<u>Discussion papers</u>						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion paper on the development of a regional standard for kava product that can be used as a beverage when mixed with water Kava - Discussion paper on products of the region that can be addressed by regional standards and mechanism for their prioritisation 						

FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Europe 28 th Session, 25-28 September 2012, 29 th Session, 30 September-3 October 2014)	Timeframe		Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
	Job ID or year	Target Year				
Proposed Draft Regional Standard for Ayrán	N03-2011	2015	2/3	1.2		As it was not possible to conclude on major issues related to the Scope and the use of heat treatment, the text was returned for redrafting by a physical working group to be held between the sessions.
Comments by the Chairperson/host country of the Committee:						

Committee on Fish and Fishery Products (32 nd Session, 1-5 October 2012, 33 rd Session, 17-21 February 2014)	Timeframe		Current Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
	Job ID or year	Target Year				
Draft Standard for Quick Frozen Scallop Adductor Muscle Meat	2001	2012	6	1.1-1.2		<p>65th CCEXEC (2011) encouraged CCFFP to complete this work at its next session.</p> <p>Chair's comment: CCFFP's 32nd session made considerable progress. The text is near to finalization, but due to extensive changes and corrections made, members should have time to examine before presenting to the CAC for adoption.</p> <p>CCFA: not endorsed</p> <p>CCFL: endorsed with some comments to CCFFP</p> <p>There are no specific methods for CCMAS endorsement</p>
Draft Section 4 Food Additive Provisions in the Standard for Smoked Fish, Smoke-Flavoured Fish and Smoke-Dried Fish	1996	2011	6			<p>Chair's comment: The Draft Standard is presented to the CAC at Step 8. Some Food Additives require further consideration and will be discussed at the 33rd session of the CCFFP.</p>
Proposed Draft Code of Practice on the Processing of Scallop Meat	N02-2005	2008	2/3	1.1 1.2		<p>65th CCEXEC (2011): encouraged CCFFP to set a realistic target date for its completion.</p> <p>Pending issues include development of a clear definition of viscera that excludes roe in order to clarify the issues around biotoxin risk.</p>
Code of Practice for Fish and Fishery Products (section on sturgeon caviar)	N16-2011	2014	2/3	1.1 1.2		<p>The Code was returned for redrafting in view of extensive comments which could not be addressed in detail at the session.</p>

Proposed Draft Code of Practice for Fish and Fishery Products	Ongoing					As part of the ongoing work on the Code of Practice for Fish and Fishery Products, several appendices on optional final product requirements are still outstanding. It was noted that the optional requirements may no longer be necessary in view of the new approach to standards development which focused mainly on safety and essential quality provisions. The next session of the CCFFP will further consider how to proceed with these appendices.
Food Additive Provisions in Standards for Fish and Fishery Products (food additive provisions in adopted standards)	ongoing			1.1		Ongoing update of additive section and harmonisation with the GSFA.
Comments by the Chairperson: See above.						
<u>Discussion papers</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion Paper on Nitrogen Factors - Discussion Paper on Histamine (Note: scientific advice from FAO/WHO may be needed in the future) 						

Committee on Processed Fruits and Vegetables (26 th Session 15-19 October 2012, 27 th Session, 8-12 September 2014)	Timeframe		Current Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
	Job ID or year	Target Year				
Proposed Draft Sampling Plan including Methodological Provisions for Controlling Minimum Drained Weight of Canned Fruits and Vegetables in Packing Media	N04-2007	2011 <i>Re-scheduled for finalization / discontinuation: 2013</i>	4	1.4		Work was suspended pending completion of the review of OIML R87.
Proposed draft annexes on pears and pineapples (proposed draft Standard for Certain Canned Fruits)	N20-2011	2016	2/3	1.2		The Proposed draft Standard for Certain Canned Fruits (general provisions) and proposed draft Annex on Mangoes are at Step 5.
Proposed draft annexes on several quick frozen vegetables (proposed draft Standard for Certain Quick Frozen Vegetables)	N19-2011	2016	2/3	1.2		The general provisions in the Proposed Draft Standard for Certain Quick Frozen Vegetables are at Step 5.

<p>Comments by the Chairperson/host country of the Committee:</p> <p><u>Proposed Draft Sampling Plan including Metrological Provisions for Controlling the Minimum Drained Weight of Canned Fruits and Vegetables in packing Media</u></p> <p>The committee agreed to hold this document at Step 4 pending completion of the review and revision of OIML (International Organization of Legal Metrology) Recommendation 87 “Quantity of Product in Prepackages” which could impact the sampling plan being proposed.</p> <p><u>Proposed Draft Codex Standard for Certain Quick Frozen Vegetables</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The 26th Session of the CCPFV expanded on the work of the Working Group on Quick Frozen Vegetables and developed a general standard for certain quick frozen vegetables (containing horizontal provisions) to which commodity-specific annexes for individual vegetable items would be attached. The CCPFV also made substantial progress on the annex for Leeks; however, this work did not reach Step 5. 2. The CCPFV agreed to reconvene the electronic working group on quick frozen vegetables to continue work on the leek annex and revise the remaining annexes for various vegetables. This work is at Step 2/3 for consideration at the next CCPFV session. 						
<p>Comments by the Chairperson/host country of the Committee:</p>						
<p><u>Discussion papers</u></p> <p>- Standardization of dry and dried produce</p>						

FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Asia (18 th Session, 5-9 November 2012- 19 th Session, 3-7 November 2014)	Timeframe		Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
	Job ID or year	Target Year				
Regional Standard for Laver Products	N14-2011	2015	2/3	1.2		The proposed draft was not prepared for the 18 th CCASIA as some sections could not be completed and more time was needed to develop them. CCASIA had a general discussion, including on how to address contaminants, and agreed to work further on the draft for consideration at the next session through an eWG.
<p><u>Discussion papers</u></p> <p>Regional standard for edible crickets and their products</p>						
<p>Comments by the Chairperson/host country of the Committee:</p>						

Committee on Food Hygiene (44 th Session, 12-16 November 2012- 45 th Session, 11-15 November 2013)	Timeframe		Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
	Job ID or year	Target Year				
Proposed Draft Guidelines for Control of Specific Zoonotic Parasites in Meat: <i>Trichinella spiralis</i> and <i>Cysticercus bovis</i>	N07-2011	2013	2/3	1.1	FAO/WHO expert consultation on parasites	<p>The development of these Guidelines is a collaborative effort with OIE to ensure that OIE and Codex cover in an integrated way, risk reduction measures along the food chain. Currently there are in place mechanisms that allow an integrated approach to Codex and OIE: i.e. through the participation of Codex Secretariat and representatives of the CCFH EWG in the work of the OIE (OIE <i>ad hoc</i> Group on zoonotic parasites) and OIE in the CCFH work (including CCFH EWG on the draft Guidelines).</p> <p>OIE has recently adopted the revised OIE chapter 8.13. Infection with <i>Trichinella</i> spp; With the conclusion of the OIE work it is expected that the CCFH could finalised the Guidelines at its 45th Session (November 2013).</p>
Proposed Draft Code of Hygienic Practice for Spices and Dried Aromatic Herbs	N01-2012	2016	2/3	1.1		Questions were put forward to FAO /WHO on the significant risk associated with <i>Salmonella</i> or other identified foodborne pathogens in spices and dried aromatic herbs.
<p>Comments by the Chairperson:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>PROPOSED DRAFT GUIDELINES FOR CONTROL OF SPECIFIC ZOOONOTIC PARASITES IN MEAT: TRICHINELLA SPIRALIS AND CYSTICERCUS BOVIS.</u> The Committee agreed to continue working in parallel on the development of the documents on <i>Trichinella</i> spp. and <i>Taenia saginata</i> /<i>Cysticercus bovis</i>. The Committee agreed to establish an electronic working group, co-chaired by the European Union and New Zealand and working in English only, to further develop the two proposed draft guidelines taking into account the above discussion and the development of the OIE work on the revision of Chapter 8.13 “Infection with <i>Trichinella</i> spp” of the Terrestrial Animal Health Code, where applicable. In order to further progress this work, the Committee agreed to convene a physical working group, led by the European Union and New Zealand, to meet immediately prior to its next Session, to review the comments received at Step 3 and facilitate the discussion at the Plenary, subject to OIE adoption of the revision of Chapter 8.13. The Committee agreed to return the proposed draft Guidelines to Step 2 for revision by the electronic working group, circulation for comments at Step 3 and consideration by the next Session of the Committee. The Committee did agree that the document will not be forwarded for adoption until CCFH has had an opportunity to review the OIE revisions to the Terrestrial Animal Health Code relative to <i>Trichinella</i> spp. 						

- PROPOSED DRAFT REVISION OF THE CODE OF HYGIENIC PRACTICE FOR SPICES AND DRIED AROMATIC PLANTS (CAC/RCP 42-1995). The Committee agreed to establish an electronic working group led by the United States of America, working in English only, to redraft the Code taking into account the decisions taken at the Session, and the written comments submitted. The Committee noted the provisional offer of the Delegation of India to co-chair the electronic working group, pending confirmation of their government, which was subsequently received. The Committee agreed to return the proposed draft renamed Code to Step 2 for redrafting by the electronic working group, circulation for comments at Step 3 and consideration by the next Session of the Committee.

Discussion papers

- Occurrence and control of parasites in food
- Need to revise the *Code of Hygienic Practice for Fresh Fruits and Vegetables* (CAC/RCP 53-2003),

Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses (33 rd Session 14-18 November 2011 – 34 th Session 3-7 December 2012)	Timeframe		Current Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
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Proposed Draft Additional or Revised Nutrient Reference Values for Labelling Purposes in the Codex Guidelines on Nutrition Labelling	N06-2008	2012				Several additional or revised NRVs were forwarded for adoption at Step 5/8, work is ongoing on other nutrients.
Amendment of the Codex General Principles for the Addition of Essential Nutrients to Foods (CAC/GL 9-1987)	N02-2010	2014	2/3	1.3		
Proposed Draft Amendment of the Standard for Processed Cereal-Based Foods for Infants and Young Children (CODEX STAN 74-1981) to Include a New Part B for Underweight Children	N04-2011	2013	2/3	1.3		The Committee had a general discussion and agreed that the Proposed Draft should be redrafted and considered at the next session.

Comments by the Chairperson/host country of the Committee:

Proposed Draft Additional or Revised Nutrient Reference Values for Labelling Purposes in the Codex Guidelines on Nutrition Labelling (other NRVs than those forwarded for adoption, including NRV for protein) (Step 2/3):

Other NRVs than those forwarded for adoption, including a NRV for protein, will be considered by an electronic working group (eWG). CCNFSDU will continue its work on these NRVs based on the recommendations by the eWG at the next session.

Proposed Draft Revision of the Codex General Principles for the Addition of Essential Nutrients to Foods (CAC/GL 9-1987) (Step 2/3)

At its 34th Session CCNFSDU considered the proposals by an electronic working group (eWG) and discussed extensively the critical issues. The Committee recognized that it was not possible to proceed further and therefore agreed to establish an eWG to consider the comments and to prepare a revised draft for comments and consideration at the next session. The Committee also agreed to convene a physical working group prior to the next session to consider the revised draft and the comments at Step 3.

Proposed Draft Amendment of the Standard for Processed Cereal-Based Foods for Infants and Young Children to Include a New Part B for Underweight Children (Step 2/3)

CCNFSDU considered the draft for a new Part B for underweight children proposed by an electronic working group (eWG) and discussed in detail the scope of the proposed draft. The Committee agreed to establish an eWG to revise the proposed draft, especially the scope. The Committee agreed to return the Proposed Draft Amendment for redrafting by the eWG, comments at Step 3 and consideration at the next session.

Discussion papers

- Potential NRV for Potassium in relation to the risk of NCD
- Draft Revision of the List of Food Additives
- Biofortification

FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for the Near East (7 th Session 21-25 January 2013- 8 th Session, TBA early 2015)	Timeframe		Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
	Job ID or year	Target Year				
Regional Standard for Doogh	N21-2011	2015	2/3	1.2		CCNEA could not consider the standard in detail and agreed to return it for redrafting by an eWG. The Committee also agreed to follow closely the work of the CCEURO on ayran due to the similarities between doogh and ayran.

Comments by the Chairperson/host country of the Committee:

Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems (20 th Session, 18-22 February 2013, 21 st Session, 13-17 October 2014)	Timeframe		Current Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
	Job ID or year	Target Year				
<p><u>Discussion papers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Principles and guidelines for the elaboration and management of questionnaires directed at exporting countries The discussion paper will include a proposal for new work and an outline of principles and guidelines on the elaboration and management of questionnaires to address the problems faced by exporting countries due to multiple questionnaires. - Principles and guidelines for monitoring regulatory performance of national food control systems The discussion paper will include a proposal for new work and an outline of principles and guidance for monitoring the performance of national food control systems, to be annexed to the new Principles and Guidelines for National Food Control Systems. - Draft amendments to <i>Guidelines for the Exchange of Information between Countries on Rejections of Imported food</i> (CAC/GL 25-1997) - Revision of the <i>Principles and Guidelines for the Exchange of Information in Food Safety Emergency Situations</i> (CAC/GL 19-1995). The discussion paper will include a an outline of the proposed revision of the CAC/GL 19-1995. 						
<p>Comments by the Chairperson/host country of the Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Principles and guidelines for the elaboration and management of questionnaires directed at exporting countries The 20th CCFICS in principle supported the need for new work, however, it considered it necessary to further refine the scope of the new work before sending it to the Commission for approval. The Committee agreed that the new work should aim at providing guidance on which information might be useful to assess the exporting country's national food control system or parts thereof; that the scope of the work was on the exchange of information between competent authorities of importing and exporting countries; and that the focus of the work would initially be limited to specific areas of trade or specific products or groups of products entering the market for the first time. - Principles and guidelines for monitoring regulatory performance of national food control systems The 20th CCFICS supported this work as many countries are developing measures, while others had difficulties to objectively assess and continuously review and improve their national food control systems. The Committee was of the opinion that the work was a natural continuation of the just completed work on national food control systems; that the proposed timeline of three sessions to develop the document was sufficient to allow all members to actively participate and contribute to this work; and that workshops could be organised to promote understanding. The Committee considered it necessary to further refine the scope of the new work before sending it to the Commission for approval. - Revision of the <i>Principles and Guidelines for the Exchange of Information in Food Safety Emergency Situations</i> (CAC/GL 19-1995) The 20th CCFICS generally supported the proposal and made the following comments: the organizations mentioned in the document should be informed; the work should not address risk analysis, and risk management in particular, which were not within the CCFICS mandate; and the work should take into account new developments in information technology. 						

Committee on Fats and Oils (23 rd Session, 25 February – 1 March 2013, 24 th Session, 24 th Session, 9-13 February 2015)	Timeframe		Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
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Proposed Draft Standard for Fish Oils	N09-2011	2015	2/3	1.2		CCFO made some amendments to the Scope and Description. On all other sections various comments were noted but no conclusion was reached, and further work will be necessary.
<p>Comments by the Chairperson/host country of the Committee:</p> <p><u>Proposed Draft Standard for Fish Oils</u></p> <p>The Committee agreed to return the proposed draft standard to Step 2 for redrafting. The Committee established an electronic working group chaired by Switzerland open to all members and observers and working in English only with the terms of reference to revise the proposed draft standard on the basis of the discussion at the session. The Committee also agreed to convene a physical working group, chaired by Switzerland, immediately prior to its next Session and working in English only, to consider the report of the electronic working group and comments submitted to the working document in order to facilitate the discussion in the plenary at the next Session.</p> <p>The Committee considered the proposed draft standard on fish oils section by section and arrived at a clear direction on how to proceed on this important standard. The Committee agreed on the Scope as amended at the session, and agreed that other sections be redrafted by an electronic working group chaired by Switzerland, which will prepare a revised proposed draft on the basis of the discussion at the session. It was also agreed that a Circular Letter be issued by Codex Secretariat, requesting for information on volume and patterns of trade for different fish oils and information on quality and composition, including fatty acid profile for named fish oils.</p> <p><u>Discussion papers</u></p> <p>Several proposals for new work, which had been deferred by the 22nd CCFO due to lack of or insufficient data, were considered by this session. Some of these proposals still lacked in actual trade volume, regionally and internationally. Members were again reminded to comply with the relevant guidelines, namely (1) Guideline on the Application of the Criteria for the Establishment of Work Priorities (Criteria Applicable to Commodities) in the Procedural Manual; and (2) specific information required by the CCFO when proposing the addition of new oils to the Standard for Named Vegetable Oils, as agreed by the Committee at its 16th Session, 8-12 March 1999 (ALINORM 99/17).</p> <p><u>Other</u></p> <p>In response to the directive of the Commission to review the list of acceptable previous cargoes against the criteria, the Committee agreed to establish an approach to review the list on a continuous basis.</p> <p><u>Secretariat note:</u> this question is for consideration under Matters Referred to the Commission (Agenda Item 9).</p>						
<p><u>Discussion papers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Amendment of the Standard for Named Vegetable Oils: Sunflower Seed Oils - Cold Pressed Oils - Amendment of the Standard for Named Vegetable Oils: High Oleic Soybean Oil - Amendment of the Standard for Named Vegetable Oils for the Addition of Palm Oil with High Oleic Acid OxG 						

- Reference to acceptance/voluntary application in Codex standards (as the 23rd CCFO could not consider this matter due to time constraint)

Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling (34 th Session, 4-8 March 2013, 35 th Session, 3-7 March 2014)	Timeframe		Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
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Principles for the Use of Sampling and Testing in International Food Trade (Explanatory notes)	N11-2011	2013	2/3	1.4		The sections on Principles are at Step 8.
Methods of Analysis in Codex standards	ongoing			1.4		
Comments by the Chairperson/host country of the Committee:						
<u>Discussion papers</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Procedures for establishing criteria - Elaboration of procedures for regular updating of methods - Sampling in Codex Standards 						

Committee on Food Additives (45 th Session, 18-22 March 2013, 46 th Session, 17-21 March 2014)	Timeframe		Current Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
	Job ID or year	Target Year				
Draft and Proposed Draft Food Additive Provisions of the General Standard for Food Additives (GSFA)	ongoing		various steps	1.1	JECFA ongoing	The 46 th CCFA will: (i) complete work on the provisions in Table 1 and 2 of the GSFA for food additives listed in Table 3 with “emulsifier, stabilizer and thickener” function; (ii) consider proposals for the provisions in Table 1 and 2 of the GSFA of Table 3 food additives with “acidity regulator” function, which were held at the current Session, for their use for technological function other than as acidity regulators; and (iii) proposals for consideration of the provisions in Table 1 and 2 of Table 3 food additives with functions other than “emulsifier, thickener, stabilizer”, “colour” and “sweeteners”. The 46 th CCFA will also discuss: (i) proposals for new food additives provisions in food category 16.0 “prepared food” ; (ii) proposals for new entry and

						<p>revision of existing provisions, submitted at the 45th CCFA; (iii) food additive provisions of food category 14.2.3 “Grape wines” and its sub-categories; and (iv) descriptors and food additives provisions of food categories 01.1.1 “Milk and buttermilk (plain)”, 01.1.1.1 “Milk (plain)”, 01.1.1.2 “Buttermilk (plain)” and 01.1.2 “Dairy-based drinks, flavoured and/or fermented (e.g. chocolate milk, cocoa, eggnog, drinking yoghurt, whey-based drink” .</p> <p>The 45th CCFA postponed consideration of the provisions for nisin (INS 234) in food category 08.0 and its sub-categories and for selected sweeteners pending the outcomes of the 77th JECFA consideration of nisin and of the discussion on Note 161, respectively.</p>
Amendments to the International Numbering System for Food Additives (CAC/GL 36-1989)	ongoing		1/2/3	1.1		The 46 th CCFA will consider the recommendations for amendments to the International Numbering Systems prepared by an electronic working group, which will consider proposals submitted in reply to CL 2013/13-FA.
Specifications for the Identity and Purity of Food Additives (CAC/MISC 6)	ongoing		1/2/3	1.1	JECFA ongoing	The 46 th CCFA will consider recommendations of the 77 th JECFA (Rome, 4-13 June 2013) for new and revised specifications.
<p>Comments by the Chairperson/host country of the Committee:</p> <p>The CCFA work continues to give high priority to the completion of the GSFA ; the 45th CCFA made substantial progress on the reduction of the backlog and, for the first time, the total number of the GSFA provisions for which work has been completed (approximately 2950) equals the number of the provisions to be considered.</p>						
<p><u>Discussion papers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Alignment of the food additive provisions of commodity standards and relevant provisions of the GSFA - Use of additives in additives - Use of Note 161 in provisions for selected sweeteners - Options for the use of the prioritisation exercise of compounds for re-evaluation by JECFA - Information on commercial use of selected food additives 						

Committee on Contaminants in Foods (7 th Session, 8 - 12 April 2013, 8 th Session, 31 March-4 April 2014)	Timeframe		Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
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Maximum Levels for hydrocyanic acid in cassava and cassava products	N07-2012	2015	disconti nued	1.1		It was agreed that further work especially on collection of occurrence data; processing studies, consumption patterns, should take place before considering the revision of existing or establishment of new MLs for HCN in cassava and cassava products. The current MLs in specific standards were retained and transferred to the GSCTFF, with some consequential amendments.
Proposed draft revision of guideline levels for radionuclides in foods in the General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in Food and Feed	N09-2012	2014	disconti nued	1.1		This work, including work on guidance to facilitate application and implementation of GLs, was discontinued based on the recommendations of the WG that the current GLs for radionuclides in the GSCTFF provide countries flexibility to determine whether and under what conditions food could be distributed within their territory or jurisdiction. This decision was also taken in light of the information provided by IAEA on ongoing work of the IAEA Inter-agency Working Group work. The Inter-Agency Working Group in collaboration with FAO and WHO will be carrying out work in relation to control of foodstuffs and drinking water contaminated with radioactive substances (the Codex Secretariat is also participating in meetings of the Inter-Agency Working Group). The CCCF will consider the work of the IAEA Inter-Agency Working Group to decide if it is necessary to start new work on radionuclides in the future.
Proposed draft Annex for the prevention and reduction of aflatoxins and ochratoxin A contamination in sorghum (<i>Code of practice for the prevention and reduction of</i>	N05-2012	2014	2/3	1.1		The Committee had a general discussion and as some issues remained to be addressed, the Annex was returned for further redrafting.

<i>mycotoxin contamination in cereals)</i>						
Proposed draft Code of practice for weed control to prevent and reduce pyrrolizidine alkaloid contamination in food and feed	N03-2012	2015	2/3	1.1		The Committee had a general discussion on the structure and content of the code and returned the Code for further redrafting
Maximum Levels for Arsenic in Rice	N12-2011	2013	2/3	1.1	72 nd JECFA	CCCF did not conclude on the development of a Code of Practice to reduce inorganic arsenic contamination in rice. The next session will consider a discussion paper on a Code of Practice and on proposals for maximum levels for inorganic arsenic in rice and rice products. The MLs for arsenic in rice had been held at Step 4 by the 6 th session of CCCF (2012) with the agreement to reconsider the MLs at the 8 th Session (2014) based on proposals following identification of additional relevant data and information to be provided by member countries to GEMS/Food.
Proposed draft maximum levels for fumonisins in maize and maize products and associated Sampling Plans	N10-2009	2012	2/3	1.1		Held at Step 4 at the 6 th Session (2012) pending consideration of the need to revise the <i>Code of Practice for Prevention and Reduction of Mycotoxin Contamination in Cereals</i> . Discussion on the possible revision of the Code will proceed and it was agreed to resume work on the MLs which were circulated for comments and redrafting.
Proposed draft revision of the MLs for lead in fruits, vegetables, milk products and infant formula, follow-up formula and formula for special medical purposes in the GSCTFF	N04-2012	2015	2/3			This is an on-going on the revision of MLs for lead in various foods in the GSCTFF. The Committee has forwarded to Step 5/8 revised MLs for a first group of foods
Comments by the Chairperson/host country of the Committee:						
<u>Discussion papers</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review of guideline levels for methylmercury in fish - Review of the <i>Code of practice for the prevention and reduction of mycotoxin contamination in cereals</i> - Aflatoxins in cereals - Establishment of maximum levels for total aflatoxins in ready-to-eat peanuts and associated sampling plan 						

Committee on Pesticide Residues (45 th Session, 6-11 May 2013, 46 th Session, 5-10 May 2014))	Timeframe		Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
	Job ID or year	Target Year				
Proposed Draft and Revised Draft MRLs	ongoing		4, 6 and 7	1.1	JMPR ongoing	
Proposed Draft Revision to the Classification of Food and Feed – other vegetable commodity groups	N11-2004 N09-2006	2012	2/3	1.1		<p>This is part of the ongoing revision of the Classification. Fruit commodity groups were adopted in 2012. 3 vegetable commodity groups were held at Step 7 and one group was forwarded to the Commission at Step 5. The eWG will propose proposed draft for some commodity groups at the 46th session.</p> <p>It was noted that the revised individual commodity groups should not be adopted at Step 8 until all the revisions had been completed in order to avoid problems, especially with the transfer of commodities from one group to the other . Therefore, finalization of the revision of the Classification of vegetable commodity groups for final adoption by the Commission should take 2-3 sessions of the Committee.</p>
Proposed Draft Table 2: Examples of Selection of Representative Commodities – Vegetable commodity groups and other commodity groups (<i>Principles and Guidance for the Selection of Representative Commodities for the Extrapolation of Maximum Residue Limits for Pesticides to Commodity Groups</i>)	N11-2004 N09-2006	2012	2/3	1.1		<p>Initially approved under the revision of the Classification of Food and Feeds and later developed separately (2008). The Principles are intended to facilitate the establishment of MRLs for minor uses and specialty crops by extrapolation of MRL data.</p> <p>Table 1 on fruit commodities groups was adopted in 2012.</p> <p>Note that the vegetable commodity groups in Table 2 should be finalized together with the corresponding commodity groups in the Classification (see above).</p>

Comments by the Chairperson/host country of the Committee:
<u>Discussion paper</u>
- Guidance to facilitate the establishment of Maximum Residue Limits for Pesticides for Minor Crops and Specialty Crops

Codex Committee on Food Labelling (41 st Session, 14-17 May 2013, 42 nd Session, 21-24 October 2014)	Timeframe		Current Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
	Job ID or year	Target Year				
Proposed draft amendment to the <i>Guidelines for the production, processing, labelling and marketing of organically produced foods (CAC/GL 32-1999): organic aquaculture</i>	N13-2010	2014	3	1.3		The proposed draft was discussed extensively, however several sections require further consideration and the text, as amended at the session, was returned to Step 3 for comments and consideration at the next session.
Comments by the Chairperson/host country of the Committee:						
<u>Discussion papers</u>						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Labelling of non-retail containers - Issues related to internet sales of food 						

Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods (20 th Session, 7-11 May 2012, 21 st Session, 26-30 August 2013) ²	Timeframe		Current Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
	Job ID or year	Target Year				
Draft MRLs for monepantel (in sheep tissues)	ongoing		6	1.1	75 th JECFA (2011)	Adopted at Step 5 by the 35 th Commission (2012)
Proposed draft Maximum Residue Limits for: - apramycin (cattle and chicken kidney) - derquantel (sheep tissues)	ongoing		4		75 th JECFA (2011)	Held at Step 4 pending JECFA evaluation as follows: <u>Apramycin</u> : until JECFA could consider additional data and complete the evaluation <u>Derquantel</u> : (i) review the ADI in light of possible different interpretation of the toxicological

² CCRVDF did not meet since the last session of the Commission.

						database; (ii) review the calculation of the marker to total radiolabel residue; and (iii) revise the recommended MRLs if appropriate. <u>Note:</u> 68 th JECFA on RVDF is scheduled in November 2013.
Performance criteria for multi-residue analytical methods for veterinary drug residue analyses	N01-2011	2013	2/3	1.1 1.4		(Appendix to the <i>Guidelines for the design and implementation of national regulatory food safety assurance programmes associated with the use of veterinary drugs in food producing animals</i> (CAC/GL 71-2009))
Risk Management Recommendations for Residues of Veterinary Drugs for which no ADI and/or MRLs has been recommended by JECFA due to Specific Human Health Concerns	N10-2012	2015	2/3	1.1		The risk management recommendations will be based on the evaluations made by JECFA. While for some of the veterinary drugs a complete JECFA evaluation is available, for some of them further advice from JECFA may be asked should the need arise.
<u>Discussion papers</u>						
- Guidelines on the Establishment of MRLs or other Limits in Honey						
The CCRVDF is also working on the development of a Risk Analysis Policy on Extrapolation of veterinary Drugs to additional species and tissues and on the format and policy procedure for the use of the “concern form”.						
Comments by the Chairperson/host country of the Committee:						