



JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME
CODEX COMMITTEE ON GENERAL PRINCIPLES
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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL PRINCIPLES

1. CAC37 noted that the CCGP had presented a simplification of its Terms of Reference (TORs) for adoption. Following a discussion on a proposed alternative text prepared by the Representatives of FAO and WHO, CAC37 noted that the matter was not urgent and would not affect its work and recommended that the amendment be referred back to the CCGP for further consideration at its next session together with the proposal of the Representatives of FAO and WHO.¹
2. The Committee **is invited** to re-consider the amendments to its terms of reference and the alternative text proposed by FAO and WHO as presented below.

Amendments proposed by CCGP²

Please Note: New text is presented in underlined font; and deleted text in ~~strikethrough font~~

To deal with such procedural and general matters as are referred to it by the Codex Alimentarius Commission or one of its subsidiary bodies and the Executive Committee.

To review and endorse procedural provisions/ texts intended for inclusion in the Procedural Manual forwarded by subsidiary bodies.

To propose amendments to the Procedural Manual of the Codex Alimentarius Commission.

~~Such matters have included the establishment of the General Principles which define the purpose and scope of the Codex Alimentarius, the nature of Codex standards and the forms of acceptance by countries of Codex standards; the development of Guidelines for Codex Committees; the development of a mechanism for examining any economic impact statements submitted by governments concerning possible implications for their economies of some of the individual standards or some of the provisions thereof; the establishment of a Code of Ethics for the International Trade in Food."~~

Alternative text proposed by FAO and WHO

The TORs of CCGP to deal with such procedural and general matters as are referred to it by the Codex Alimentarius Commission, including:

- the review or endorsement of procedural provisions/texts forwarded by other subsidiary bodies for inclusion in the Procedural Manual of the Codex Alimentarius Commission; and
- the consideration of other amendments to the Procedural Manual.

¹ REP14/CAC pars 37-41.

² REP14/GP Appendix III.