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### MATTERS REFERRED/OF INTEREST TO THE COMMITTEE ARISING FROM THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION AND OTHER CODEX COMMITTEES AND TASK FORCES

**Part I** of this document contains matters referred/of interest to the Committee arising from the Codex Alimentarius Commission.

**Part II** of this document contains matters referred/of interest to the Committee arising from Codex Committees and Task Forces.

#### **PART I: CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION**

1. Matters referred/of interest to Committee arising from the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> Sessions of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (July 2003 and July 2004 respectively) are presented hereafter for information.

#### 1. 26<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION

##### 1.1 General Decisions of the Commission

##### 1.1.1 **Amendments to the Procedural Manual<sup>1</sup>**

##### *Clarification of Rule VI.4 (Voting and Procedures)*

2. The Commission amended Rule VI.4 on Voting and Procedures to include a reference to Rule X.2 related to the adoption or amendments of Codex standards by consensus.

##### *Membership of Regional Economic Integration Organizations*

3. The Commission amended the Rules on Membership to allow regional economic integration organizations to exercise rights of membership within the Codex Alimentarius Commission and its subsidiary bodies under specific conditions.

##### *Measures to Facilitate Consensus*

4. The Commission adopted the Measures to Facilitate Consensus for inclusion in the Procedural Manual as a general decision of the Commission.

<sup>1</sup> ALINORM 03/41, paras. 15 - 31 and Appendices II and III.

### ***Principles for the Establishment of Methods of Analysis***

5. The Commission adopted the amendment to the General Criteria for the Selection of Methods of Analysis using the Criteria Approach and the new section addressing Working Instructions for the Implementation of the Criteria Approach in Codex.

#### **1.1.2 Joint FAO/WHO Evaluation of the Codex Alimentarius and Other FAO and WHO Work on Food Standards<sup>2</sup>**

6. The Commission took several decisions concerning the implementation of the recommendations of the Evaluation, enacting some immediately and requesting the Codex Committee on General Principles to draft the amendments to the Procedural Manual required implementing others. Some selected decisions are summarized below. Further details on this matter can be found in the report of the 26<sup>th</sup> Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission.

#### ***General Aspects***

##### Annual meetings of the Commission

7. The Commission agreed to meet annually for the next two years, but that in future each session would consider the timing for the following session and the general nature of the agenda in order to achieve the appropriate balance between standards issues, general direction of work and policy matters, and taking into account the resources available for adequate participation.

##### Implementation of the Evaluation

8. The Commission decided that the responsibility for following up and monitoring progress in the implementation of the recommendations from the Evaluation Report would be entrusted to the Executive Committee. Twice-yearly sessions of the Committee would be scheduled in order to absorb the additional workload.

##### Priorities for implementation

9. The Commission decided that the priorities should be:

- (a) Processes for standards management, with due regard to the special needs of developing countries.
- (b) Functions and composition of the Executive Committee, including the participation of observers in the Executive Committee and Executive Committee procedures.
- (c) Review of the Committee structures and mandates (including Regional Committees).
- (d) Review of Rules and Procedures including guidelines for Codex Committees.

10. The Commission concluded that all four priorities were of equal importance, and that the ranking was made on the grounds of speed of potential progress.

#### ***Review of Codex Committee Structure and Mandates of Codex Committees and Task Forces, including Regional Committees***

11. The Commission decided that all the Committees and Task Forces would be reviewed together bearing in mind the objective of reducing the number of meetings while also keeping them short and focused. The Commission endorsed the recommendation made by the Executive Committee concerning the selection of consultants that would be entrusted with the review<sup>3</sup>, and stressed the critical importance of transparency in the process (see paras. 31 - 32).

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<sup>2</sup> ALINORM 03/41, paras. 149 - 183.

<sup>3</sup> ALINORM 03/4, para. 23.

***Improved Processes for Standards Management***Critical review of proposals to undertake work and monitoring progress of standards development

12. The Commission decided to endorse the critical review process, including the preparation of project documents for major standards as well as the closely related proposal to revise the Criteria for the Establishment of Work Priorities in order to ensure the relevance of Codex standards at the international level.

Standards management responsibility

13. The Commission decided that the Executive Committee be the body to undertake the critical review of new work. The Commission did not favour the replacement of the Executive Committee with an Executive Board.

Time-bound decision-making

14. The Commission decided that the body responsible for standards management (i.e. the Executive Committee) should review the status of development of draft standards at the end of a specified time-frame, normally not more than five years, and report its findings to the Commission. The time-frame could be less than five years, where this was appropriate or had been established during the critical review process for new work.

Simplified procedures for standards development

15. The Commission decided to retain the 8-Step process, with the existing mechanisms to accelerate the process when necessary.

Use of facilitators and Establishment of electronic and/or physical working groups

16. The Commission agreed in principle to all three proposals but decided that the modalities would require clarification by the body responsible for reviewing the Procedural Manual. With respect to electronic working groups, the Commission noted that these were an avenue for exchanging views and not for decision making. Physical working groups should be ad hoc, open to all members, take account the problems of developing country participation and only be established where there is consensus in the Committee to do so and other strategies have been considered.

Adoption of Standards

17. The Commission decided that adoption of standards with a limited amendment should be allowed, provided that the draft standard had been forwarded to the Commission on the basis of consensus, based on the recommendation of the Executive Committee.

***Review of the Rules of Procedure and Other Procedural Matters***Responsibility for the Procedural Review

18. The Commission decided that the procedural review would be undertaken by the Codex Committee on General Principles, at special sessions and under a limited time-frame. The Commission agreed that the Committee would need clear instructions, terms of reference from the Commission and support from the Codex Secretariat.

Amendment of the Codex Mandate

19. The Commission decided that the current Codex Mandate as expressed in Article 1 of the Statutes of the Commission, should be retained but that it might be discussed in the future.

Criteria for the establishment of work priorities

20. The Commission requested the Codex Committee on General Principles to redraft the Criteria for Work Priorities to reflect the current priorities of the Commission and in a manner that would provide explicit judgment tools for assessing work proposals against priorities (see para. 30).

## 1.2 **Decisions of the Commission concerning the work of the Committee**

### 1.2.1 **Draft Standards and Related Texts adopted as Final Texts at Step 8<sup>4</sup>**

#### ***Draft Codex Standard for Bamboo Shoots***

21. The Commission adopted the draft Codex Standard for Bamboo Shoots at Step 8 with two amendments in Section 9 – Methods of Analysis and Sampling namely:

- (a) The level of drained and net weight was changed to “50%” for consistency with provisions in Section 8.1.2 and,
- (b) The pH level was referred to Section 2.1(b) listing the different types of bamboo shoots and their respective pH value(s).

#### ***Draft Codex Standard for Canned Stone Fruits***

22. The Commission adopted the draft Codex Standard for Canned Stone Fruits at Step 8.

#### ***Draft Codex Guidelines for Packing Media for Canned Fruits***

23. The Commission adopted the draft Codex Guidelines for Packing Media for Canned Fruits at Step 8 as proposed by the Codex Committee on Processed Fruits with an amendment in the Spanish version of the text to refer to “Líquidos de Cobertura” instead of “Medios de Cobertura”.

#### ***Draft Codex Standard for Aqueous Coconut Products – Coconut Milk and Coconut Cream***

24. The Commission adopted the draft Codex Standard for Aqueous Coconut Products – Coconut Milk and Coconut Cream.

25. The changes agreed to by the Commission have been already incorporated in the adopted Standards.

## 2. **27<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION**

### 2.1 **General Decisions of the Commission**

#### 2.1.1 **Amendments to the Procedural Manual<sup>5</sup>**

##### ***Amendments to the Rule of Procedure***

26. As the quorum specified in Rule V.6 of the Rules of Procedure was not constituted, the Commission was unable to adopt the following proposed amendments and agreed that their consideration should be deferred to its next session:

- (a) Proposed Amendments concerning the enlargement of the Executive Committee, the functions of the Executive Committee and matters related to budget and expenses,
- (b) Proposed Amendments to Rules VIII.5 - Observers.

##### ***Amendments to Other Sections of the Procedural Manual***

27. The Commission adopted the following proposals to amend other sections of the Procedural Manual:

- (a) Amendments to the Procedures for the Elaboration of Codex Standards and Related Texts;
- (b) Criteria for the Appointment of Chairpersons;
- (c) Guidelines to Host Governments of Codex Committees and ad hoc Intergovernmental Task Forces;
- (d) Guidelines on the Conduct of Meetings of Codex Committees and ad hoc Intergovernmental Task Forces;
- (e) Guidelines to Chairpersons of Codex Committees and ad hoc Intergovernmental Task Forces;
- (f) Matters related to Methods of Analysis and Sampling;
- (g) General Criteria for the Selection of Single Laboratory Validated Methods of Analysis Principle;

<sup>4</sup> ALINORM 03/41, paras. 104 - 107, Appendix V-Part 1.

<sup>5</sup> ALINORM 04/27/41, paras. 9 - 20, Appendix II.

- (h) Amendments to the Analytical terminology for Codex Use;
- (i) Definitions of Risk Analysis Terms related to Food Safety, on an interim basis, for inclusion in the Procedural Manual with the understanding that the Codex Committee on General Principles would reconsider these definitions if required in the light of the advice of the Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues, the Codex Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants, the Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods, the Codex Committee on Meat Hygiene, and the Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems;
- (j) Definition of Traceability/Product Tracing (The Commission requested the Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems to present a proposal for new work on principles for the application of traceability/product tracing as a matter of priority. The Delegations of Mexico, Argentina, Chile and India maintained the view that the application of the definition should be deferred until the principles under development had been finalized).

### 2.1.2 Strategic Planning of the Codex Alimentarius Commission<sup>6</sup>

#### *Status of the Strategic Framework 2003-2007 and Medium-Term Plan 2003-2007*

28. The Commission endorsed the decision of the 53<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Executive Committee<sup>7</sup> (July 2004) to discontinue the elaboration of the Medium-Term Plan<sup>8</sup>, with the understanding that its elements would be used as a basis for a list of programmes/activities to be incorporated into the new Strategic Plan 2008-2013. In the absence of a Medium-Term Plan, the Commission agreed that the Executive Committee would exercise its critical review functions, closely coordinate work between different Codex Committees and monitor the progress of standards development in accordance with the current Strategic Framework and the Criteria for the Establishment of Work Priorities.

#### *Preparation of the Strategic Plan 2008-2013*

29. The Commission agreed to initiate the preparation of a new Strategic Plan for the period 2008-2013, and recommended that:

- (a) The Executive Committee, at its next session, discuss the structure and format for a new Strategic Plan covering a six-year period of 2008-2013 as well as the ways to further proceed with the development of the Strategic Plan;
- (b) The Strategic Plan state strategic objectives and priorities of the Commission and incorporate a list of programme areas/planned activities with a clearly defined timetable for each of the activities;
- (c) After requesting the views of Regional Coordinating Committees, the draft Plan be submitted to the Commission for adoption by 2007; and
- (d) The Strategic Plan, once adopted, be renewed every two years on a rolling basis.

30. The Commission recalled that the Codex Committee on General Principles was considering the revision of the Criteria for the Establishment of Work Priorities, while the Executive Committee was developing new criteria for the prioritization of requests for scientific advice within Codex.

### 2.1.3 Implementation of the Joint FAO/WHO Evaluation of the Codex Alimentarius and other FAO and WHO Work on Food Standards<sup>9</sup>

#### *Review of the Mandates of Codex Committees and Task Forces*

31. The Commission adopted the following Terms of Reference of the Review:

- (a) With the objective of reducing the number of Codex meetings while also keeping them short and focused, the review should concentrate on:
  - (i) adequacy of the current structure of general subject committees to meet member countries' needs in a flexible and timely manner;

<sup>6</sup> ALINORM 04/27/41, paras. 120 - 126.

<sup>7</sup> ALINORM 04/27/3, para. 15.

<sup>8</sup> ALINORM 04/27/4, para. 47.

<sup>9</sup> ALINORM 04/27/41, paras. 129 - 136.

- (ii) adequacy of the current structure of commodity committees to meet member countries' needs in a flexible and timely manner;
  - (iii) areas of overlap and areas where coverage of the subject matter is inadequate, taking into consideration the needs that were not covered or new issues that may arise in the future; and
  - (iv) relationship between all committees and task forces, particularly the relations between commodity and general subject committees (task forces);
- (b) Based on a detailed study of the points above and inputs received from Codex chairs and host governments, and taking full account of the Report of the Evaluation of the Codex Alimentarius and other FAO and WHO Food Standards Work as well as ongoing work on specific subjects at the committee level, recommendations should be formulated for consideration by the Commission. These may include proposals for revision of the existing committee mandates with a view to rationalisation, proposals for redistribution of tasks and responsibilities between committees, and proposals to split or merge committees.
- (c) The recommendations to the Commission should also take into account the ability of all members of the Commission to participate in the standards development process, including the sustainability of the subsidiary body structures and their work programmes, especially in the light of the holding of annual sessions of the Commission and the operation of the FAO/WHO Trust Fund for Enhanced Participation in Codex.

32. The Commission agreed that the recruitment of a small team of consultants (three or four) would be initiated after the Commission and that the time frame presented in document ALINORM 04/27/10C would be followed in order that recommendations could be submitted to the 28<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission. The Commission therefore agreed that a Circular Letter would be sent to all Codex Members to ask for their views on the review of the mandates of Committees and Task Forces.

#### **2.1.4 Relations between the Codex Alimentarius Commission and other international organizations<sup>10</sup>**

##### ***Relations between the Codex Alimentarius Commission and other international intergovernmental organizations***

33. The Commission was reminded that the amendment to Rule VIII.5 "Observers" proposed by the 20<sup>th</sup> Session of the Codex Committee on General Principles had not been adopted at the present session due to the absence of quorum. It took note of the status of the draft Guidelines for Cooperation with International Intergovernmental Organization under development in the Codex Committee on General Principles and noted that the 21<sup>st</sup> Session of the Committee would consider a revised draft prepared by the Secretariat. In this regard, the Commission noted that the Codex Committee on General Principles did not support the elaboration of a joint standard with a cooperating organization.

##### ***Relations between the Codex Alimentarius Commission and international non-governmental organizations***

###### **Relation between Codex and ISO**

34. The Commission recalled that the 53<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Executive Committee had agreed that the Codex Secretariat establish preliminary contact with the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) to obtain information on the current status of food safety work within ISO. The Commission agreed that the Secretariat should maintain its contacts with ISO and report to the Executive Committee and the Commission on ISO activities of relevance to Codex work.

#### **2.1.5 FAO/WHO Project and Trust Fund for Enhanced Participation in Codex<sup>11</sup>**

35. The Commission noted the Fourth Progress Report of the Project and Trust Fund presented by FAO and WHO as the working document and commended the work of the FAO/WHO Consultative Group.

<sup>10</sup> ALINORM 04/27/41, paras. 173 - 187.

<sup>11</sup> ALINORM 04/27/41, paras. 188 - 196.

36. The Commission acknowledged that the Trust Fund had become operational since March 2004 after the threshold of US\$ 500,000 was reached. It encouraged other countries to contribute and recommended that FAO and WHO look into the possibilities to seek funds from other sources, such as Foundations, while ensuring that conflict of interest be avoided. The Assistant Director-General of WHO acknowledged the generous contributions to the Trust Fund, reminding the Commission that the received funds still amounted to one quarter of the anticipated annual contributions to the Fund.

37. The Commission was informed that the call for applications for 2005 would be issued in July 2004 with 1 October 2004 as deadline.

38. In noting the views of the 54<sup>th</sup> Session of the Executive Committee, the Commission stressed the importance of national coordination and the key role of Codex Contact Points for the successful operation of the Trust Fund and agreed that the submissions for application to the Trust Fund should be channelled exclusively through the Codex Contact Point.

39. The Commission generally supported the use of the Trust Fund for projects other than for travelling to Codex sessions. It was however stressed that participation in training activities on Codex should not be the primary focus of the Trust Fund, but should rather covered by the Regular Programme and extra-budgetary resources of FAO and WHO as part of their capacity building activities.

40. The Commission requested that the criteria used in the distribution of funds should be kept under review. Further consideration should be given to ensuring adequate regional representation and the effectiveness of the participation of the beneficiary countries in Codex work.

## **2.2 Decisions of the Commission concerning the work of the Committee**

### **2.2.1 Withdrawal or Revocation of existing Codex standards and related texts<sup>12</sup>**

41. The Commission **approved** the withdrawal from the *Codex Alimentarius* of previously adopted texts<sup>13</sup>. The Commission agreed that the existing *CAC/GL 35-1985 Packing Media (Composition and Labelling)* should be withdrawn and replaced by the *Codex Guidelines for Packing Media for Canned Fruits*<sup>14</sup> (*CAC/GL 51-2003*) that had been adopted at its 26<sup>th</sup> Session.

### **2.2.2 Proposals for the elaboration of new standards and related texts<sup>15</sup>**

#### ***Ginseng Products***

42. The Commission noted the view of the 54<sup>th</sup> Session of the Executive Committee that a Codex Standard for Ginseng Products could be initially developed by the Coordinating Committee for Asia although it could not reach a conclusion on the further development of the Standard<sup>16</sup>.

43. The Delegation of Malaysia noted that ginseng products might be considered as “functional food” and in this regard, proposed the holding of a FAO/WHO Expert Consultation on Functional Foods addressing food regulatory issues related to this category of foods which might facilitate the elaboration of the Standard.

44. The Commission approved the new work with the understanding that the Coordinating Committee for Asia would undertake initial work on the elaboration of a Codex Standard inclusive to all varieties of ginseng and applicable to ginseng products consumed as foods and not as medicinal drugs. The decisions as to whether the Standard should be finalized as a regional or international Standard and if the latter was the case, which Committee should finalize the Standard would be taken by the Commission after adoption at Step 5.

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<sup>12</sup> ALINORM 04/27/41, para. 87.

<sup>13</sup> ALINORM 04/27/41, Appendix V.

<sup>14</sup> ALINORM 03/41, Appendix V.

<sup>15</sup> ALINORM 04/27/41, paras. 92 - 97.

<sup>16</sup> ALINORM 04/27/4, paras. 11 – 14.

***Fermented Soybean Paste (Doenjang)***  
***Hot Pepper Fermented Soybean Paste (Gochujang)***

45. The Commission noted the recommendation of the 54<sup>th</sup> Session of the Executive Committee that new work on both Standards should be undertaken by the Coordinating Committee for Asia and, if required, finalized by the Codex Committee on Cereals, Pulses, and Legumes. The question on whether the Standards should be finalized as regional or international Standards could be decided when they reached Step 5<sup>17</sup>.

46. The Commission noted that the two Standards referred to two different products particularly in respect of processing methods and the raw materials involved. However, in view of its previous decision to develop more horizontal standards to cover a wider range of products or group of products as opposed to specific and detailed individual standards, the Commission agreed to request Coordinating Committee for Asia to consider the possibility and implications of broadening the scope to have a single Standard applicable to all fermented soybean paste related-products including the proper titles of the Standards.

47. The Commission entrusted the initial elaboration of both Standards to the Coordinating Committee for Asia and, if required, finalization by the Codex Committee on Cereals, Pulses, and Legumes. However, the decision on whether the texts should be finalized as regional or international Standards would be decided after adoption at Step 5.

### 2.2.3 Matters arising from the Reports Codex Committees and Task Forces<sup>18</sup>

***Recommended International Code of Practice for the Processing and Handling of Quick Frozen Foods***

48. The Commission **endorsed** the recommendation of the 54<sup>th</sup> Session of the Executive Committee<sup>19</sup> that, in order to proceed with the revision of the Code, Option (b) provided in working document LIM.6 would be most appropriate. The Commission accepted the offer of the United States of America, as host government of the Codex Committees on Food Hygiene and on Processed Fruits and Vegetables, to coordinate the work by correspondence on the quality provisions of the Code until preliminary adoption at Step 5 and finalization as per hygienic/safety provisions by the Codex Committee on Food Hygiene for final adoption at Step 8 by the Commission. A Joint Meeting of the Codex Committee on Food Hygiene and/or the relevant Commodity Committees might be convened to finalize the hygienic provisions as well as those unsolved quality provisions for which it was not possible to reach consensus during the work by correspondence.

49. For easy of reference, Option (b) is reproduced hereunder:

Option (b) Work by correspondence on the quality provisions of the Code coordinated by the Host Country of one of the pertinent Codex Commodity Committees until preliminary adoption at Step 5 by the CAC and finalization as per hygienic/safety provisions by the CCFH for final adoption at Step 8 by the CAC. A Joint Meeting of CCFH/relevant Codex Commodity Committees might be convened to finalize the hygienic provisions as well as those unsolved quality provisions for which it was not possible to reach consensus during the work by correspondence.

50. It is noted that, in this framework, the role of the Host Country Secretariat of the work by correspondence does refer to the coordination of work on the quality provisions of “quick frozen foods” as a single entity based on the comments submitted by Codex Members and Observers on “quick frozen foods” in itself.

51. The procedure to revise the Code will be in accordance with the *Guide to the Procedure for the Revision and Amendment of Codex Standards*<sup>20</sup> and the *Uniform Procedure for the Elaboration of Codex Standards and related Texts*<sup>21</sup> which is the 8 Codex Stepwise Procedure followed in Codex committees for the development of a Codex Standard.

<sup>17</sup> ALINORM 04/27/4, paras. 15 – 17.

<sup>18</sup> ALINORM 04/27/41, para. 172

<sup>19</sup> ALINORM 04/27/4, para. 88.

<sup>20</sup> Codex Alimentarius Procedural Manual, 13<sup>th</sup> Edition, pages 26 - 27.

<sup>21</sup> Codex Alimentarius Procedural Manual, 13<sup>th</sup> Edition, pages 20 - 22.



## **PART II: CODEX COMMITTEES AND TASK FORCES**

### **1. CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD ADDITIVE AND CONTAMINANTS**

#### **1.1 Endorsement of Food Additive Provisions in Codex Commodity Standards**

52. The 35<sup>th</sup> Session of the Codex Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants (March 2003) endorsed the food additive provisions in the draft Codex Standard for Canned Stoned Fruits (at Step 8) and the draft Codex Standard for Aqueous Coconut Products (at Step 8) as proposed by the Codex Committee on Processed Fruits and Vegetables<sup>22</sup>.

#### **1.2 Food Category System of the Codex General Standard for Food Additives - Coconut Water**

53. The 36<sup>th</sup> Session of the Codex Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants (March 2004) agreed to request the *ad hoc* Codex Intergovernmental Task Force on Fruit and Vegetable Juices to clarify whether coconut water should be included in the draft Codex General Standard for Fruit Juices and Nectars, with the understanding that if coconut water was included, coconut water would be included in Food Category 14.1.2.1<sup>23</sup>.

54. The 27<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission adopted the draft Food Category System of the GSFA at Step 8 while noting that the descriptor of food category 14.1.2.1 “Fruit Juice” would be amended according to the clarification of the 4<sup>th</sup> Session of the *ad hoc* Codex Intergovernmental Task Force on Fruit and Vegetable Juices<sup>24</sup>.

55. In this regard, the 21<sup>st</sup> Session of the Codex Committee on Processed Fruits and Vegetables (September 2002) considered a proposal to include Tender Coconut Water in the programme of work of the CCPFV. However, the Committee decided not to include this commodity in the Priority List at this time, with the understanding that the proposing country would provide information to the next Session of the CCPFV on the basis of the Criteria for the Establishment of Work Priorities. The Committee agreed that it would consider the information provided so that a decision might be taken for the possible inclusion of this commodity in the Priority List<sup>25</sup>. At the same Session, the Committee also finalized a Standard for Aqueous Coconut Products<sup>26</sup> currently applying to coconut milk and coconut cream which was adopted at Step 8 by the 26<sup>th</sup> Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (July 2003)<sup>27</sup>.

### **2. CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD LABELLING**

#### **2.1 Endorsement of Labelling Provisions in Codex Commodity Standards**

56. The 31<sup>st</sup> Session of the Codex Committee on Food Labelling (May 2003) endorsed the labelling provisions in the Draft Guidelines for Packing Media for Canned Fruits and in the following Draft Standards: Canned Bamboo Shoots; Canned Stone Fruits; and Aqueous Coconut Products – Coconut Cream and Coconut Milk<sup>28</sup>.

### **3. CODEX COMMITTEE ON METHODS OF ANALYSIS AND SAMPLING**

57. Matters referred/of interest to Committee arising from the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> Sessions of the Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling (March 2002 and 2004 respectively) are contained in working document CX/PFV 04/22/11, Agenda Item 6(a).

<sup>22</sup> ALINORM03/12A, para. 30.

<sup>23</sup> ALINORM 04/27/12, para. 67 and Appendix V.

<sup>24</sup> ALINORM 04/27/41, para. 27 and Appendix III-Part I.

<sup>25</sup> ALINORM 03/27, paras. 53 - 74 & 105.

<sup>26</sup> The Codex Standard for Aqueous Coconut Products - Coconut Milk and Coconut Cream (CODEX STAN 240/2003) can be downloaded from the Codex website at:

<http://www.codexalimentarius.net/search/advanced.do?lang=en>

<sup>27</sup> ALINORM 03/41, para. 107 and Appendix V-Part I.

<sup>28</sup> ALINORM 03/22A, para. 9.