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CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD HYGIENE

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MATTERS REFERRED BY THE 48TH SESSION OF CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION

Monitoring framework for Codex Strategic Plan 2026-2031¹

1. CAC48 adopted the monitoring framework for the Codex Strategic Plan 2026-2031, noting that a new Strategic Plan is in place as of 2026 and it may be reviewed after two years when initial data is available and some experience has been gained on its use.

Ensuring adequate and timely scientific advice for codex standards²

2. CAC48 emphasized the importance of timely and adequately resourced scientific advice to support the development and adoption of science-based Codex standards; encouraged FAO, WHO and the Codex Secretariat to provide information on priorities and related costs to assist CAC in prioritizing requests and to support Members in securing resources for the Joint FAO/WHO Scientific Advice Programme; noted that support for scientific advice extends beyond financial resources to include access to data and expertise; and encouraged Members to promote engagement of national experts and timely data submission. CAC48 further noted the need for innovative approaches to address scientific advice needs and invited FAO and WHO to explore such approaches.

The status for (Codex Committee on Fish and Fishery Products) CCFFP³

3. CAC48 agreed that CCFFP would continue its work by correspondence, with the option to establish electronic working groups (EWGs) as necessary. One of the terms of reference is to respond, as appropriate, to specific queries from other committees concerning fish and fishery products. CCFFP is requested to complete its work within two to three sessions.

RECOMMENDATIONS

4. CCFH55 is invited to:
 - i. note the information presented above; and
 - ii. consider possible approaches for developing sampling plans for histamine applicable to eleven commodity standards for fish and fishery products, i.e.: CXS 36-1981; CXS 70-1981; CXS 94-1981; CXS 119-1981; CXS 165-1989; CXS 166-1989; CXS 190-1995; CXS 236-2003; CXS 244-2004; CXS 302-2011; and CXS 311-2013.

¹ REP25/CAC paragraph 158

² REP25/CAC paragraph 139

³ REP25/CAC paragraph 112