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REVIEW ON THE STANDARDS FOR FISH AND FISHERY PRODUCTS

(Prepared by the Codex Secretariat)

Background

1. In preparation for the 48th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC48, 2025), the Codex Secretariat together with the host secretariat of the Codex Committee on Fish And Fishery Products (CCFFP) conducted a review of the 24 fish and fishery products commodity standards assessing alignment with the *Codex Procedural Manual* in terms of the format of the standards.¹
2. CAC48 agreed that CCFFP, as part of its terms of reference, review the standards for fish and fishery products to ensure they are up to date in terms of format, taxonomic accuracy, and relatedness to more recently developed Codex texts.²
3. The Codex Secretariat prepared a circular letter (CL 2026/17-FFP)³ requesting comments with regards to the above points to facilitate the discussion during CCFFP37 (2026) related to the review the standards for fish and fishery products. Codex Members and Observers are encouraged to submit their comments by the deadline.
4. The comments received in reply to CL 2026/17-FFP are published as CX/FFP 26/37/3 Add. I.

Recommendations

5. CCFFP37 is invited to:
 - i. propose updates to the standards for fish and fishery products to ensure they are up to date in terms of format, taxonomic accuracy, and relatedness to more recently developed Codex texts and in doing so take into consideration the comments in reply to CL 2026/17-FFP.
 - ii. consider whether there is a need for a further review of the standards for fish and fishery products in terms of technical accuracy and their use and relevance, for further consideration by CCFFP38.

¹ CX/CAC 25/48/12 Rev.2 Appendix II

² REP25/CAC, paragraph 112(iv)

³ <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en/>.