



JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME

CODEx COMMITTEE ON FOOD IMPORT AND EXPORT INSPECTION AND CERTIFICATION SYSTEMS

Twenty-seventh Session

REVIEW AND UPDATE OF THE LIST OF EMERGING GLOBAL ISSUES

(Comments of European Union, Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, United Republic of Tanzania, and East African Community)

Ghana

Agenda Item 9.2: Discussion paper on establishment listing

(Proposed revision to the Principles and guidelines for the exchange of information between importing and exporting countries to support the trade in food (CXG 89-2016) to develop principles and guidelines to harmonise the use (the drivers), development (content and format) and implementation (mechanisms including digitalization) of establishment listings)

Position

Ghana supports the commencement of work on establishment listing.

European Union

Agenda Item 9.2: Proposals for New work related to the emerging global issues - Part 1 - Discussion paper on establishment listing (CX/FH 24/27/9 Add.1)

Mixed Competence European Union Vote

The European Union and its Member States (EUMS) thank Norway for the presentation of this discussion paper and the work that has been put into it.

Whilst the information to be provided on a given establishment remains the prerogative of the importing country/block to decide, the EUMS recognise the value of this proposition seeking uniformity of establishment lists and layout formats and looks forward to discussing this proposal.

The EUMS would like to see the concept of pre-listing, meaning the listing of the establishment following verification of compliance by the authorities of the exporting country, included in the scope of the document.

Agenda item 9.21: Proposals for New work related to the emerging global issues - Part 2: Discussion paper on the digitisation of the National Food Control Systems (CX/FH 24/27/9 Add.2)

Mixed Competence Member States Vote

The MS of the EU support the project document enclosed as Annex 1 of CX/FICS 24/27/9 Add.2.

Guidance on a structured modernization of NFCS through digitization initiatives can help countries to invest in responsible digitization, avoiding the creation of a fragmented digital landscape that could lead to unintended challenges, such as interoperability issues.

Kenya

Agenda Item 9.1

Review and update of Appendix A - the list of emerging global issues- CX/FICS 24/27/9

Position: Kenya supports the updated list as contained in Appendix A – the list of emerging global issues, takes note of the overview of the 8 emerging issues from the intersessional meeting and supports the new work proposals prepared by Norway and Australia. The emerging global issues were significant and may impact the work of CCFICS and recognize existing texts or new work proposals relevant to each issue.

Agenda Item 9.2

Proposals for New work related to emerging global issues - Part 1 - Discussion paper on establishment listing - CX/FICS 24/27/9 Add.1

Position: Kenya appreciates Norway for the development of this discussion paper on establishment listing. The paper discusses pertinent issues including the increased requests for data in food trade, leads up to the development of more and more different systems for information sharing and not always based on food safety and associated risks. In particular, the request for establishment listings have increased and more countries are developing different listings and systems for the exchange of information. Therefore Kenya supports the proposal that CCFICS27 considers the new work proposal in the Appendix of the CX/FICS 24/27/9 Add.1.

Agenda Item 9.21

Proposals for New work related to the emerging global issues - Part 2: A discussion paper on the digitization of the National Food Control Systems- CX/FICS 24/27/9 Add.2

Position: Kenya appreciates the discussion paper Prepared by Australia, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom and supports the proposal that CCFICS leads the development of new high-level principles that capture key considerations that guide countries in the process, or looking to start the process, of digitalizing relevant and suitable parts of their national food control systems coherently, as outlined in the Project document in Annex 1. This work would also include the review of existing guidance, within Codex and other international organizations, to help build a transparent, connected structure for safer food as well as better food security that encourages and enables interoperability between different systems and platforms

Nigeria

AGENDA ITEM 9.2 Add. 1 PROPOSALS FOR NEW WORK RELATED TO THE EMERGING GLOBAL ISSUES

PART 1 - DISCUSSION PAPER ON ESTABLISHMENT LISTING CX/FICS 24/27/9 Add.1

Nigeria notes the importance and supports the new work proposal prepared by Norway for the CCFICS to commence work on revision to the “Principles and guidelines for the exchange of information between importing and exporting countries to support the trade in food” (CXG 89-2016)

AGENDA ITEM 9.2 Add. 2 PROPOSALS FOR NEW WORK RELATED TO THE EMERGING GLOBAL ISSUES

PART 2: DISCUSSION PAPER ON THE DIGITALISATION¹ OF NATIONAL FOOD CONTROL SYSTEMS CX/FICS 24/27/9 Add.2

Nigeria supports the new work proposal prepared by Australia, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom.

Nigeria supports the proposal that CCFICS leads the development of new high-level principles

as outlined in the Project document especially as it outlines the critical role of innovation and technology.

United Republic of Tanzania

Agenda Item 9.1

Review and update of Appendix A - the list of emerging global issues- (CX/FICS 24/27/9)

Position: TANZANIA supports the updated list as contained in Appendix A – the list of emerging global issues, takes note of the overview of the 8 emerging issues from the intersessional meeting, and supports the new work proposals prepared by Norway and Australia. The emerging global issues are significant and may impact the work of CCFICS and recognize existing texts or new work proposals relevant to Tanzania issue.

Agenda Item 9.2

Proposals for New work related to emerging global issues - Part 1 - Discussion paper on establishment listing – (CX/FICS 24/27/9 Add.1)

Position: TANZANIA appreciates Norway for the development of this discussion paper on establishment listing. The paper discusses pertinent issues including the increased requests for data in the food trade, which leads up to the development of more and more different systems for information sharing and not always based on food safety and associated risks. In particular, the request for establishment listings have increased and more countries are developing different listings and systems for the exchange of information.

Agenda Item 9.21

Proposals for New work related to the emerging global issues - Part 2: A discussion paper on the digitization of the National Food Control Systems- (CX/FICS 24/27/9 Add.2)

Position: TANZANIA appreciates the discussion paper Prepared by Australia, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom and supports the proposal that CCFICS leads the development of new high-level principles that capture key considerations that guide countries in the process, of looking to start the process, of digitalizing relevant and suitable parts of their national food control systems coherently, as outlined in the Project document in Annex 1. This work would also include the review of existing guidance, within Codex and other international organizations, to help build a transparent, connected structure for safer food as well as better food security that encourages and enables interoperability between different systems and platforms.

East African Community

Agenda Item 9.1

Review and update of Appendix A - the list of emerging global issues- (CX/FICS 24/27/9)

Position: EAC supports the updated list as contained in Appendix A – the list of emerging global issues, takes note of the overview of the 8 emerging issues from the intersessional meeting, and supports the new work proposals prepared by Norway and Australia. The emerging global issues are significant and may impact the work of CCFICS and recognize existing texts or new work proposals relevant to each issue.

Agenda Item 9.2

Proposals for New work related to emerging global issues - Part 1 - Discussion paper on establishment listing – (CX/FICS 24/27/9 Add.1)

Position: EAC appreciates Norway for the development of this discussion paper on establishment listing. The paper discusses pertinent issues including the increased requests for data in the food trade, which leads up to the development of more and more different systems for information sharing and not always based on food safety and associated risks. In particular, the request for establishment listings have increased and more countries are developing different listings and systems for the exchange of information.

Agenda Item 9.21

Proposals for New work related to the emerging global issues - Part 2: A discussion paper on the digitization of the National Food Control Systems- (CX/FICS 24/27/9 Add.2)

Position: EAC appreciates the discussion paper Prepared by Australia, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom and supports the proposal that CCFICS leads the development of new high-level principles that capture key considerations that guide countries in the process, of looking to start the process, of digitalizing relevant and suitable parts of their national food control systems coherently, as outlined in the Project document in Annex 1. This work would also include the review of existing guidance, within Codex and other international organizations, to help build a transparent, connected structure for safer food as well as better food security that encourages and enables interoperability between different systems and platforms.