



**JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME
CODEX COMMITTEE ON FISH AND FISHERY PRODUCTS**

Thirty-fifth Session

Virtual

20 September – 25 October 2021

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION
AND OTHER SUBSIDIARY BODIES**

A. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION

MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

The 43rd Session of the Commission (CAC43)

Procedural aspects and meetings of subsidiary committees¹

1. CAC43 recommended
 - a) that CCEXEC80² share its recommendations based on the report of the sub-committee on Codex and the Pandemic – Strategic Challenges and Opportunities with all subsidiary bodies for their information and further consideration as appropriate.
 - b) to all subsidiary bodies and Members and Observers to make full use of existing remote working mechanisms such as Electronic Working Groups (EWGs) and Circular Letters (CLs) and to plan their virtual committee meetings in such a manner as to optimize the possibility to complete their agendas.
2. CCFFP35 is invited **to note** the above recommendations by the Commission.

B. MATTERS ARISING FROM CODEX SUBSIDIARY BODIES

MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

The 80th Session of the Executive Committee (CCEXEC80)

3. CCEXEC80³ recognized that CAC43 had agreed on the possibility of holding virtual meetings in 2021 and endorsed the proposals from the sub-committee on Codex and the pandemic to operationalize this decision, noting that this did not at present require any change to formal Codex procedures.

The 32nd Session of the Codex Committee on General Principles (CCGP32)

Procedural Guidance for Committees Working by Correspondence (CWBC)⁴

4. CGP32 agreed to forward the draft Procedural Guidance for CWBC (Appendix II) to CAC44 for adoption and inclusion in the Codex Procedural Manual, preferably in section III.

The 25th Session of the Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems (CCFICS25)⁵

Proposed Draft guidance on the prevention and control of food fraud

5. CCFICS25 agreed to: i. Start the new work and forward the project document on the development of guidance on the prevention and control of food fraud to CAC44 for approval (Appendix IV); and iii. To keep other relevant Codex Committees informed of the progress of the new work.

The 41st Session of the Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling (CCMAS41)

¹ REP20/CAC, paras. 20 (i-ii), 31(ii) & 32

² REP21/EXEC1, paras. 35-36

³ REP21/EXEC1, paras. 35-36

⁴ REP21/GP, para 23, Appendix II

⁵ REP21/FICS, para 101, Appendix IV

Revision of the *General Guidelines on Sampling* (CXG 50-2004)⁶

6. CCMAS41 agreed to inform other relevant Codex Committees of the ongoing work on the revision of the *General Guidelines on Sampling* and invite any comments as relevant.

Review / update of methods of analysis in the *Recommended Methods of Analysis and Sampling* (CXS 234-1999)⁷

7. CCMAS41 confirmed its continued liaison with other Codex committees on the use of the *Recommended Methods of Analysis and Sampling* (CXS 234-1999) as the single reference for methods of analysis and sampling as requested by CCEXEC77.
8. CCFFP35 is invited **to note** the above-mentioned matters.

⁶ REP21/MAS, para 110 iv.

⁷ REP21/MAS, para. 6