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JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME

CODEx ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION

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DESIGNATION OF COUNTRIES RESPONSIBLE FOR APPOINTING THE CHAIRPERSONS OF CODEx COMMITTEES AND TASK FORCE

BACKGROUND

1. In accordance with Rule XI.10 of the Commission's Rules of Procedure and with established practices, the Commission is required to designate, at each Session, the Member country responsible for appointing the Chairperson of Codex Committees and Coordinating Committees. The *Criteria for the Establishment of Subsidiary Bodies of the Codex Alimentarius Commission* state that the Rules of Procedure shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to *ad hoc* Codex Intergovernmental Task Forces and therefore the same action is required for these subsidiary bodies.

ACTION REQUIRED

2. The Commission is invited:
 - to confirm the designation of the Member countries responsible for appointing the Chairpersons of subsidiary bodies (see below for the current status), subject to any other relevant decisions on subsidiary bodies to be taken by the 35th Session of the Commission; and
 - to continue to review the status of Codex Committees and Task Forces as they complete their programmes of work.

CURRENT CHAIRMANSHIP OF CODEX SUBSIDIARY BODIES

Subsidiary Bodies Established under Rule XI.1(b)(i)

Code	Subsidiary Body	Member Responsible	Status
CX 703	Codex Committee on Milk and Milk Products	New Zealand	<i>Sine die</i>
CX 708	Codex Committee on Cocoa Products and Chocolate	Switzerland	<i>Sine die</i>
CX 709	Codex Committee on Fats and Oils	Malaysia	Active
CX 710	Codex Committee on Sugars	Colombia	Active
CX 711	Codex Committee on Food Additives	China	Active
CX 712	Codex Committee on Food Hygiene	United States of America	Active
CX 713	Codex Committee on Processed Fruits and Vegetables	United States of America	Active
CX 714	Codex Committee on Food Labelling	Canada	Active
CX 715	Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling	Hungary	Active
CX 716	Codex Committee on General Principles	France	Active
CX 718	Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues	China	Active
CX 719	Codex Committee on Natural Mineral Waters	Switzerland	<i>Sine die</i>
CX 720	Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses	Germany	Active
CX 722	Codex Committee on Fish and Fishery Products	Norway	Active
CX 723	Codex Committee on Meat Hygiene	New Zealand	<i>Sine die</i>
CX 728	Codex Committee on Vegetable Proteins	Canada	<i>Sine die</i>
CX 729	Codex Committee on Cereals, Pulses and Legumes	United States of America	<i>Sine die</i>
CX 730	Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods	United States of America	Active
CX 731	Codex Committee on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables	Mexico	Active
CX 733	Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Certification and Inspection Systems	Australia	Active
CX 735	Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods	The Netherlands	Active

Ad hoc Intergovernmental Task Forces

CX 803	<i>Ad hoc</i> Codex Intergovernmental Task Force on Animal Feeding	Switzerland	Active
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Note: Colombia would hold the secretariat of the Committee on Sugars only for the time envisaged for completion of the standard for “Panela” and working by correspondence only.

Subsidiary Bodies Established under Rule XI.1(b)(ii)

Code	Subsidiary Body	Member Responsible
CX 706	FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Europe	Coordinator for Europe
CX 707	FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Africa	Coordinator for Africa
CX 725	FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Latin America and the Caribbean	Coordinator for Latin America and the Caribbean
CX 727	FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Asia	Coordinator for Asia
CX 732	FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for North America and the South West Pacific	Coordinator for North America and the South West Pacific
CX 734	FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for the Near East	Coordinator for the Near East