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COMMENTS OF OMAN AND QATAR

Agenda item 2: Matters referred to the Committee by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and other subsidiary bodies

The Sultanate of Oman, in its capacity as Chair of the Codex Coordinating Committee for the Near East (CCNE), wishes to inform CCMAS45 that CCNE12 agreed to establish an Electronic Working Group (EWG)¹, chaired by the Sultanate of Oman and co-chaired by the State of Qatar, working in English and Arabic and open to all Codex Members and Observers.

The EWG has been mandated to:

- a) Review the completeness of the section on methods of analysis in CCNE regional commodity standards and, where methods are provided, propose sampling plans as appropriate in light of the revised *General Guidelines on Sampling (CXG 50-2004)*;
- b) For standards where the section on methods of analysis is incomplete, review the need for methods of analysis and recommend suitable methods as appropriate, and, where feasible, propose relevant sampling plans.

Rationale

The establishment of this EWG reflects CCNE's commitment to strengthening the scientific robustness, consistency, and practical implementation of its regional standards, particularly in relation to methods of analysis and sampling provisions. Ensuring alignment with Codex principles and relevant CCMAS guidance is essential to promote harmonization and facilitate trade.

Coordination with CCMAS

Recognizing the mandate of CCMAS as the Committee responsible for endorsing methods of analysis and sampling provisions, the EWG Chairs wish to:

- Inform CCMAS of this ongoing regional work.
- Express the willingness of the CCNE region and the EWG Chairs to coordinate closely with CCMAS to ensure technical consistency and relevant guidance.
- Invite CCMAS Members and Observers with technical expertise in analytical methods and sampling to participate actively in the EWG process.

Such coordination would enhance transparency, avoid duplication of efforts, and support the development of scientifically sound and implementable regional standards.

The Sultanate of Oman and the State of Qatar remain committed to working collaboratively with CCMAS, and all Codex Members and Observers to advance harmonized, science-based standards in the Near East region.

¹ Paragraph 23 (i) of [REP25/NE](#).