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## JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME

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#### MATTERS ARISING FROM THE REPORTS OF THE COMMISSION, THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND THE SUBSIDIARY BODIES

1. The following Codex meetings held between September 2016 – May 2017 having matters for information or action by the Commission are reproduced here below. The relevant documents and details of the discussion can be found in the reports of the Codex committee's meetings as indicated in the footnotes.

#### MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

##### **CCFH48** *Committee on Food Hygiene*

##### **Proposed draft guideline on histamine control and sampling plans for histamine**

2. The Committee agreed to inform CAC40 that it would retain the original timeline for completion of the work on histamine, i.e. adoption at Step 5 in 2018 and adoption at Step 8 in 2020.<sup>1</sup>

3. The Commission is invited to note this information.

##### **CCMAS38** *Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling*

##### **Information documents**

4. The Committee agreed to publish two information documents: criteria for methods which use a “sum of components” and practical examples, sampling plans.<sup>2</sup>

5. The Commission is invited to note this information.

#### MATTERS FOR ACTION

##### **CCPFV28** *Committee on Processed Fruits and Vegetables*

##### **Future work on Codex standards processed fruits and vegetables**

6. The Chair of the Committee proposed that the Committee should consider adjourning sine die since its top priority work had been completed at the session and that the pending issues would not warrant holding a physical meeting. The Codex Secretariat informed the Committee that there is remaining work on the review of 18 Codex standards for processed fruits and vegetables in order to determine their relevance to international trade and the need for their revision.

7. In recognition of the interest of many delegations on the revision of existing standards and the development of new standards for processed fruits and vegetables, the Committee agreed that the Codex Secretariat would issue a circular letter<sup>3</sup> requesting comments on the revision on the remaining standards as well as proposals for new work. Proposals for new work would be submitted by the concerned countries directly to CCEXEC73 by means of project documents. Based on the outcome of the Critical Review and the volume of approved new work the Commission would determine the opportunity to convene a physical meeting of the Committee.<sup>4</sup>

8. The Commission is invited to consider the recommendations of CCEXEC73 on proposals for new work under Agenda Item 8 (Proposals for New Work).

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<sup>1</sup> [REP17/FH](#), para 51

<sup>2</sup> [REP17/MAS](#), paras 36 and 62, Appendices IV and VII

<sup>3</sup> [CL 2017/07-PFV](#)

<sup>4</sup> [REP17/PFV](#), paras 99-116

**CCEURO30** *Coordinating Committee for Europe***Language policy in CCEURO**

9. The Committee agreed to request FAO, WHO, CAC40 to consider funding translation and interpretation services in Russian for the effective operation of CCEURO as a matter of urgency.<sup>5</sup>

10. The Commission is invited to consider this request under Agenda Item 13 (Codex Secretariat: Budgetary and Financial Matters<sup>6</sup>) when considering expenses in connection with interpretation and translation services to regional coordinating committees.

**CCFH48** *Committee on Food Hygiene***Proposed draft Regional Code of Hygienic Practice for Street-vended Foods in Asia**

11. The Committee endorsed the Proposed draft Regional Code of Hygienic Practice for Street-vended Foods in Asia and recommended CAC40 to consider modifications as recommended by CCFH.<sup>7</sup>

12. The Commission is invited to take into account these modifications when considering the adoption of the Regional Code of Hygienic Practice for Street-vended Foods in Asia under Agenda Item 5.

**CCSCH03** *Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs***Strategy for the development of horizontal standards for spices and culinary herbs**

13. The Committee agreed to recommend to CAC40 to approve the proposed strategy for developing horizontal group standards (based on plant parts as used in the spices and culinary herbs industry) which would enable the Committee to increase its outputs as well as complete its work in a defined time. CCSCH further agreed to inform the CAC, that to facilitate its work, the general standard template had been developed and this would be used for the new standards.<sup>8</sup>

14. The Commission is invited to acknowledge the CCSCH strategy for the development of horizontal standards for spices and culinary herbs.

**CCS** *Committee on Sugars***Standard for non-centrifuged dehydrated sugar cane juice (scope and product definition)**

15. The Commission had requested CCS to clarify the scope of the standard and to provide evidence of the international support for the defined scope.<sup>9</sup>

16. Following the request of CAC39, Colombia, as Host Country of CCS, working by correspondence, prepared a new proposal for a scope and product definition (in view of the mutual dependence between the two provisions), which was circulated for comments under circular letter [CL 2016/45-CS](#). Based on the comments in response to this CL, Colombia further revised the scope and product definition and concluded that "The comments received by Codex member countries and observers on the scope demonstrate broad international support". The summary analysis of the comments submitted in reply to CL 2016/45-CS and the revised scope and product definition is presented in [CL 2017/45-CS](#) for consideration by CAC40.

17. The Commission is invited to consider the next steps for the development of this standard taking into account the proposals made in CL 2017/45-CS and recommendations made at CAC39 in relation to further work.

**CCMMP** *Committee on Milk and Milk Products***Standard for Mozzarella**

18. The Commission agreed to discuss this item at CAC40.<sup>10</sup>

19. The Commission is invited to discuss this matter.

**General Standard for processed cheese**

20. The Commission agreed to discuss this item at CAC40, noting the offer of New Zealand as host country of CCMMP to collate any substantial new ideas provided by members in the interim.<sup>11</sup>

21. The Commission is invited to discuss this matter.

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<sup>5</sup> [REP12/EURO](#), paras 59-70

<sup>6</sup> [CX/CAC 17/40/13](#)

<sup>7</sup> [REP17/FH](#), paras 8–9, Appendix II

<sup>8</sup> [REP17/SCH](#), para 59-69

<sup>9</sup> [REP 16/CAC](#), paras 200-203

<sup>10</sup> [CX/CAC 16/39/13](#), [REP16/CAC](#), para 197

<sup>11</sup> [CX/CAC 16/39/13-Add.1](#), [REP16/CAC](#), paras 198-199