



## CCASIA

Dear Friends and Colleagues in the Codex Family,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am honored to welcome you to the 22nd session of FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Asia (CCASIA) which is scheduled to take place virtually on 12, 13, 14, 17 and 18 October 2022 with report adoption on 21 October 2022.

I think we can all agree that the last three years have been very challenging for the whole Codex Family. Fortunately, huge efforts have been made by all parties to adapt to the new working environment, which has ensured that Codex work is carried out in a timely and effective manner. Although this session will be held virtually, I hope and encourage all Member Countries in the region to actively participate and to discuss issues of mutual interest, confirm the regional priorities and activities under the framework of the Codex Strategic Plan 2020-2025 and promote the harmonization of regional standards in order to protect consumer health and ensure fair trade practices.

Taking into account the very limited time available compared to the physical session, in order to facilitate discussion of the regional Codex standards being developed, three virtual working group (vWG) meetings have been arranged prior to the plenary session. On 23 September, 2022, the vWG meeting on the Regional standard for Quick Frozen Dumpling was convened with the active participation of Member Countries. I would like to remind you that there will be two more vWG meetings in the coming week, which are as follows:

- 5 October 2022, 9:00-12:00 hours CEST: vWG meeting on the Regional standard for Cooked Rice Wrapped in Plant Leaves - chaired by China
- 6 October 2022, 9:00-12:00 hours CEST: vWG meeting on the Regional standard for Soybean Products Fermented with *Bacillus* Species - chaired by Japan

I would like to encourage all Members in the region to participate in the vWG meetings in preparation for CCASIA22. Reports from these vWG meetings will form the basis of much discussion at the plenary.

As the Chairperson of CCASIA, I hope to receive your support and facilitate the smooth progress of all the agenda items. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us at [secretariat.ccasia@cfsa.net.cn](mailto:secretariat.ccasia@cfsa.net.cn).

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,

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