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### **OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **Terms of Reference (ToR) of the Proposed Electronic Working Group as proposed in the Discussion Paper on the Development of New Work on A Camel Milk Commodity Standard**

(prepared by United Arab Emirates)

#### **Background**

Based on the recommendation emerging from the 11th session of the Codex Committee for the Near East (CCNE11), concerning the New Proposal on Camel Milk Standard suggested by United Arab Emirates, according to which it was advised to undertake further work under the leadership of UAE, FAO, WHO and the Regional Coordinator, United Arab Emirates informed the members of the Codex Executive Committee Meeting at its 86th session in Rome and solicited an early discussion on its intent to introduce a proposed international standard for Camel Milk, in support of the safety, availability and trade of this commodity.

Moreover, United Arab Emirates conducted several informal consultation meetings with Codex Regions through their respective coordinators and informed CAC 47 of the New Proposal on Camel Milk Commodity Standard and shared with the commission the CRD03 made available in four languages: Arabic, French, Spanish and English.

The Discussion paper proposed by the United Arab Emirates described the steps forward and the best modality agreed on by the co-authors of the discussion paper on how to undertake this work on Camel Milk, the proposed pathway consists of the formation of an Electronic Working Group mandated with the Terms of references (ToRs) cited in part 2 of this Document.

The Electronic Working Group is deemed by the authors of the Discussion Paper the best modality of work that will built on the outcomes of the informal consultation meetings with

Codex Secretariat, CCMMP, IDF but also the outcomes of the [International Symposium](#) on Camel Milk where experts from WHO, WOA, IDF, IUFOST and the New Zealand Ministry of Industries (MPI) met with scientists from FAO, Al Farabi University- Kazakhstan and other representatives from Oman, Jordan and also Camel Milk Manufacturers form United Arab Emirates and discussed aspects related to the standard setting process and the specificities of the on Camel Milk.

### **Terms Of Reference of Electronic Working Group**

On the light of the Conference Room Document (CRD03) by United Arab Emirates concerning the Discussion Paper on the Development of New Work on A Camel Milk Commodity Standard, United Arab Emirates would like to propose a path forward consisting of an Electronic Working Group with the following Terms of Reference:

- 1- To review Current Codex Standards under CCMMP that may be applicable to Camel Milk products and identify areas that should be updated or enhanced.
- 2- To Review and make recommendations for updates of other Codex standards developed by horizontal committees with possible implications on Camel Milk Products including:
  - The Code of Hygienic Practice for Milk and Milk Products (CXC 57-2004)
  - Principles and Guidelines for the Establishment and Application of Microbiological Criteria Related to Foods (CXG 21-1997)
  - General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in Foods and Feeds (CXS 193- 1995)
  - General Principles of Food Hygiene (CXC 1-1969)
  - Recommended methods of Analysis and Sampling (CXS 234-1999)
- 3- To Develop a new standard for Camel Milk products, where relevant, to account for their specificities with emphasis on the most traded products, such as Camel Milk Powder and other products offering an important development potential, for example: Liquid Pasteurized Camel Milk. The focus should be on developing a standard of authenticity enabling attestation to the legitimacy of products derived from Camel Milk.

Finally, United Arab Emirates recognized the importance of the in-session discussions and aspire that the CAC47 Commission will advise the best modality to the upcoming steps.