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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

CAC47 was opened by the Directors-General of FAO and WHO and the Deputy Director-General of WTO. The session was attended by delegates from 161 Member countries, one Member Organization, and 44 Observers (11 international governmental organizations (IGOs) and 33 international non-governmental organizations (INGOs)).

Main decisions of CAC47:

### **Final adoption of almost 900 new and revised Codex standards (including numerical standards), guidelines and codes of practice, including:**

- Standard for spices derived from dried or dehydrated fruits and berries – small cardamom
- Standard for spices derived from dried or dehydrated fruits and berries – allspice, juniper berry, and star anise
- Standard for spices derived from dried or dehydrated roots, rhizomes and bulbs – turmeric
- Revision to the *Standard for named vegetable oils* (CXS 210-1999): Inclusion of avocado oil, camellia seed oil, sacha inchi oil, and high oleic acid soya bean oil
- Revision to the *Standard for olive oils and olive pomace oils* (CXS 33-1981): Revision of Sections 3, 8 and Appendix (with amendments)
- Revision to the *Standard for fish oils* (CXS 329-2017) - Inclusion of calanus oil
- Amendments to the *Standard for canned sardines and sardine-type products* (CXS 94-1981)
- Amendment to the *General standard for fruit juices and nectars* (CXS 247-2005)
- Annex II on Fresh leafy vegetables and Annex IV on Sprouts of the *Guidelines for the control of Shiga toxin-producing Escherichia coli (STEC) in raw beef, fresh leafy vegetables, raw milk and raw milk cheeses, and sprouts* (CXG 99-2023)
- Annex III on Milk and milk products of the *Guidelines for the safe use and reuse of water in food production and processing* (CXG 100-2023)
- Maximum levels (MLs) for lead in various spices
- MLs for lead and cadmium in quinoa
- 257 Maximum residue limits (MRLs) for different combinations of pesticide/commodity(ies)
- 8 MRLs for different combinations of veterinary drugs and animal tissues
- Specifications for the identity and purity of food additives, including five food additives, two groups of flavouring agents and eight flavouring agents
- Revision to the *Class Names and the International Numbering System for food additives* (CXG 36-1989)
- 566 new or revised food additive provisions
- Code of practice for the prevention and reduction of ciguatera poisoning
- Amendments/revisions to the *Code of practice for the storage and transport of edible fats and oils in bulk* (CXC 36-1987)
- General principles for establishing Nutrient Reference Values - Requirements (NRVs-R) for persons aged 6 – 36 months (inclusion in CXG 2-1985 as Annex 1, Part B)
- NRVs-R for persons aged 6 – 36 months: Vitamins A, B6, D and E, thiamine, riboflavin, niacin, pantothenic acid, calcium, copper, iodine, potassium, zinc and protein (CXG 2-1985)
- Guidelines for food hygiene control measures in traditional markets for food
- Guidelines on the provision of food information for pre-packaged foods to be offered via e-commerce
- Guidelines on the use of technology to provide food information in food labelling
- Revision to the *General standard for the labelling of pre-packaged foods* (CXS 1- 1985): Provisions relevant to allergen labelling
- Methods of analysis / performance criteria for provisions for inclusion in the *Recommended methods of analysis and sampling* (CXS 234-1999)
- Sampling plan for methylmercury in fish for inclusion in the *General standard for contaminants and toxins in food and feed* (CXS 193-1995)

### **Adoption of 10 Codex texts at Step 5:**

- Standard for spices derived from dried or dehydrated fruits and berries – vanilla
- Annex to *General standard for the labelling of pre-packaged foods* (CXS 1-1985): Guidelines on the use of precautionary allergen labelling
- MLs for lead in spices, dried bark; and dried culinary herbs
- MRLs for fumagillin dicyclohexylamine (DCH) – fish fillet and honey
- Guidelines on the prevention and control of food fraud
- Guidelines for monitoring the stability and purity of reference materials and related stock solutions of

- pesticides during prolonged storage
- Revised *Guidelines on the application of the general principles of food hygiene to the control of pathogenic Vibrio species in seafood* (CXG 73-2010)
- Sampling plans for total aflatoxins and ochratoxin A in certain spices

**Adoption of revisions to the Codex Procedural Manual**, Section 4, Risk analysis, Risk analysis principles applied by the Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods.

**Approval of 15 new works, revision of 6 existing texts, and endorsement of 3 priority lists of compounds (food additives and residues of veterinary drugs and pesticides) for assessment by FAO and WHO scientific bodies. Areas of new work include:**

- Standard for foods for older infants and young children
- Standards for sweet marjoram; dried seeds-coriander; large cardamom; and cinnamon
- Standards for microbial omega-3 oils, bakers yeast and whole millet grains
- Food Additive provisions for the *General standard on food additives*
- Code of practice for the prevention and reduction of cadmium contamination in foods
- Guidance on appeals mechanism in the context of rejection of imported food
- Principles for the digitalisation of National Food Control Systems (NFCSS)
- Guidance on the standardization of the representation of sanitary requirements
- Guideline for competent authorities on actions that may be taken when residues of veterinary drugs in food are below or above Action Levels, or there are no Action Levels established
- Guideline on the application of food labelling provisions in emergencies

#### **CAC47:**

**Elected**, as **Chairperson**, Dr. Allan Azegele (Kenya) and, as **Vice-Chairpersons**, Dr. Jing Tian (China), Mr. Khalid Al Zahrani (Saudi Arabia) and Ms. Betül Vazgeçer (Türkiye).

**Appointed** Japan, Oman and Uruguay as **Coordinators** for Asia, the Near East, and Latin America and the Caribbean, respectively.

**Re-appointed** Germany as **Coordinator** for Europe.

**Elected as Member of the Executive Committee elected on a geographic basis** Australia (South West Pacific).

**CAC47 discussed and agreed as follows on general items as proposed by the Executive Committee:**

#### **Codex Strategic Plan 2026-2031:**

Adopted the Codex Strategic Plan 2026-2031 and noted that a final version of the monitoring framework would be submitted to CAC48 for approval.

#### **Codex Strategic Plan 2020-2025 – Implementation report 2022-2023:**

Noted the monitoring information provided, the importance of a monitoring framework with SMART indicators and looked forward to receiving the final implementation report (2024-2025) at CAC49.

#### **Financial and budgetary matters**

Noted the need for continued commitment to financial transparency, prioritization and redistribution of resources to support delivery and additional and sustainable funding for Codex to address identified key areas of critical work and urged Members to advocate for additional funding.

Reaffirmed the vital importance of the Joint FAO/WHO scientific advisory bodies to underpin the work of Codex and recommended that FAO continue to provide sustainable funding to the scientific advice programme that supports the work of Codex; and requested the Director-General of WHO to secure additional sustainable funding for the provision of scientific advice to Codex; and

#### **Potential webcasting of the Executive Committee:**

Agreed not to change the current practice of not webcasting CCEXEC meetings at this time.

**LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS**

<b>ADI</b>	Acceptable Daily Intake
<b>ALARA</b>	As Low as Reasonably Achievable
<b>AMR</b>	Antimicrobial resistance
<b>AOAC</b>	Association of Official Analytical Chemists
<b>CAC</b>	Codex Alimentarius Commission
<b>CCASIA</b>	FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Asia
<b>CCCF</b>	Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods
<b>CCCPL</b>	Codex Committee on Cereals, Pulses and Legumes
<b>CCEURO</b>	FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Europe
<b>CCEXEC</b>	Executive Committee of the Codex Alimentarius Commission
<b>CCFA</b>	Codex Committee on Food Additives
<b>CCFFP</b>	Codex Committee on Fish and Fishery Products
<b>CCFH</b>	Codex Committee on Food Hygiene
<b>CCFICS</b>	Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems
<b>CCFL</b>	Codex Committee on Food Labelling
<b>CCFO</b>	Codex Committee on Fats and Oils
<b>CCGP</b>	Codex Committee on General Principles
<b>CCLAC</b>	FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Latin America and the Caribbean
<b>CCMAS</b>	Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling
<b>CCMMP</b>	Codex Committee on Milk and Milk Products
<b>CCNE</b>	FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for the Near East
<b>CCNFSDU</b>	Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses
<b>CCPFV</b>	Codex Committee on Processed Fruits and Vegetables
<b>CCPR</b>	Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues
<b>CCRVDF</b>	Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods
<b>CCSCH</b>	Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs
<b>CICG</b>	Centre International de Conférences Genève
<b>CL(s)</b>	Circular Letter(s)
<b>COH</b>	Country of harvest
<b>COO</b>	Country of origin
<b>COVID-19</b>	Coronavirus disease 2019
<b>CRD(s)</b>	Conference Room Document(s)
<b>CTF</b>	Codex Trust Fund
<b>CXA</b>	Codex Miscellaneous Text
<b>CXC</b>	Codex Code of Practice
<b>CXG</b>	Codex Guideline
<b>CXL(s)</b>	Codex maximum residue limit(s) for pesticides
<b>CXS</b>	Codex standard
<b>DAGs</b>	1,2-diglycerides

<b>EU</b>	European Union
<b>EWG(s)</b>	Electronic Working Group(s)
<b>FAO</b>	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
<b>FCs</b>	Food Categories
<b>GSFA</b>	<i>General Standard for Food Additives</i>
<b>IDF</b>	International Dairy Federation
<b>IGOs</b>	International governmental organizations
<b>INGOs</b>	International non-governmental organizations
<b>INS</b>	International numbering system
<b>IOC</b>	International Olive Council
<b>IP</b>	Intellectual property
<b>IWGs</b>	in session working groups
<b>JECFA</b>	Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives
<b>JMPR</b>	Joint FAO/WHO Meeting on Pesticide Residues
<b>ML(s)</b>	Maximum limit(s)
<b>MRL(s)</b>	Maximum residue limit(s)
<b>NRVs-R</b>	Nutrient Reference Values – Requirements
<b>Nx</b>	Nitrogen to protein conversion factors
<b>OIV</b>	International Organisation for Vine and Wine
<b>PAHO</b>	Pan American Health Organization
<b>PPPs</b>	Pyropheophytin "a"
<b>SMART</b>	Specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, and time-bound
<b>STEC</b>	Shiga Toxin-Producing <i>Escherichia coli</i>
<b>TFAs</b>	trans-fatty acids
<b>ToRs</b>	Terms of reference
<b>UAE</b>	United Arab Emirates
<b>WHO</b>	World Health Organization
<b>WTO</b>	World Trade Organization

## INTRODUCTION

1. The Codex Alimentarius Commission convened its forty-seventh session (CAC47) at the Centre International de Conférences Genève (CICG), Geneva, Switzerland from 25 to 30 November 2024.
2. CAC47 was chaired by Mr Steve Wearne (United Kingdom), Chairperson of the Commission, assisted by the Vice-Chairpersons Mr Allan Azegele (Kenya), Mr Raj Rajasekar (New Zealand) and Mr Diego Varela (Chile). The session was attended by delegates from 161 Member countries, one Member Organization, and 44 Observers (from 11 international governmental organizations (IGOs) and 33 international non-governmental organizations (INGOs)). The list of participants is contained in Appendix I.

## OPENING

### Welcome addresses

3. The Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO), Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus<sup>1</sup> welcomed participants recalling that 2024 marked the 30th anniversary of the signing of the Marrakesh Agreement, and noting that the relationship between CAC and the World Trade Organization (WTO) had been instrumental in establishing Codex standards as global benchmarks. Dr Tedros urged CAC to prioritize health as a non-negotiable foundation in the decision-making process of Codex, to take a holistic approach to the health impacts of food systems, and to base its work on the latest scientific evidence. Dr Tedros concluded his intervention by conveying his appreciation to the outgoing Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of CAC.
4. Intervening via a video message, the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Dr QU Dongyu<sup>2</sup> stressed that the work of Codex should continue to be based on science, noting the importance of CAC being ready to address the challenges of the future and contribute to the transformation of global agrifood systems to be more efficient, inclusive, resilient and sustainable. Dr QU also expressed his appreciation for the work of the outgoing Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of CAC.
5. The Deputy Director-General of WTO, Mr Jean-Marie Paugam also addressed CAC47 noting that Codex work continued to be central to many of the debates taking place at WTO to ensure that traded food was safe, and to further help Members in addressing emerging risks and take advantage of new agricultural technologies. CAC Chairperson, Steve Wearne, and Codex Secretary, Sarah Cahill, also addressed the session.

### Division of competence<sup>3</sup>

6. CAC47 noted the division of competence between the European Union (EU) and its Member States in accordance with Rule II, paragraph 5, of the CAC Rules of Procedure.

### ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA (Agenda item 1)<sup>4</sup>

7. CAC47 adopted the provisional agenda and agreed to consider the following issues under Agenda Item 16, Other business, time permitting:
  - development of new work on health supplements/dietary supplements/functional foods and nutraceuticals (India);
  - development of a standard for cashew kernels (India);
  - development of new work on a camel milk commodity standard (United Arab Emirates);
  - amendment to the *Standard for kimchi* (CXS 223-2001) (Republic of Korea); and
  - virtual communication of the Director-General of the International Organisation for Vine and Wine (OIV), John Barker, on the occasion of its 100th anniversary (OIV).

### Methods of work for the 47th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission<sup>5</sup>

8. CAC47 endorsed the methods of work for the session as described in CX/CAC 24/47/1 Add.1.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.who.int/director-general/speeches/detail/who-director-general-s-opening-remarks-at-the-47th-session-of-the-codex-alimentarius-commission---25-november-2024/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://digital-media.fao.org/Detail/2A6XC5IUYPH4>

<sup>6</sup> Division of Competence and voting right between the European Union and its member states (CRD01)

<sup>4</sup> CX/CAC 24/47/1 Rev.1; CRD02 (India); CRD03 (United Arab Emirates); CRD06 (Argentina, Benin, India and Rwanda); CRD28 (International Organisation for Vine and Wine (OIV)); CRD34 (Republic of Korea); CRD36 (African Union); CRD37 (Kenya); CRD42 (Ghana)

<sup>5</sup> CX/CAC 24/47/1 Add.1



**REPORT BY THE CHAIRPERSON ON THE 86TH AND 87TH SESSIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (INCLUDING MATTERS REFERRED) (Agenda item 2)<sup>6</sup>**

9. The Chairperson informed CAC47 that most of the topics discussed would be addressed under other relevant agenda items.
10. In addition, the Chairperson highlighted the following areas of discussion and the related conclusions.
11. CCEXEC86 had noted the importance of working groups in progressing the work of Codex between sessions, and encouraged more Members to take leadership roles in committee working groups to ensure their sustainability and inclusiveness, while recognizing the challenges these Members may face and the importance of guidance on applying procedures and working mechanisms. CCEXEC87 had noted the imminent issuance of the Codex electronic working groups (EWGs) Handbook.<sup>7</sup>
12. CCEXEC86 had reminded Codex committees of the importance of good work management practices and prioritization of work to avoid the establishment of too many EWGs and the related burden on all concerned and ensure that agenda items can be adequately discussed within the available plenary session time. Further to this, CCEXEC87 had noted that the range of new work proposals to be considered by CAC47 demonstrated the progressive and responsive agenda of subsidiary bodies but also the risk of further proliferation in the number of active EWGs which might, in future, require active prioritization.
13. CCEXEC87 had recalled the need for practical guidelines on the development of new work proposals and also considered how to address possible new areas of work more efficiently. It had recommended that CAC47 ask the Codex Committee on General Principles (CCGP) to review the application of the provisions in the Codex Procedural Manual relating to Committees Working by Correspondence and how existing provisions of the Codex Procedural Manual may be used to promote more resource-efficient practices in the review of new work proposals, in particular those for which there may not be a relevant existing or active committee that might undertake their technical review.
14. CCEXEC86 had noted the proposal to amend the *Principles Concerning the Participation of International Non-Governmental Organizations in the Work of the Codex Alimentarius Commission* to insert a separate heading entitled "Relations between International Non-Governmental Organizations holding Observer Status with Codex" to clarify that the double representation clause applies to all INGOs that had Observer Status with Codex, and recommended that CAC47 invite CCGP to consider it at its next session, with input from the Legal Offices of FAO and WHO, as necessary.
15. CCEXEC86 also noted the budgetary challenges facing the Codex Trust Fund (CTF) and encouraged Members to support the funding of CTF2.
16. On the alignment of methodologies on dietary exposure assessment, CCEXEC87 highlighted the importance of FAO and WHO's provision of scientific advice for pesticides to Codex; stressed the pivotal role of FAO and WHO in supporting the work of the Joint FAO/WHO Meeting on Pesticide Residues (JMPR) to provide the scientific basis for the establishment of maximum residue limits (MRLs) for the Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR); and encouraged FAO and WHO to facilitate the resolution by JMPR of its continuing discussions related to exposure assessment and to communicate its conclusions at the earliest opportunity, as requested by CCPR.
17. CCEXEC87 encouraged FAO and WHO to continue prioritizing their efforts towards timely publication of the monographs of joint expert advisory committee meetings.

**Discussion**

18. A Member, while noting their support for consideration of new methodologies, expressed concerns regarding the lack of transparency about the new methodology on dietary exposure assessment and the potential for a greater degree of conservatism in calculations, arguing that mere conservatism did not necessarily imply greater safety for consumers. The Member requested more transparency around the methodology and the variables therein, the nature and representativeness of the data considered, and an impact analysis based on a wider range of commodity/residue combinations.
19. Members expressed appreciation for the development of the Codex EWGs handbook, published during CAC47, and noted that Members were invited to provide feedback based on its use. The need for practical guidance on the preparation of new work proposals was reiterated, and it was noted that the FAO/WHO

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<sup>6</sup> REP24/EXEC1; REP24/EXEC2; CRD06 (Argentina); CRD07 (Benin, Rwanda, United Republic of Tanzania and East African Community (EAC)); CRD37 (Kenya); CRD44 (Burundi)

<sup>7</sup> The Codex electronic working groups handbook is available at <https://openknowledge.fao.org/items/0367ad3e-d704-4772-95cd-3b74002998cc>

Coordinating Committees provided a venue to raise awareness of the Codex EWGs handbook and to seek inputs to the development of the guidance on new work proposals.

20. Acknowledging the challenges faced by some countries regarding access to virtual meetings via the Zoom platform, the Codex Secretariat noted that these would be kept in mind as the use of virtual meetings evolved.
21. A Member informed CAC47 about their intention to submit to the next session of the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods (CCCF) a new work proposal on development of guidance related to food safety aspects of the use of recycled materials in food packaging. Another Member supported this intention, and the general support for this work was recalled.

### Conclusion

22. CAC47:
  - i. noted the discussions of CCEXEC86 and CCEXEC87 and endorsed the conclusions and recommendations contained in the respective reports;
  - ii. welcomed the publication of the Codex EWGs handbook, and encouraged its use;
  - iii. noted the ongoing work on developing a practical guide on the preparation of new work proposals, including the opportunities for Members to provide input; and
  - iv. requested CCGP34 to:
    - o consider the proposed amendment to the *Principles concerning the participation of international non-governmental organizations in the work of the Codex Alimentarius Commission*, Section VII;
    - o review the application of the provisions in the Codex Procedural Manual relating to Committees Working by Correspondence, informed by experiences to date;
    - o review how existing provisions of the Codex Procedural Manual might be used to promote more resource-efficient practices in the review of new work proposals, in particular those for which there might not be a relevant existing or active committee that might undertake their technical review; and
    - o make recommendations for consideration by CCEXEC89 and CAC48.

### AMENDMENTS TO THE PROCEDURAL MANUAL (Agenda Item 3)<sup>8</sup>

23. The Codex Secretariat, noting the publication of the 29th edition of the Codex Procedural Manual, highlighted that this edition incorporated updates approved during CAC46, and addressed linguistic inconsistency, correcting terms such as “fair trade” to “prácticas equitativas” in the Spanish version.
24. The Codex Secretariat recalled that CAC46 had approved the issuance of a Circular Letter (CL) soliciting proposals from Members on inconsistencies in language and superseded content of the Codex Procedural Manual, as requested by CCGP33, and that comments received in response were contained in CX/CAC 24/47/2 Add.1.

### Discussion

25. Members thanked the Codex Secretariat for issuing the 29th edition of the Codex Procedural Manual and addressing linguistic inconsistencies, noted the imminent issuance in other language versions, and expressed the following views:
  - Certain proposals on superseded contents and specific proposed text to be included in the Codex Procedural Manual should be referred to the relevant Codex subsidiary body to ensure careful consideration.
  - Additional linguistic inconsistencies had been identified in the French and Arabic versions, and it would be pertinent to establish an ad hoc working group and/or issue a new CL to address these.
26. The Codex Secretariat:
  - confirmed that proposals on inconsistencies and superseded contents would need to be referred to the relevant Codex Committees, when appropriate, for review before any amendments to the Codex Procedural Manual were recommended for adoption by CAC; and

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<sup>8</sup> CX/CAC 24/47/2 & Add.1; CRD08 (Argentina, Benin, Cabo Verde, El Salvador, Senegal, South Africa, United Republic of Tanzania, East African Community (EAC)); CRD29 (Panama); CRD30 (Mexico); CRD36 (African Union); CRD37 (Kenya); CRD41 (Zambia); CRD44 (Burundi); CRD45 Rev.1 (Mauritius); CRD46 (Uganda)

- noted the linguistic issues related to the French and Arabic versions, highlighting that the issuance of CL 2024/27-GP was the first phase of a stepwise process to identify linguistic inconsistencies, and that all translation-related matters would be considered in direct collaboration with the translation groups of FAO and WHO.

### Conclusion

27. CAC47 requested that the Codex Secretariat:
- explore potential additional mechanisms to assure linguistic consistency in the 30th edition of the Codex Procedural Manual, scheduled to be issued in 2025;
  - undertake follow-up as appropriate on the comments received regarding additional language inconsistencies, translation errors and superseded contents of the Codex Procedural Manual; and
  - prepare a document based on the comments on the possible superseded content for consideration by CCGP34 for its review and recommendations to CAC.

### WORK OF CODEX COMMITTEES (Agenda item 4)<sup>9</sup>

28. CAC47 considered the standards setting work of each Codex committee under the following categories: Final adoption and adoption of editorial amendments; Adoption at Step 5; Revocation: Discontinuation; and other issues, in each case taking into account the recommendations of CCEXEC86 and CCEXEC87 as relevant.

### CODEX COMMITTEE ON SPICES AND CULINARY HERBS (CCSCH) (Agenda item 4.1)<sup>10</sup>

#### Final adoption

29. CAC47 adopted the (Appendix II):
- Standard for spices derived from dried or dehydrated fruits and berries - small cardamom, at Step 8;
  - Standard for spices derived from dried or dehydrated fruits and berries - allspice, juniper berry, and star anise, at Step 5/8; and
  - Standard for spices derived from dried or dehydrated roots, rhizomes and bulbs – turmeric, at Step 5/8.
30. CAC47 noted the reservation of Senegal on Annex I, Table 2 Physical characteristics for all three standards with regard to parameters related to insects, extraneous and foreign matter, excreta and mould, which in their view should only be acceptable for unprocessed products that would undergo adequate treatment, and should not be allowed for in the final product.
31. For small cardamom, Annex 1, Table 2, a Member noted a potential overlap between the category “Immature and shriveled capsules” and “Light seeds” as described in footnote c.

#### Adoption at Step 5

32. CAC47 adopted the standard for spices derived from dried or dehydrated fruits and berries – vanilla, at Step 5 (Appendix III).

### Discussion

33. CAC47 noted a number of technical proposals and views on aspects of the vanilla standard including styles for split vanilla; country of origin (COO) and country of harvest (COH); and identification of species.
34. A Member, while supporting the adoption, noted that the nature of the labelling provision 8.3.2 for COH remained in square brackets, and reiterated their concerns regarding mandatory COH labelling, which in their view was inconsistent with the *General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods* (CXS 1-1985), international trade obligations, and inspection practices.
35. The Chairperson reminded Members that technical comments should be re-submitted for consideration by CCSCCH at Step 6, and recalled that any deviations from CXS 1-1985 should be justified and supported by available scientific evidence in line with the Codex Procedural Manual, Section 2, “Relations between commodity committees and general subject committees”.

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<sup>9</sup> REP24/EXEC1; REP24/EXEC2

<sup>10</sup> CX/CAC 24/47/3 & Add.1; CRD09 (Benin, India, Senegal, United Republic of Tanzania, East African Community (EAC)); CRD29 (Panama); CRD30 (Mexico); CRD32 (Nigeria); CRD33 (Indonesia); CRD36 (African Union); CRD37 (Kenya); CRD41 (Zambia); CRD42 (Ghana); CRD44 (Burundi); CRD45 Rev.1 (Mauritius); CRD49 (Ecuador)

**CODEX COMMITTEE ON FATS AND OILS (CCFO) (Agenda item 4.2)<sup>11</sup>**Final adoption

36. CAC47 adopted (Appendix II):
- i. the revision to the *Standard for named vegetable oils* (CXS 210-1999) – Inclusion of avocado oil, at Step 8;
  - ii. the revisions to the *Standard for named vegetable oils* (CXS 210-1999) – Inclusion of camellia seed oil, Sacha inchi oil, and high oleic acid soya bean oil, at Step 5/8;
  - iii. the revisions to the *Standard for fish oils* (CXS 329-2017) – Inclusion of calanus oil, at Step 5/8;
  - iv. the amendments to the labelling provisions for non-retail containers in the following six (6) fats and oils standards: *Standard for edible fats and oils not covered by individual standards* (CXS 19-1981); *Standard for olive oils and olive pomace oils* (CXS 33-1981); *Standard for named vegetable oils* (CXS 210-1999); *Standard for named animal fats* (CXS 211-1999); *Standard for fat spreads and blended spreads* (CXS 256-1999); and *Standard for fish oils* (CXS 329-2017); and
  - v. the amendments/revisions to the *Code of Practice for the storage and transport of edible fats and oils in bulk* (CXC 36-1987), noting the reservations of the EU and Norway to maintaining tridecyl alcohol, myristyl alcohol and unfractionated fatty alcohol mixture or mixtures of fatty alcohols from natural oils and fats in the list of previous cargoes since there was no requirement to specify that the sources of these substances should be food-grade.

***Standard for olive oils and olive pomace oils (CXS 33-1981)***

37. CAC47 endorsed all the revisions to the *Standard for olive oils and olive pomace oils* (CXS 33-1981), Sections 3, 8 and Appendix, and held extensive discussions on the decision trees in footnote (b) and footnote (c) defined under section 3.2.3 4 $\alpha$ -Desmethylsterols composition (% total 4 $\alpha$ -desmethylsterols) in relation to concerns expressed by Members.

**Discussion****3.2.3 4 $\alpha$ -Desmethylsterols composition (% total 4 $\alpha$ -desmethylsterols)**Footnote (b)

38. A Member expressed concern with the use of “it may be considered” instead of “it is considered” in relation to the outcome resulting from the application of the decision tree to virgin and extra virgin olive oils that deviated from the stated provision for campesterol, i.e. whether an oil could be considered authentic or not. The Member noted that in their view the use of “it may be considered” left the outcome of the decision tree open to interpretation and proposed to revert to the term “it is considered”, which was used in the current version of the standard.
39. Members, noting that the intent was that oil meeting the criteria of the decisions tree would be considered as authentic, supported the proposal as it provided clarity. Therefore, the footnote would read as follows: “when a virgin or extra virgin olive oil naturally has a campesterol level > 4.0% and  $\leq$  4.8%, it is considered authentic if the stigmaterol level is  $\leq$  1.4% and the delta-7-stigmastanol level is  $\leq$  0.3%. The other parameters shall meet the limits set out in the standard.”

Footnote (c)

40. The Syrian Arab Republic, in recalling their comments in CRD10 and the reservation expressed in REP24/FO paragraph 74, highlighted their concerns regarding footnote (c) of CXS 33-1981, indicating that:
- this footnote in CXS 33-1981, which corresponded to the International Olive Council (IOC) decision tree, was developed without the consideration of the Syrian Arab Republic olive oil characteristics;
  - adopting the revisions to CXS 33-1981 with this footnote would, in their view, lead to an incorrect characterization of olive oil produced in their country as a non-authentic oil; and

<sup>11</sup> CX/CAC 24/47/4 & Add.1; CRD05 (International Olive Council (IOC)); CRD10 (Argentina, Bangladesh, Benin, Cabo Verde, India, Philippines, Senegal, South Africa, Syrian Arab Republic, United Republic of Tanzania, East African Community (EAC) and The Global Organization for EPA and DHA Omega-3s (GOED)); CRD29 (Panama); CRD30 (Mexico); CRD32 (Nigeria); CRD33 (Indonesia); CRD35 Rev.1 (Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Oman, Sudan and Yemen); CRD36 (African Union); CRD37 (Kenya); CRD42 (Ghana); CRD44 (Burundi); CRD45 Rev.1 (Mauritius); CRD49 (Ecuador)

- such an incorrect characterization would pose a risk to more than 40% of virgin olive oil exports from their country, negatively impact producers, and run contrary to the Codex Alimentarius' objective of ensuring fair practices in international food trade.
41. The Syrian Arab Republic therefore proposed adopting the standard at Step 5 to allow for submission of data to validate the decision tree.
42. The Chairperson of CCFO informed CAC47 that the work on the revision to CXS 33-1981 started in 2017 and that extensive discussions were undertaken through several EWGs, in session working groups (IWGs), and informal discussions of interested parties in the margins of CCFO27 and CCFO28. The discussions led to the conclusion of most of the issues, with compromise solutions found for some provisions in the spirit of collaboration. However, the CCFO Chairperson noted that some issues related to Ordinary Virgin Olive Oil, 1,2-diglycerides (DAGs), and Pyropheophytin "a" (PPP) needed further collection of scientific data and agreed to recommend an extension of the timeline for some aspects of the work to CCFO30.
43. CAC47 exchanged views on whether to adopt the revised CXS 33-1981, with a special focus on footnote (c):
44. Members and an Observer in support of the proposal to adopt the revised standard only at Step 5:
- highlighted that footnote (c) did not take into account inter-regional variabilities due to factors such as climate change;
  - stressed the importance of olive oil trade to their economies;
  - shared the view that footnote (c) in the revised CXS 33-1981 would automatically restrict a large percentage of authentic olive oil exports from particular Member(s) from international trade, which would negatively impact such Member(s), especially among the farming communities; and
  - called for the collection and analysis of scientific data on inter-regional variability to better inform the revision of footnote (c).
45. Members supporting the adoption of the standard at Step 5/8, while acknowledging the concerns raised, recalled that CCFO had invested extensive resources including time, collaboration, coordination, and dedication by all parties. The Members proposed a two-step process including adoption of the revised CXS 33-1981 at Step 5/8, and the continued collection of scientific data with a view to exploring revision of footnote (c) to take into account regional variability.
46. An Observer stressed the importance of ensuring fair trade and protection of consumers through the harmonisation of international standards, based on scientific principles, and informed CAC47 of an ongoing IOC study on total and individual sterols, which would include all producing countries. The Observer indicated its willingness to provide a forum for discussions based on scientific studies including all producing countries.
47. Other Observers also noted the need to address inter-regional variabilities and expressed their willingness to contribute towards data collection.
48. The Chairperson noting the concerns raised on footnote (c), proposed that while adopting CXS 33-1981 at Step 5/8, a parallel framework could be instituted to facilitate collection of data that would assist in the validation/revision of footnote (c).
49. CAC47 agreed to the following framework for the collection of data, in which the Codex Secretariat would:
- undertake informal consultations with interested Members/Observers to prepare a draft framework for the data collection;
  - circulate the draft framework for data collection for comments before finalisation;
  - issue a CL for data collection on inter-regional variability and the applicability of the decision tree as defined in footnote (c); and
  - submit the data to FAO with a view towards convening an expert working group to analyse the data and their applicability to footnote (c), time and resources permitting.
50. The Representative of FAO indicated FAO's willingness to lead or accompany any consultative process to evaluate the potential next steps of data gathering and analysis, in order to find the modality of data collection that would serve the interests of and allow the engagement of all Members and stakeholders.
51. This approach was broadly supported.
52. While supporting the data collection efforts, Algeria and the Syrian Arab Republic nevertheless expressed their reservation to the adoption of CXS 33-1981 at Step 5/8 for the reasons mentioned in paragraph 44.

## Conclusion

### 53. CAC47:

- i. adopted, at Step 5/8, the revised *Standard for olive oils and olive pomace oils* (CXS 33-1981), with an amendment to Section 3.2.3 4 $\alpha$ -Desmethylsterols composition (% total 4 $\alpha$ -desmethylsterols), footnote (b) to replace “it may be considered” to “it is considered” and noted the reservations of Algeria and the Syrian Arab Republic;
- ii. agreed to initiate work, on data collection, on Section 3.2.3 footnote (c) (decision tree), that would allow CCFO to make a decision on its applicability to all authentic olive oils;
- iii. agreed to request the Codex Secretariat to issue a CL for data collection on the applicability of the decision tree as defined in footnote (c) taking into account the framework as defined in paragraph 49;
- iv. requested FAO to convene an expert working group to analyse the data and its applicability to footnote (c); and
- v. endorsed the recommendation of CCEXEC86 to extend the timeline to complete the further work relating to ordinary olive oil (as agreed at CCFO27), and DAGs and PPP to CCFO30.

## CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD HYGIENE (CCFH) (Agenda item 4.3)<sup>12</sup>

### Final adoption

### 54. CAC47 adopted at Step 5/8 (Appendix II):

- i. Annex II on Fresh leafy vegetables and Annex IV on Sprouts of the *Guidelines for the control of Shiga toxin-producing Escherichia coli (STEC) in raw beef, fresh leafy vegetables, raw milk and raw milk cheeses, and sprouts* (CXG 99-2023);
- ii. Annex III on Milk and milk products of the *Guidelines for the safe use and reuse of water in food production and processing* (CXG 100-2023); and
- iii. Guidelines for food hygiene control measures in traditional markets for food.

## Discussion

55. CAC47 commended the CCFH Chairperson and relevant EWG Chairs, expressed broad support for all the texts, and highlighted their significance for all Members, particularly developing country Members.
56. Regarding the Guidelines for food hygiene control measures in traditional markets for food (hereafter, referred as the Guidelines), Members in supporting their adoption noted that the work was completed within one session and expressed the following views:
  - As foodborne diseases remained a significant challenge, particularly in developing countries where traditional markets were central to food security, livelihoods, and economic activity, the Guidelines:
    - were a critical milestone in addressing food hygiene challenges and enhancing food safety practices while respecting the operational realities of traditional markets;
    - offered a robust framework to enhance food hygiene, protect public health, foster consumer trust, and support market operators; and
    - were a vital tool for competent authorities and food sector stakeholders, and could contribute to capacity-building in food hygiene within traditional markets and promote standardized good practices.
  - Application of the Guidelines could promote alignment with the One Health approach, which was critical for preventing foodborne risks in traditional markets.
  - Exploring strategic partnerships would be important to support the implementation of the Guidelines.
57. Some Members expressed the view that revisions to regional texts on street-vended foods to align with the Guidelines should be approached with caution as regional practices could vary depending on local circumstances, and each region and country might adopt different approaches to food safety management

<sup>12</sup> CX/CAC 24/47/5 & Add.1; CRD11 (Benin, Cabo Verde, India, Philippines, Senegal, South Africa, Thailand, United Republic of Tanzania, East African Community (EAC)); CRD29 (Panama); CRD30 (Mexico); CRD32 (Nigeria); CRD33 (Indonesia); CRD36 (African Union); CRD37 (Kenya); CRD40 (Malaysia); CRD41 (Zambia); CRD42 (Ghana); CRD43 (Suriname); CRD44 (Burundi); CRD45 Rev.1 (Mauritius); CRD49 (Ecuador)

depending on their unique food safety challenges and the feasibility and practicality of implementing certain practices.

58. The Codex Secretariat clarified that while the responsibility for food hygiene remained with CCFH, CCFH had requested FAO/WHO Coordinating Committees, where applicable, to review their texts on street-vended foods to ensure consistency with the *General principles of food hygiene* (CXC 1-1969) and the Guidelines, emphasizing that the aim was to maintain consistency in food hygiene provisions, not to enforce alignment or reduce flexibility.
59. CAC47 noted that initial discussions on this matter had taken place at the 23<sup>rd</sup> Session of the FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Latin America and the Caribbean (CCLAC23) and the confirmation of the Coordinator for Asia that a discussion on consistency between the relevant texts was scheduled to take place at the 23<sup>rd</sup> Session of the FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Asia (CCASIA23) in 2025.

### **Conclusion**

60. CAC47 encouraged the relevant FAO/WHO Coordinating Committees to review their respective texts on street vended foods to ensure consistency with CXC 1-1969 and the Guidelines and consider the necessary follow-up action (e.g. revision), in line with the request of CCFH54.

### Adoption at Step 5

61. CAC47 adopted the revised *Guidelines on the application of the general principles of food hygiene to the control of pathogenic Vibrio species in seafood* (CXG 73-2010) at Step 5 (Appendix III), noting that the completion of this work was related to the finalization of Annex II on Fish and fishery products of CXG 100-2023.

### Other matters

62. CAC47 endorsed the recommendation of CCEXEC86 to extend the timeline to complete the remaining work on CXG 100-2023, namely Annex II (on Fish and fishery products) and Annex IV (on Water fit-for-purpose assessment) to CCFH55.

### **CODEX COMMITTEE ON CONTAMINANTS IN FOODS (CCCF) (Agenda item 4.4)<sup>13</sup>**

#### Final adoption

63. CAC47 adopted (Appendix II):
- i. the maximum levels (MLs) for lead in spices, at Step 5/8, as follows:
    - a) dried aril, noting the reservations of India, Morocco and the Russian Federation for the reasons explained in paragraphs 64, 65 and 66;
    - b) dried floral parts, noting the reservations of Egypt, the European Union, the Gambia, India, Morocco, Norway, Russian Federation, Senegal, South Africa and Switzerland for the reasons explained in paragraphs 64, 65, 66 and 67;
    - c) dried fruits and berries, noting the reservations of India and the Russian Federation for the reasons explained in paragraphs 64 and 65;
    - d) dried paprika and sumac, noting the reservations of India and the Russian Federation for the reasons explained in paragraphs 64 and 65;
    - e) dried Sichuan pepper and star anise, noting the reservations of the European Union, India, Norway, Russian Federation and Switzerland for the reasons explained in paragraphs 64, 65 and 67;
    - f) dried rhizomes and roots, noting the reservations of Egypt, the European Union, the Gambia, India, Morocco, Norway, Russian Federation, Senegal, South Africa and Switzerland for the reasons explained in paragraphs 64, 65, 66 and 67;
    - g) dried seeds, noting the reservations of India and the Russian Federation for the reasons explained in paragraphs 64 and 65;
    - h) dried celery seeds, noting the reservations of the European Union, India, Norway, Russian Federation and Switzerland for the reasons explained in paragraphs 64, 65 and 67;

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<sup>13</sup> CX/CAC 24/47/6 & Add.1; CRD12 (Benin, Cabo Verde, El Salvador, India, Morocco, Philippines, Senegal, South Africa, United Republic of Tanzania and East African Community (EAC)); CRD29 (Panama); CRD30 (Mexico); CRD32 (Nigeria); CRD33 (Indonesia); CRD36 (African Union); CRD41 (Zambia); CRD42 (Ghana); CRD43 (Suriname); CRD44 (Burundi); CRD45 Rev.1 (Mauritius); CRD49 (Ecuador); CRD52 (Russian Federation)

- ii. the MLs for cadmium and lead in quinoa; and
- iii. the Code of practice for the prevention and reduction of ciguatera poisoning in foods, at Step 5/8, and congratulated CCCF on the expeditious work on this text, noting that the work was finalized ahead of schedule and only a year after CAC46 approved the new work.

## Discussion

### *Maximum levels for lead in spices*

64. India expressed reservations on all the MLs for spices, noting that the approach for setting group MLs for spices instead of single MLs for individual spices led to an uneven sample representation within the established categories of spices, making the ML unrepresentative of the entire category or the single spice within that category. In addition, the MLs were derived based on a small number of samples, with limited geographical representation, mainly from importing countries, reducing the representation of key production areas and adding another factor for potentially skewing the ML determination.
65. The Russian Federation expressed reservations on all the MLs for lead in spices, noting many regional and country variations in lead contamination in these spices, for example in the Eurasian region, and that there was not enough information on the health risk criteria to support the proposed MLs, which might be overly stringent and negatively impact international trade on these products.
66. The Gambia, Morocco, Senegal, and South Africa expressed their reservations on the MLs for the group of spices on dried floral parts, rhizomes, and roots. Noting that African countries were significant consumers of spices and, considering the lack of a clear consensus on the proposed MLs for these groups of spices at CCCF17, as well as the lack of geographical representative data, these MLs should be advanced to Step 5 only and be further considered by CCCF18 (2025). Morocco expressed the same rationale for their reservation to dried aril.
67. The European Union, supported by Norway and Switzerland reiterated their reservations and rationale made at CCCF17 (2024) on the MLs for the following spices. Egypt expressed the same reservations using the same rationale as the EU on the MLs for dried floral parts and dried rhizomes and roots:
  - Dried floral parts: Based on the As Low as Reasonably Achievable (ALARA) principle and relevant data available for caper and saffron, a lower ML of 1.0 mg/kg would be more appropriate. In addition, according to EU data, the lead concentration in cloves appeared to be below 0.5 mg/kg and therefore, the few samples with concentrations above 2 mg/kg could be considered outliers;
  - Dried Sichuan pepper and star anise: Based on data available in the EU, a lower ML of 0.6 mg/kg for star anise could be established;
  - Dried rhizomes and roots: Based on the ALARA principle and relevant data available, a lower ML of 1.5 mg/kg would be more appropriate to protect consumers' health;
  - Dried celery seeds: A lower ML of 0.9 mg/kg would be more appropriate based on the ALARA principle and the relevant available data.

### Adoption at Step 5

68. CAC47 adopted the (Appendix III):
  - i. MLs for lead in dried bark and dried culinary herbs, noting that a Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA) call for data was ongoing and encouraged Members to respond to the call for data to facilitate discussion and decision-making at CCCF18 (2025). CAC47 noted India's concern about the approach taken for setting group MLs for spices, which might lead to uneven distribution of samples, resulting in potentially unrepresentative MLs; and
  - ii. sampling plans for total aflatoxins and ochratoxin A in certain spices (dried chili pepper, nutmeg, and paprika).

### Discontinuation

69. CAC47 discontinued work on certain MLs for lead in spices, dried flowers, and fresh culinary herbs (Appendix VI).

### Extension of timeline for completion of work

70. CAC47 endorsed the recommendation of CCEXEC86 to extend the timeline to complete the sampling plans for total aflatoxins and ochratoxin A in certain spices (dried chili pepper, nutmeg, and paprika) to 2025.

### Other matters



71. Following a Member's concern about the timely issuance of visas to facilitate the participation of Codex Members in CCCF17, the Chairperson of CCCF recognized challenges with participation in CCCF17, and committed to address this in the future. The Chairperson of CCCF also indicated that plans were underway to organize CCCF18 in a hybrid modality to ensure broader participation and inclusivity. Panama, as co-host of CCCF17, highlighted its commitment to promote broad engagement in Codex work.
72. The Codex Secretariat emphasized that addressing visa challenges was a shared responsibility, acknowledged the extensive efforts made by delegates to secure their visas, and commended host country secretariats for their significant efforts to ensure delegates received visas on time. The Codex Secretariat highlighted efforts to ensure timeliness of meeting invitations and availability of detailed entry requirements to support participation of Members in Codex meetings.

### **CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD ADDITIVES (CCFA) (Agenda item 4.5)<sup>14</sup>**

#### Final adoption

73. CAC47 adopted the (Appendix II):
- i. specifications for the identity and purity of food additives at Step 5/8;
  - ii. revision to the *Class names and the international numbering system for food additives* (CXG 36-1989) at Step 5/8, except the International Numbering System (INS) number for carbomer (INS 1210), which should be referred to CCFA55 for reconsideration of the appropriate INS number;
  - iii. food additive provisions and revisions to adopted provisions in the *General standard for food additives* (GSFA, CXS 192-1995), noting the reservations of the Russian Federation to the provisions for dimethyl dicarbonate (INS 242) in specified food categories (FCs) (see paragraph 83) and the reservation of the Russian Federation in relation to methacrylate copolymer (INS 1205) in specified FCs (see paragraph 87);
  - iv. revision to the descriptors to Annex B (FC 01.4.3) and Annex C of the GSFA preamble;
  - v. revised food additive provisions of the GSFA in relation to the alignment of two standards under the purview of the Codex Committee on Milk and Milk Products (CCMMP), four standards under the Codex Committee on Processed Fruits and Vegetables (CCPFV), two standards under the FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for the Near East (CCNE), two standards under CCASIA, and one standard under CCLAC;
  - vi. revised food additive sections of two standards under CCMMP, one standard under CCPFV, one standard under CCASIA, and one standard under CCLAC;
  - vii. consequential amendments to Table 1, Table 2 and Table 3 of the GSFA due to the change of INS number for gellan gum to INS 418(i);
  - viii. revisions to the food additives provisions in the *Standard for pickled cucumbers (cucumber pickles)* (CXS 115-1981) and the *Standard for jams, jellies and marmalades* (CXS 296-2009);
  - ix. editorial corrections to the *General standard for cheese* (CXS 283-1978); and
  - x. consequential amendments to the *Standard for aqueous coconut products – coconut milk and coconut cream* (CXS 240-2003) due to the change of INS number for gellan gum to INS 418(i).

#### **Discussion**

74. Members expressed general support for all the texts forwarded for adoption.
- Titanium dioxide (INS 171)
75. Concerns were expressed by some Members regarding the use of titanium dioxide (INS 171) as a food additive, which in their view, was potentially carcinogenic, and due to ambiguities in the evidence surrounding genotoxicity and the lack of adapted testing methods. The prioritization of this compound for JECFA evaluation was also questioned.
76. A Member Organization noted that titanium dioxide (INS 171) was not authorised for use in foods in the EU.

<sup>14</sup> CX/CAC 24/47/7 Rev.1 & Add.1; CRD13 (Benin, Cabo Verde, El Salvador, India, Philippines, Senegal, South Africa, Thailand, United Republic of Tanzania and East African Community (EAC)); CRD29 (Panama); CRD32 (Nigeria); CRD36 (African Union); CRD37 (Kenya); CRD42 (Ghana); CRD44 (Burundi); CRD45 Rev.1 (Mauritius); CRD47 (National Health Federation (NHF)); CRD49 (Ecuador); CRD50 (International Fruit and Vegetable Juice Association (IFU)); CRD52 (Russian Federation)

77. The Codex Secretariat clarified that CCFA54 did not discuss the provisions related to titanium dioxide (INS 171), but acknowledged that JECFA had reaffirmed its Acceptable Daily Intake (ADI) as "not specified" and only agreed on revised specifications to reduce the levels of relevant contaminants in this substance.
78. A Member Organization noted that the JECFA monograph was not available during CCFA54 and that there would be merit to pursue discussions on the basis of complete information in CCFA55.
79. The JECFA Secretariat explained that in those cases where the upper number of an ADI (dose of food additives that could be consumed on a daily basis for an expected lifetime exposure of 70 years) was expected to vastly exceed the exposure to this food additive, JECFA would express the ADI as "not specified" as there was no expectation that the daily exposure within the approved applications would lead to any appreciable health concerns. In addition, evidence about the lack of absorption, distribution, metabolism, and elimination could motivate the experts to not specify an ADI.
80. The Chairperson clarified that CCFA had a prioritization process for selecting compounds for JECFA evaluation, allowing Members to agree on priority food additives, including both new substances and existing additives. It was emphasized that risk assessment, conducted by JECFA, was separate from risk management, which was handled by CCFA. Members were encouraged to actively participate in confirming priorities during each CCFA session. The Chairperson also suggested that FAO/WHO consider including titanium dioxide-related matters in their general document for further discussion at CCFA55.

#### Aspartame (INS 951)

81. An Observer proposed the ADI be rejected noting concerns regarding the establishment of an ADI for aspartame (INS 951) by JECFA at 40 mg/kg body weight as in their view there were potential health risks, misleading consumer claims, and conflicts of interest within the JECFA panel.
82. The JECFA Secretariat underscored that the ADI for aspartame was the outcome of a scientific assessment provided by JECFA and was not subject to adoption or rejection by CAC, that JECFA's evaluation of aspartame was based on a comprehensive review of all available scientific data following a rigorous scientific approach, and that the process of declaring conflicts of interest among experts had been carefully handled, and no conflicts were identified.

#### Dimethyl dicarbonate (INS 242) in FCs 14.1.2 "Fruit and vegetable juices" and 14.1.3 "Fruit and vegetable nectars"

83. The Russian Federation expressed their reservations on these provisions due to concerns on the formation of significant quantities of methanol, which might cause adverse effects on the health of the consumer.
84. An Observer expressed concerns regarding these provisions and the associated Note XS247, emphasizing regulatory inconsistencies between dimethyl dicarbonate (INS 242) and other preservatives, such as sorbates and benzoates, and underscored the need for a unified regulatory approach. Potential consumer confusion due to identical labelling of juices with and without dimethyl dicarbonate (INS 242) was also raised. A recommendation was made for collaboration between CCFA and the Codex Committee on Food Labelling (CCFL) to address labelling implications and ensure clarity for consumers.
85. Members supporting adoption highlighted that the JECFA evaluation had confirmed the safety of dimethyl dicarbonate (INS 242) as a cold sterilization agent in beverages when used under good manufacturing practices (GMP) (max 250mg/l).
86. The CCFA Chairperson explained that these provisions had been thoroughly discussed at CCFA54 and clarified that: (i) JECFA had evaluated dimethyl dicarbonate (INS 242) for safety; (ii) there was deliberation on its classification as a food additive or processing aid, with consensus favouring its categorization as a food additive based on labelling requirements that would ensure consumers' awareness; and (iii) an XS247 was associated with these provisions, to exclude its use in products conforming to the *General standard for fruit juices and nectars* (CXS 247-2005).

#### Methacrylate copolymer (INS 1205) in FCs 06.1 "Whole, broken or flake grains, including rice", 11.1.1 "White sugar" and 11.1.2 "Powdered sugar, dextrose powder" and 11.2 "Brown sugar, except for products of food category 11.1.3"

87. The Russian Federation expressed their reservation on these provisions as there was no technological need for the use of this food additive in these FCs.

#### Revocation

88. CAC47 revoked certain food additive provisions of the GSFA (Appendix IV).

#### Discontinuation

89. CAC47 discontinued the work on certain draft food additive provisions of the GSFA (Appendix VI).

**CODEX COMMITTEE ON METHODS OF ANALYSIS AND SAMPLING (CCMAS) (Agenda item 4.6)<sup>15</sup>**Final adoption

90. CAC47 adopted (Appendix II):

- i. methods of analysis and performance criteria for inclusion in the *Recommended methods of analysis and sampling* (CXS 234-1999) with editorial corrections to the principle for the entries for volatile oils in small cardamom, allspice, juniper berry and star anise and any other relevant spices as follows: "Calculation from moisture and volatile oils, distillation and distillation"; and
- ii. the amended sampling plan for methylmercury in fish for inclusion in the *General standard for contaminants and toxins in food and feed* (CXS 193-1995).

Nitrogen to protein conversion factors: Annex to CXS 234-1999

91. CAC47 returned the Annex to CXS 234-1999 on "Nitrogen to protein conversion factors" to CCMAS and requested CCMAS to:

- update Part 3 of Appendix II of REP24/MAS and ensure consistency of the nitrogen to protein conversion factors (Nx) with those in commodity standards;
- consider the request from the Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses (CCNFSDU) on the inclusion of the Nx for follow-up formula; and
- resubmit the Annex to CAC for adoption in the future.

**Discussion****Methods of analysis / performance criteria and nitrogen to protein conversion factors**

92. CAC47 noted that there were several inconsistencies in the table for Nx, especially for plant source products, and considered a proposal from the Codex Secretariat to return the annex to CCMAS for further consideration to ensure consistency with Nx in commodity standards. CAC47 noted that CCMAS would not amend Nx nor determine new Nx, but collate all existing conversion factors for inclusion in CXS 234-1999 for ease of reference by analysts. The determination of Nx remained the responsibility of commodity and other committees.
93. A Member while supporting the adoption of the methods of analysis and performance criteria submitted by CCMAS, recommended that CCMAS consider the inclusion of methods of analysis for determining aflatoxins B1, B2, G1 and G2; and in relation to the Nx annex, suggested that CCMAS consider including a reference for AOAC 981.10 specific for the determination of protein in raw meat.
94. The Chairperson of CCMAS clarified that any new proposals for methods of analysis could be submitted to CCMAS for consideration by the physical working group on methods of analysis for possible inclusion in CXS 234-1999.
95. The Codex Secretariat further clarified that methods of analysis for aflatoxins should be considered at CCCF as (i) numeric performance criteria for methods of analysis were included in relevant sampling plans in the *General standard for contaminants and toxins in food and feed* (CXS 193-1995) and there was ongoing discussions in CCCF in this regard, and that (ii) CCMAS had recommended an example method (EN 17641) that met the numeric performance criteria contained in the sampling plan for aflatoxins in certain cereals and cereal-based products including foods for infants and young children in CXS 193-1995 to CCCF for consideration at its next session.

Revocation

96. CAC47 revoked (Appendix IV):

- the *General methods for the detection of irradiated foods* (CXS 231-2001); and
- methods of analysis for provisions in relevant commodity standards and in CXS 234-1999 consequential to the adoption of methods of analysis and performance criteria (see paragraph 90(i)).

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<sup>15</sup> CX/CAC 24/47/8 & Add.1; CRD05 (International Olive Council (IOC)); CRD14 (Benin, Cabo Verde, India, Philippines, Senegal, Thailand, United Republic of Tanzania and East African Community (EAC)); CRD29 (Panama); CRD32 (Nigeria); CRD33 (Indonesia); CRD36 (African Union); CRD37 (Kenya); CRD42 (Ghana); CRD44 (Burundi); CRD45 Rev.1 (Mauritius); CRD49 (Ecuador)

**CODEX COMMITTEE ON PESTICIDE RESIDUES (CCPR) (Agenda item 4.7)<sup>16</sup>**Final adoption

## 97. CAC47 adopted (Appendix II):

- i. the MRLs for different pesticide/commodity combinations, at Step 5/8, noting the following reservations:
  - o Colombia, Egypt, and the United Arab Emirates expressed their reservations on propiconazole (160) in polished rice (CM 1205) due to health concerns based on the risk assessment using their national food consumption data. Therefore, these countries reserved their position to apply stricter MRLs in their national legislation to ensure food safety.
  - o Thailand expressed its reservation on difenoconazole (224) in mustard greens (VL 0485) due to health concerns based on the risk assessment using their national food consumption data.
  - o The Russian Federation expressed its reservation on fluopyram (243) in barley (GC0640) and oats (GC 0647) due to safety concerns associated with increasing the MRL.
  - o The European Union, supported by Norway and Switzerland, expressed their reservations on MRLs for different pesticide/commodity combinations as detailed in CRD15.
- ii. the consequential amendments to the Codex MRLs previously adopted by CAC (CXLs) for the peppers group/subgroup to provide MRLs for okra, noting the reservation of Côte d'Ivoire as they were in the process of generating data to establish MRLs for this commodity. Other Members informed CAC47 that they were also generating data to assist JMPR and CCPR with the assessment and establishment of MRLs for this commodity.
- iii. a consequential amendment to include a new commodity and associated commodity code in Class D—Processed Foods of Plant Origin of the *Classification of Food and Feed* (CXA 4-1989); and
- iv. the Guidelines for monitoring the stability and purity of reference materials and related stock solutions of pesticides during prolonged storage at Step 5.

Revocation

98. CAC47 revoked the CXLs for different pesticide/commodity combinations (Appendix IV).

Discontinuation

99. CAC47 discontinued work on MRLs in the Step Procedure for different pesticide/commodity combinations (Appendix VI).

Other matters

100. CAC47 encouraged Members and Observers to submit and share data to facilitate JMPR's periodic review of compounds without public health concerns.
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**FAO/WHO COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN (CCLAC) (Agenda item 4.8)<sup>18</sup>**

101. CAC47 noted that the regional standard for Castilla lulo (naranjilla) (Latin America and the Caribbean) had been submitted for adoption at Step 5/8, but since the endorsement process was still ongoing it would be considered at the session of CAC that followed consideration by CCFA.

**Discussion**

102. Members appreciated the work undertaken on the development of a regional standard for Castilla lulo (naranjilla), noted the importance of the standard for the region, and acknowledged the need to fulfil the endorsement procedure regarding food additives provisions before CCEXEC could complete its critical review and the standard could be considered for final adoption.

<sup>16</sup> CX/CAC 24/47/9 & Add.1 Rev.; CRD15 (Argentina, Benin, Cabo Verde, European Union, India, Philippines, Senegal, South Africa, Thailand, United Republic of Tanzania and East African Community (EAC)); CRD29 (Panama); CRD30 (Mexico); CRD32 (Nigeria); CRD33 (Indonesia); CRD36 (African Union); CRD37 (Kenya); CRD42 (Ghana); CRD45 Rev.1 (Mauritius); CRD49 (Ecuador); CRD52 (Russian Federation)

<sup>17</sup> REP24/EXEC2, paragraph 13(ii)

<sup>18</sup> CX/CAC 24/47/10 & Add.1; CRD29 (Panama); CRD30 (Mexico); CRD49 (Ecuador)

## **CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD IMPORT AND EXPORT INSPECTION AND CERTIFICATION SYSTEMS (CCFICS) (Agenda item 4.9)<sup>19</sup>**

### Adoption at Step 5

103. CAC47 adopted the Guidelines on the prevention and control of food fraud at Step 5 (Appendix III).

### **Discussion**

104. A Member expressed concern on the advancement of the food fraud guidelines since many texts remained in square brackets, as in other documents that had been discussed at CCFICS27 and had not been advanced, and stressed the need to review and limit the scope of the document to align it with the Codex mandate.
105. The CCFICS Chairperson highlighted the good progress made during CCFICS27, noting that while the draft consolidated guidelines related to equivalence, and the revision and update of the *Principles for traceability /product tracing as a tool within a food inspection and certification system* (CXG 60-2006) had been returned to Step 2/3 for further work, the food fraud guidelines had resolved challenging issues, particularly on intellectual property (IP). The CCFICS Chairperson expressed confidence that the outstanding issues could be addressed through the EWG discussions at Step 6/7, including considerations of how to best reflect feed for food-producing animals in the guidelines.
106. Members recognized the progress made, the opportunity to address the outstanding issues through the work of the EWG, and supported the adoption of the guidelines at Step 5.
107. A Member supporting the advancement of the text, recalled that CCFICS had agreed that geographical indications were a part of IP.
108. Another Member, recalling the compromise that had been reached to exclude issues related to IP from the scope of the draft guideline, supported its adoption at Step 5, but noted that IP issues, including geographical indications, could be considered as food fraud by national authorities and were subject to applicable national legislation.

## **CODEX COMMITTEE ON NUTRITION AND FOODS FOR SPECIAL DIETARY USES (CCNFSDU) (Agenda item 4.10)<sup>20</sup>**

### Final adoption

109. CAC47 adopted (Appendix II):
- i. the General principles for the establishment of Nutrient Reference Values – Requirements (NRVs-R) for persons aged 6 – 36 months (Annex 1, Part B of CXG 2-1985), at Step 8; and
  - ii. the NRVs-R for persons aged 6 – 36 months: vitamins A, B6, D and E, thiamine, riboflavin, niacin, pantothenic acid, calcium, copper, iodine, potassium, zinc and protein for inclusion in CXG 2-1985, at Step 5/8.
110. CAC47 noted a reservation from Colombia on the definition of adequate intake in the General principles for the establishment of NRVs-R for persons aged 6 – 36 months and the values for vitamin D, pantothenic acid, copper and zinc pending conclusion of their internal discussions.
111. Those delegations who spoke in support of adoption of the General principles and the NRVs-R for persons aged 6 – 36 months highlighted the following:
- There was thorough consideration in the electronic and physical working groups and in CCNFSDU on the general principles and the values.
  - The work would contribute to food safety and nutrition.
  - The definition for adequate intake was based on the definition provided by FAO/WHO.
  - The approach for the NRVs-R allows for the use of the highest or lowest requirements if national authorities choose not to use the mean value.

<sup>19</sup> CX/CAC 24/47/11 & Add.1; CRD16 Rev.1 (Bangladesh, Benin, Brazil, El Salvador, India, Senegal, United Republic of Tanzania and East African Community (EAC)); CRD29 (Panama); CRD30 (Mexico); CRD32 (Nigeria); CRD33 (Indonesia); CRD36 (African Union); CRD37 (Kenya); CRD42 (Ghana); CRD43 (Suriname); CRD44 (Burundi); CRD45 Rev.1 (Mauritius); CRD49 (Ecuador)

<sup>20</sup> CX/CAC 24/47/12 & Add.1; CRD17 (Benin, Cabo Verde, El Salvador, India, South Africa, Thailand, United Republic of Tanzania and East African Community (EAC)); CRD29 (Panama); CRD30 (Mexico); CRD32 (Nigeria); CRD33 (Indonesia); CRD36 (African Union); CRD37 (Kenya); CRD42 (Ghana); CRD45 Rev.1 (Mauritius); CRD49 (Ecuador)

Adoption of amendments (Appendix VII)

112. CAC47 adopted the amendments to the *Standard for infant formula and formulas for special medical purposes intended for infants* (CXS 72-1981).

Nitrogen to protein conversion factors

113. CAC47 noted the decision on Nx and referral back to CCMAS and the request for CCMAS to include the Nx for follow up formula as proposed by CCNFSDU (Agenda item 4.6).

Other issues

114. CAC47 endorsed the recommendation of CCEXEC87 to extend the timeline for completion of the work by CCNFSDU on the remaining NRVs-R for persons aged 6 – 36 months to 2026.

**CODEX COMMITTEE ON FISH AND FISHERY PRODUCTS (CCFFP) (Agenda item 4.11)<sup>21</sup>**Final adoption

115. CAC47 adopted the (Appendix II):
- i. inclusion of *Sardinella lemuru* in the list of sardine species under Section 2.1 in the *Standard for canned sardines and sardine-type products* (CXS 94-1981);
  - ii. editorial amendments of scientific names in Section 2.1 of CXS 94-1981; and
  - iii. consequential amendments to the labelling provisions for non-retail containers in fish and fishery products standards.
116. CAC47 noted:
- the insertion of the names *Sardinella fimbriata* and *Amblygaster sirm* (formerly known as *Sardinella sirm*) in CXS 94-1981 based on previous decisions of CAC; and
  - the considerable interest in future Codex work on seaweed and other algae.

**Discussion***Sardinella fimbriata* and *Amblygaster sirm* (formerly known as *Sardinella sirm*) in CXS 94-1981

117. Members expressed concerns regarding the insertion of the names of these two sardine species in CXS 94-1981 and questioned whether the *Procedure for the Inclusion of Additional Species in Codex Standards for Fish and Fishery Products* in the Codex Procedural Manual might be applicable retrospectively considering, in their view, the absence of the technical information that led to the decision to insert the species and the time that had elapsed since the original CAC decision.
118. The Codex Secretariat clarified that the insertion of the names of these two species in CXS 94-1981 was to rectify a clerical error which resulted in the accidental omission of the species from the online version of the standard despite the decision taken by CAC13<sup>22</sup> to include these species, which was confirmed by CAC15<sup>23</sup>. The Secretariat further clarified that the *Procedure for the Inclusion of Additional Species in Codex Standards for Fish and Fishery Products* adopted by CAC36 in 2013 did not apply to species included in a standard prior to 2013. Consequently, the inclusion procedure was not applicable to species whose inclusion in the standard had already been adopted by CAC, as was the case for these two species in relation to CXS 94-1981.
119. It was emphasized that according to the Codex Procedural Manual, any proposal for new work could be submitted to address the need for reviewing and updating existing standards.

Future of CCFFP

120. CCEXEC87 had recommended that CAC47 should postpone any decision to adjourn CCFFP pending consideration of new work. While recognizing the completion of the task assigned to CCFFP when reactivated by CAC43, the host country of CCFFP (Norway) and Members expressed their support to keep CCFFP active acknowledging the potential need for new work such as development of a standard for seaweed and revision of existing standards under the purview of CCFFP. Norway as Host Country proposed issuing a CL requesting

<sup>21</sup> CX/CAC 24/47/13 & Add.1; CRD18 Rev.1 (Benin, Cabo Verde, India, Morocco, Norway, Peru, Philippines, South Africa, Thailand, United Republic of Tanzania and East African Community (EAC)); CRD29 (Panama); CRD30 (Mexico); CRD32 (Nigeria); CRD36 (African Union); CRD37 (Kenya); CRD42 (Ghana); CRD44 (Burundi); CRD45 Rev.1 (Mauritius); CRD49 (Ecuador)

<sup>22</sup> ALINORM 79/38, paragraphs 340 - 341

<sup>23</sup> ALINORM 83/43, paragraph 342

comments on whether there was a need to review existing standards under CCFFP, and whether there were any emerging issues which might lead to new work proposals for this committee.

121. The Codex Secretariat explained that CCFFP had been reactivated to work by correspondence, that the modality of working was determined by the nature of the work to be undertaken, and, before taking any decisions on the meeting modalities, clarity should be achieved on the nature and type of any possible new work of CCFFP. The Codex Secretariat noted the proposal of the host secretariat to review existing commodity standards for fish and fishery products and indicated the willingness of the Codex Secretariat to work with Norway in this regard.
122. A Member emphasised that any new work proposals should be reviewed in line with Codex procedures, and that the need for changes to the terms of reference (ToRs) of CCFFP should only be considered in the context of approved new work.

### Conclusion

123. CAC47 postponed any decision to adjourn CCFFP pending consideration of possible areas of new work and of the appropriate committee to take forward any issues that were identified.
124. CAC47 noted that any new work proposals could be proposed by interested Members.

### CODEX COMMITTEE ON RESIDUES OF VETERINARY DRUGS IN FOODS (CCRVDF) (Agenda item 4.12)<sup>24</sup>

#### Final adoption

125. CAC47 adopted the (Appendix II):
- i. MRLs for clopidol (chicken – kidney, liver, muscle, and skin/fat), at Step 5/8, noting the reservations of the European Union, Norway, Switzerland, and the Russian Federation for the reasons explained in paragraphs 126 and 127;
  - ii. MRLs for imidacloprid (finfish fillet (muscle with skin in natural proportions) and/or muscle), at Step 5/8, noting the reservation of the Russian Federation for the same reasons expressed for clopidol (see paragraph 127);
  - iii. extrapolated MRLs for the following veterinary drugs to one or more species:
    - a) Lufenuron (finfish – fillet), noting the reservation of the Russian Federation;
    - b) Emamectin benzoate (finfish – muscle and fillet), noting the reservation of the Russian Federation; and
    - c) Ivermectin (all other ruminants – milk), noting the reservations of the European Union, Norway, Switzerland for the reasons explained in paragraphs 129, and the reservation of the Russian Federation.
  - iv. revisions to the *Risk Analysis Principles applied by CCRVDF* as follows:
    - a) Revisions to Annex C - *Approach for the extrapolation of MRLs for veterinary drugs to one or more species*.
    - b) Inclusion of Annex D - *Criteria and procedures for the establishment of Action Levels for residues of veterinary drugs in food of animal origin resulting from unavoidable and unintentional veterinary drug carry-over in non-target animal feed*.
    - c) Consequential amendment to the section on the establishment of the priority list of veterinary drugs (paragraph 133 of Section 4 Risk Analysis, Codex Procedural Manual).

#### Adoption at Step 5

- MRLs for fumagillin dicyclohexylamine (fish fillet and honey) at Step 5 (Appendix III).

### Discussion

#### *Clopidol and imidacloprid*

126. The EU reiterated their reservation to adopting the MRLs for clopidol made at CCRVDF27 (2024) because these MRLs would not be proposed for adoption as EU MRLs as an assessment had not been carried out in

<sup>24</sup> CX/CAC 24/47/14 & Add.1; CRD19 Rev.1 (Argentina, Benin, India and Philippines); CRD29 (Panama); CRD30 (Mexico); CRD32 (Nigeria); CRD36 (African Union); CRD37 (Kenya); CRD42 (Ghana); CRD45 Rev.1 (Mauritius); CRD49 (Ecuador); CRD52 (Russian Federation)

the EU due to a lack of data at the EU level. Norway and Switzerland expressed the same reservations and shared the same rationale as the EU. Three Observers also shared the same concerns as the EU.

127. The Russian Federation expressed its reservation to adopting the MRLs for clopidol and imidacloprid due to the lack of national data to perform their risk assessment. The JECFA evaluation did not include certain relevant studies. The Russian Federation indicated that further JECFA studies should be conducted before any possible adoption.
128. Members in support of adoption indicated that:
- the JECFA evaluation provided sufficient scientific basis to support the adoption of the MRLs;
  - the MRLs posed no risk to human health based on the data/information available to JECFA;
  - the MRLs could be revised when new scientific evidence or data became available; and
  - adopting the MRLs would support improving the poultry industry, ensuring food safety and trade facilitation.

#### *Extrapolation of MRLs*

129. The EU reiterated their reservation made at CCRVDF27 to extrapolating the MRL for ivermectin for cattle milk to the milk of all other ruminants as extrapolating these MRLs might increase off-label use of ivermectin, potentially increasing the risk of non-compliant residue findings and leading to trade issues. Norway and Switzerland expressed the same reservations and shared the same rationale as the EU. An Observer also shared the same concerns as the EU.

#### *Revisions to the Risk Analysis Principles applied by CCRVDF (Codex Procedural Manual)*

130. The EU stated the following regarding the inclusion of Annex D in the *Risk Analysis Principles applied by CCRVDF* in the Codex Procedural Manual. Norway and an Observer supported this position.

*The fight against antimicrobial resistance (AMR) is a global public health priority and the criteria and procedures for the establishment of action levels should also be sensitive to this priority. The European Union and its Member States are of the opinion that, in this Annex, a stricter approach should be followed for antimicrobial substances, especially when the non-target feed is destined for animals during the production of eggs or milk intended for human consumption and for food producing animals shortly before the period of slaughter. Such a stricter approach could, for example, require that no quantifiable level of antimicrobial substances should be present in non-target feed. This approach would be in agreement with global public health objectives on AMR and would be in line with other relevant Codex texts on AMR.*

#### Other issues

131. CAC47:
- endorsed exploring the scheduling of a virtual session of CCPR and CCRVDF to consider the recommendations of the virtual meeting of the Joint CCPR/CCRVDF EWG, noting that this would be the first time such an arrangement was made and might be used in the future to address common issues involving different Codex committees; and
  - congratulated CCRVDF for successfully addressing innovative risk management approaches for the establishment of MRLs for veterinary drugs in foods, such as the new criteria to extrapolate MRLs to camelids, which would enable the establishment of MRLs for these species and the establishment of action levels to address residues of veterinary drugs in foods arising from cross-contamination of feed to protect public health and facilitate trade.

#### **CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD LABELLING (CCFL) (Agenda item 4.13)<sup>25</sup>**

##### Final adoption

132. CAC47 adopted at Step 8 the (Appendix II):
- i. revision to the *General standard for the labelling of pre-packaged Foods* (CXS 1-1985): Provisions relevant to allergen labelling;

<sup>25</sup> CX/CAC 24/47/15 & Add.1; CRD20 (Argentina, Bangladesh, El Salvador, India and South Africa); CRD29 (Panama); CRD30 (Mexico); CRD33 (Indonesia); CRD39 (Peru); CRD41 (Zambia); CRD43 (Suriname); CRD49 (Ecuador); CRD51 (International Baby Food Action Network (IBFAN))



- ii. Guidelines on the provision of food information for pre-packaged foods to be offered via e-commerce; and
- iii. Guidelines on the use of technology to provide food information in food labelling.

#### Adoption at Step 5

133. CAC47 adopted (Appendix III):
  - the Annex to the *General standard for the labelling of pre-packaged Foods* (CXS 1-1985): Guidelines on the use of precautionary allergen labelling at Step 5.
134. CAC47 endorsed the recommendation of CCEXEC87 to extend the timeline for completion of work on the Annex to CXS 1-1985: guidelines on the use of precautionary allergen labelling to 2026.

#### Other matters

135. CAC47 endorsed the recommendation of CCEXEC87 to request CCFH to consider updating the *Code of practice on food allergen management for food business operators* (CXC 80-2020) to ensure consistency with the *General standard for the labelling of pre-packaged food* (CXS 1-1985).

#### **Discussion**

#### *General standard for the labelling of pre-packaged foods* (CXS 1-1985): provisions relevant to allergen labelling

136. An Observer proposed to insert a cross-reference to footnote 2 (in Section 4.2.1.4) at the end of the definition of 'coeliac disease' for clarity and consistency with CXS 118-1979. The Chairperson of CCFL explained that a cross-reference to the footnote might not be necessary and that Section 4.2.1.4 provided the necessary clarity of what comprised cereals containing gluten that could trigger coeliac disease in line with CXS 118-1979.
137. There was no support for the proposal to include the reference to the footnote in the definition for 'coeliac disease'. It was noted that:
  - the definition of 'coeliac disease' came directly from the FAO/WHO Meeting Report: Risk Assessment of Food Allergens: Part 1<sup>26</sup> and did not include a footnote; and
  - while the first part of footnote 2 might provide clarity on "cereals containing gluten", the footnote also included guidance on how allergenic foods and ingredients were to be declared on products, and as such, the cross-reference to footnote 2 in the definition 'coeliac disease' would not provide clarity to the meaning of coeliac disease and could complicate the definition. The proposal could also not be considered an editorial amendment and would require further consideration.

#### Guidelines on the use of technology to provide food information in food labelling

138. The Russian Federation, in relation to section 7.10, expressed the view that when information was provided to consumers using technology, the information should always be provided in writing and therefore did not support the use of audio. In their view, the use of audio was against the principles of labelling and could cause confusion among consumers.
139. The Chairperson of CCFL clarified that there was extensive discussion at CCFL48 on this matter and that there was consensus to include use of audio, and that the text (7.10) provided flexibility to have the information in writing or through audio, when applicable.
140. An Observer, referring to CRD51, expressed the view that more discussion was needed to ensure that extra safeguards were put in place to protect privacy, prevent harvesting of personal data, and ensure that digital labelling did not lead purchasers to inappropriate material.
141. The CAC Chairperson recalled that the Guidelines had been extensively discussed at CCFL48 and that CCFL48 had considered the points raised by the Observer.

#### *General standard for the labelling of pre-packaged Foods* (CXS 1-1985): Guidelines on the use of precautionary allergen labelling

142. Members, while supporting the adoption at Step 5, noted the following:

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<sup>26</sup> FAO and WHO. 2022. Risk Assessment of Food Allergens. Part 1 – Review and validation of Codex Alimentarius priority allergen list through risk assessment. Meeting Report. Food Safety and Quality Series No. 14. Rome. <https://doi.org/10.4060/cb9070en>

- Advice on methods of analysis by CCMAS, FAO/WHO scientific advice on reference doses or concentrations for cereals containing gluten, and FAO/WHO guidance for qualitative risk assessment were needed to support completion of the work.
- Capacity development would be necessary to support implementation of precautionary allergen labelling by food business operators.
- Concerns with footnote 3 under the general principles remained. It was important for the Guideline to provide clear guidance regarding detection levels to provide precise and understandable language for consumers, especially more vulnerable consumers.

143. The Chairperson of CCMAS informed CAC47 of CCMAS's readiness to assist CCFL and that consideration of methods of analysis for food allergens was ongoing in CCMAS.

#### **PROPOSALS FOR NEW WORK (Agenda item 5)<sup>27</sup>**

144. The Codex Secretariat noted that the item covered 24 new work proposals submitted for approval; 23 proposals from 10 active Codex committees (CCSCH (4), CCFO (2), CCFH (3), CCCF (2), CCFA (3), CCPR (1), CCFICS (4), CCNFSDU (1), CCRVDF (2), and CCFL (1)), and one (1) proposal from India on an item not falling under an active committee that the Codex Secretariat had received.

#### **General discussion on new work**

145. Members and Observers shared views on the number of new work proposals in general and the related work management issues as follows:

- The substantial number of new work proposals reflected the health of Codex and its responsiveness to Members' needs.
- The volume of work associated with the new work including the number of EWGs was a concern.
- It was important to ensure prioritization and efficient work management practices to have a sustainable approach to delivery of the increasing demand for standards.
- Further reflections on the prioritization of new work proposals to ensure the workload remained manageable was important.
- Prioritization mechanisms should not override the needs of Members and there was a need to find a balance between need and workload.
- It was important to ensure that new work proposals were useful in the global health context.

146. The Codex Secretariat noted that sharing an overview of all new work was intended to promote reflection on how to optimally manage the work, recalled the related discussions and conclusions of CCEXEC87, and the importance of encouraging committees to continue to implement work management and prioritization practices.

#### **New work proposals submitted by active Codex committees**

147. CAC47 noted that CCEXEC had recommended approval of all the new work proposals, and further noted the related comments. CAC47 noted the following observations:

##### CCSCH

148. A Member underlined the need for CCSCH to focus on developing group standards as a more efficient way of working and avoiding duplication of work.

149. Another Member noted that the new work for cinnamon should exclude the species *Cinnamomum cassia*, *Cinnamomum burmannii*, and *Cinnamomum loureiroi*, commonly referred to as Cassia, due to a higher content of hepatotoxic coumarin than in *Cinnamomum zeylanicum/Cinnamomum verum*.

150. The Chairperson advised that all technical issues be submitted to the next session of CCSCH and within the respective EWG as established by CCSCH.

##### CCFO

151. A Member noted that microbial omega-3 oils were new foods that involved existing or new microbial sources and new production processes and welcomed inclusion of the food safety aspects of both the products and

<sup>27</sup> CX/CAC 24/47/16 & Add.1; CRD21 (Benin, El Salvador and Thailand); CRD31 Rev.1 (India); CRD33 (Indonesia); CRD46 (Uganda)

production systems in the scope of the work, noting that food safety aspects should be duly considered from the outset of the work.

152. An Observer expressed its view of the necessity to avoid the use of claims that a product did not contain trans-fatty acids (TFAs) and to include warnings on products that may contain TFAs.

#### CCCF

#### Revision of the Code of practice for the prevention and reduction of aflatoxin contamination in peanuts (CXC 55-2004)

153. A Member indicated the importance of peanuts from an economic and dietary perspective and highlighted the need for training and capacity development on good practices to minimize aflatoxin contamination. The Representatives of FAO and WHO expressed their willingness to provide support.

#### Code of practice for the prevention and reduction of cadmium contamination in foods

154. An Observer expressed its strong support for this new work proposal, noting that recent scientific information indicated an even greater chronic human health risk from cadmium, particularly for the most vulnerable consumers.

#### CCNFSDU

#### Standard for foods for older infants and young children

155. CAC47 noted that CCNFSDU44 had applied the Guideline for the preliminary assessment to identify and prioritize new work for CCNFSDU for work management resulting in this proposal for new work.
156. There was general support for the new work as it would replace the outdated *Standard for canned baby foods* (CXS 73-1981) and *Standard for processed cereal-based foods for infants and young children* (CXS 74-1981) and include foods being offered for sale that were not covered by the two existing standards and would ensure that foods for this age group were safe and nutritionally adequate.
157. Some concerns were expressed that the development of the standard should not lead to the promotion of processed foods as an alternative to resolving nutrition conditions for older infants and young children or lead to replacement of home-based foods or affect the promotion of breastfeeding. It was also requested that the standard consider the recommendations of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and WHO.
158. An Observer noted that the new standard should ensure strict labelling and marketing safeguards and should be in line with the WHO recommendations.

#### CCFL

159. A Member supporting the Guidelines on the application of food labelling provisions in emergencies, noted its importance to guarantee food supplies in emergency situations and cited the COVID-19 pandemic as an example where flexibility had to be introduced to guarantee food supplies.
160. A Member highlighted that the Guidelines should ensure that countries could determine the type of emergencies for which flexibility of food labelling provisions could be applied especially to safeguard infants and young children.
161. An Observer referring to CRD51, expressed their concern with the proposal and was of the view that the proposal should be further reviewed by CCFL to ensure that more safeguards especially for foods for infants and young children to ensure safe labelling were included and that reference was made to the *Code of ethics for international trade in food including concessional and food aid transactions* (CXC 20-1979).
162. It was clarified that the intent of the Guidelines was to enable national competent authorities to make decisions during a national emergency, in order to ensure the availability of safe food during emergencies. The work was relevant and timely as Members had experienced disruptions to the food supply during recent emergencies such as the COVID-19 pandemic, which the new work sought to alleviate. The new work would prioritize food safety in all circumstances and revisions to the project document were made at CCFL48 to emphasize this.
163. The Codex Secretariat confirmed that CXC 20-1979 was an important Codex text that applied for all foods traded internationally including for food aid transactions, and explained that cross-linkages could be made to existing relevant texts to ensure that the Codex Alimentarius was used appropriately.

#### **New work proposal submitted by a Member - Development of a group standard for certain types of millets (renamed as a group standard for whole millet grains)**

164. The Codex Secretariat recalled that CAC46 had welcomed the initiative and requested the Codex Secretariat to assess its completeness and issue a CL for comments. A discussion paper and revised project document had been prepared following review of and feedback on the proposal by the Codex and the Codex Committee

on Cereals, Pulses and Legumes (CCCPL) Secretariats, and a CL was issued to collect comments, which were published as CX/CAC 24/47/16 Add.1. These comments highlighted the need to further clarify the scope. CCEXEC87 had considered this matter and concluded that CAC47 could approve the new work and reactivate CCCPL to proceed by correspondence, and also recommended refining the scope to ensure the group standard would cover all millets without separate standards for individual types.

165. It was noted that India had submitted a revised proposal (CRD31 Rev.1), which incorporated the *Standards for whole and decorticated pearl millet grains* (CXS 169-1989) and *sorghum grains* (CXS 172-1989) and clarified the scope to focus on a group standard for millet grains intended for human consumption, excluding processed products such as flour.

#### Discussion

166. Members broadly supported the development of a group standard for millet grains and shared the following views:
- Millets were recognized as an essential source of nutrition, were widely traded and/or consumed in some regions, and were an important food for infants and young children.
  - Millets played an important role in public health due to their nutritional profile.
  - Millets were a staple food in some countries and a standard would facilitate cross border trading of this commodity.
  - The integration of existing Codex standards into a single group standard was welcomed, as it would enhance the quality and safety of all millets in global trade, thereby protecting consumer health.
  - Aspects such as contaminants, hygiene, labelling, packaging, and other relevant factors were emphasized as critical considerations for the new standard.
  - The standard should establish minimum quality parameters that would serve as a single reference point for millets and that the proposed group standard would be dynamic, allowing for the inclusion or exclusion of different types of millets as necessary.
167. The United States of America, as the host country of CCCPL, supported reactivating CCCPL to work by correspondence and proposed establishing an EWG, working in English, to develop the group standard. It was emphasized that, as this would be CCCPL's first group standard for cereals, the EWG should dedicate initial efforts to defining the characteristics and physical parameters of whole millet grains.
168. The Chairperson noted that as this would be the first group commodity standard to be developed by CCCPL, there would first be a need for some preliminary work to develop the approach.

#### Conclusion

169. CAC47:
- i. approved all the new work proposals submitted by Codex committees (Appendix V), noting the importance of including food safety considerations from the earliest stages of work to develop new commodity standards;
  - ii. approved the new work proposal on the development of a group standard for whole millet grains (Appendix V);
  - iii. reactivated CCCPL to work by correspondence, with the flexibility to convene an EWG and/or work by virtual means as appropriate;
  - iv. encouraged Members to respond to committees' CLs seeking proposals for new work and prioritization of compounds for evaluation, within the deadlines set out in those CLs; and
  - v. recognized the challenges to Members associated with the management of numerous new work proposals and encouraged subsidiary bodies to continue to apply effective prioritization mechanisms.

#### OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO CODEX SUBSIDIARY BODIES (Agenda item 6)<sup>28</sup>

##### CCMAS: Provisions for ash in standards for cereals, pulses and legumes

170. The Codex Secretariat explained that when CCMAS reviewed the methods of analysis for provisions in standards for cereals, pulses and legumes, it had noted that further information would be needed on the intent

<sup>28</sup> CX/CAC 24/47/17 Rev.1 & Add.1; CRD22 (Benin, Cabo Verde, India, South Africa, Thailand, United Republic of Tanzania and East African Community (EAC)); CRD29 (Panama); CRD37 (Kenya); CRD38 (Brazil); CRD42 (Ghana);

of the ashing temperatures in several standards before it could go ahead with endorsing relevant methods of analysis. CCMAS, noting that CCCPL had been adjourned *sine die*, agreed to request advice from CAC47 on whether CCMAS could have assistance in determining the original intent for ashing temperatures in the relevant standards. The Codex Secretariat explained that together with the Chairperson of CCMAS and the host secretariat for CCCPL, it was looking to find a solution for CCMAS to endorse the relevant methods of analysis and that CAC could thereafter note that work in this regard was ongoing.

### Conclusion

171. CAC47 noted the information provided by the Codex Secretariat.

#### Proposed amendment of the *General Standard for Fruit Juices and Nectars (CXS 247-2005)*

172. The Codex Secretariat introduced the item, providing a brief history of the proposal, key considerations, and relevant procedural aspects.
173. The Chairperson highlighted that: 1) consensus could not be reached in the EWG noting that the EWG Chair recommended that CAC47 adopt the proposed amendment; 2) the latter did not appear to offer an uncontroversial solution leaving it to the Commission to determine the best course of action; and 3) CCEXEC87 encouraged all parties to work towards finding a consensual resolution at CAC47.

### Discussion

174. In line with CCEXEC87's encouragement to find consensus, a Member Organization informed CAC47 of the collaboration with other Members to develop a revised text for inclusion under the entry for grape after the value of 16 for the Minimum Brix Level for Reconstituted Fruit Juice and Fruit Puree in Table 1 of CXS 247-2005, Minimum Brix Level for Reconstituted Fruit Juices and Reconstituted Purée, which would allow inclusion of a minimum Brix level of 14 which may be applied for grape juice from *Vitis labrusca* and hybrids thereof.
175. The Member Organization noted that the revised text aimed to address concerns of Members and included: reference to juice produced under specific climatic conditions that was supported by national composition data to reflect that currently this was only available for Brazil; consistency with the application of national legislation of the various importing countries was included to address concerns related to authenticity and food fraud; a reflection of year to year variability of Brix levels due to climatic conditions; and also edits to ensure a correlation between the initial juice and constituted one.
176. CAC47 noted support for the revised text, emphasizing the importance of considering diverse production environments and international trade when developing Codex standards.
177. An Observer raised a concern regarding the differentiation between *Vitis labrusca* and *Vitis vinifera* noting that these were distinct grape species, and the lack of a means to differentiate between grape juice from one or other species could enable fraud, potentially diluting the product's integrity.
178. Another Observer emphasized the importance of consistency of international standards for reconstituted grape juice, urging Codex to finalize the work on the amendment and welcoming the revised proposal to avoid conflicting standards.
179. Reflecting on comments and considering this work and that on other commodity standards discussed at CAC47, the Chairperson noted that with the increasing availability of data, particularly on specific characteristics of a commodity that was produced in different regions and the identification of differences therein, Codex may need to take a different approach to the establishment of the specifications for commodity standards e.g. a decision based approach, so as to be truly inclusive of authentic products from all Members.
180. A Member emphasized the importance of a critical review of new work proposals on amendments and revisions to ensure they were properly qualified and procedures correctly applied, and welcomed the ongoing discussions in CCGP to clarify distinctions between amendments and revisions.

### Conclusion

181. CAC47 agreed to amend the *General standard for fruit juices and nectars (CXS 247-2005)*, by inserting the following text under the entry for grape after the value of 16 for the Minimum Brix Level for Reconstituted Fruit Juice and Fruit Puree in Table 1 (Appendix VIII):

Minimum Brix level of 14 may apply for grape juice from *Vitis labrusca* and hybrids thereof produced under specific edaphoclimatic conditions, if supported by national composition data and if consistent with the application of national legislation of the importing country. In specific edaphoclimatic conditions, the Brix level for grape juice from *Vitis labrusca* and hybrids thereof may in some years be lower than

16. The reconstituted juice shall meet the authenticity methodology listed in the *General standard for fruit juices and nectars* (CXS 247-2005) and the Brix level shall correspond to the Brix level as expressed from the *Vitis labrusca* and hybrids thereof used to make the concentrate.

Matter referred from CCFL to the Commission

Standard for dried floral parts – dried saffron; country of harvest labelling

182. The Codex Secretariat recalled the history of discussions and decisions on this standard in CCSCH, CCFL and CAC and recalled that CCFL48 had endorsed provision 8.3.1 “country of origin shall be declared”, but was unable to reach consensus on provision 8.3.2, “country of harvest shall be declared” and had referred this matter to CCEXEC87 and CAC47 for further consideration. All other labelling provisions had been endorsed by CCFL47.
183. The Chairperson referred to the discussions in CCEXEC87 and the recommendations on a pathway to address this matter, which included issuing a CL to seek potential solutions regarding the use of COH in food labelling of spices, and establishing an EWG, reporting to CCFL, with ToR, language regime, Chair and co-Chairs to be determined by CAC47, to consider responses to the CL and advise CCFL49.<sup>29</sup>

*The pathway forward*

184. There was general support for the approach recommended by CCEXEC87 as a suitable process to address the issue of COH in spices.
185. Views were exchanged on TORs for the EWG, particularly on whether to take a horizontal approach to address COH for spices and on the development of a possible definition for COH. Some Members were of the view that the EWG should focus its discussions to saffron and vanilla for which standards had been or were in development, as COH was an important aspect to address fraudulent practices for these high value spices.
186. Some other Members were of the view that CAC should follow the recommendations of CCEXEC to address COH in a horizontal manner as consideration of such a provision was not limited to saffron and vanilla, but also other spices for which standards might be developed in the future. A proposal to expand discussions to culinary herbs was not agreed.
187. The Chairperson noted the importance of the joint Chairs and co-Chairs to facilitate debate and remain neutral rather than advancing national interests.
188. CAC47, noting that a timeline for this work was important, agreed on a deadline for replies to the CL by mid-2025 for consideration by CCSCH8 in October 2025, and CCFL49 in May 2026, and consideration of recommendations by CCFL by CAC49 in 2026.

**Conclusion**

189. CAC47:
- i. requested the Codex Secretariat to issue a CL to Members and Observers seeking potential solutions to the use of COH in food labelling of spices, recognizing the concerns that had been expressed by Codex Members;
  - ii. established an EWG, reporting to CCFL, jointly chaired by Iran and Canada and co-chaired by India and Madagascar, working in English and French, with the following ToRs:
    - o to review the information gathered from the comments to the CL, and discussions at CCSCH, CCFL and CAC47 to:
      - provide potential options which recognize Members’ perspectives on the use of COH in addition to the mandatory declaration of COO in food labelling of spices, including saffron and vanilla;
      - review options for a definition for COH and consider how it differs from COO; and
      - consider whether any clarifications are needed to application of labelling provisions.
    - o to prepare a report for consideration of CCFL49;
  - iii. invited CCSCH8 to also consider responses to the CL and make its own observations to CCFL49;
  - iv. strongly encouraged Codex Members to ensure that discussions in the EWG, CCSCH8 and CCFL49 be informed by all relevant interests; and

<sup>29</sup> REP24/EXEC2, paragraph 95

- v. invited CCFL49 to consider issues related to the use of COH in food labelling of spices and to propose options which recognize the concerns that had been expressed by Codex Members.

Publication of the Standard for dried floral parts – dried saffron

190. CAC47 noted that CCEXEC87 had not made any recommendations on the publication of the standard and considered the following proposals:
- publish the standard, with or without section 8 labelling, or with section 8, except section 8.3 (COO and COH) or except section 8.3.2 (COH); or
  - not publish the standard but await the outcome of the process agreed above (paragraph 189).
191. Those not supporting publication of the standard at this time expressed the view that the endorsement process had not been fulfilled and such publication would go against Codex procedures, while those supporting its publication noted that publication would facilitate fair trade and protect consumers. Such publication could go ahead with all the labelling provisions endorsed by CCFL (i.e. without the provision for COH). As a compromise, those not in favour of publication proposed to publish without all of section 8 labelling or with only a note to section 8.3 “to be developed”.
192. The Codex Secretariat clarified that publication of the standard without any labelling provisions would go against the Codex Procedural Manual Section 2, Elaboration of Codex Standards, Format for commodity standards, which would mean the standard was incomplete. Publishing a standard with a note to section 8.3 “to be developed” would not constitute a good practice for Codex to follow, although it was acknowledged as a possible solution. The Secretariat further clarified that the provision on COO was covered by CXS 1-1985 and could be implemented by countries in accordance with CXS 1-1985.
193. Costa Rica, the Gambia and South Africa supported the view of the Codex Secretariat that publication with a note “to be developed” was not good practice. They also noted that it would mean the publication of an incomplete standard and further noted that CXS 1-1985 could be invoked for COO labelling. They therefore expressed their reservations to the publication with such a note.
194. To a question on whether COH/COO would be incorporated directly into the standard following the outcome of CCFL49, the Codex Secretariat explained that a proposal for an amendment of the standard would be required to address additional labelling provisions in accordance with procedures for new work proposals.
195. CAC47 also considered a proposal to include COH as optional in line with decisions for this provision in other existing standards for spices and culinary herbs. However, the Codex Secretariat explained that this would set a bad precedent as it would override the procedures for endorsement of food labelling provisions by CCFL and could have future negative implications for the work of Codex.

**Conclusion**

196. CAC47:
- i. agreed that the Standard for dried floral parts – dried saffron should be published with the title Section 8.3 “Country of Origin and Country of Harvest” and with the following associated text “to be developed”, noting the reservations of Costa Rica, the Gambia, and South Africa for the reasons explained in paragraph 193; and
  - ii. noted that CAC49 may revisit this issue in the light of any advice it receives from CCFL49 in line with the pathway put in place (see paragraph 189).

**EDITORIAL AMENDMENTS TO CODEX TEXTS PROPOSED BY THE CODEX SECRETARIAT (Agenda item 7)<sup>30</sup>**

197. The Codex Secretariat explained that following CAC46 it had identified the need for editorial amendments to several commodity standards, the *General standard for food additives* (CXS 192-1995), and the *Code of practice on good animal feeding* (CXC 54-2004).

**Discussion**

Editorial amendments to CXC 54-2004

198. A Member did not support the deletion of footnote 5 as this could unintentionally exempt feed derived through modern biotechnology from the basic labelling provisions applicable to feed, which was not the intent of the ad hoc intergovernmental Task Force on Animal Feeding that developed CXS 54-2004. While recognizing that the footnote was outdated, deleting or amending it would go beyond an editorial amendment and there were

<sup>30</sup> CX/CAC 24/47/14 & Add.1; CX/CAC 24/47/18 Rev.1; CRD29 (Panama); CRD37 (Kenya)

no impediments to retaining it. The footnote could rather be discussed as part of a future review of CXC 54-2004. CAC47 agreed to retain footnote 5.

### Conclusion

199. CAC47:

- i. welcomed and noted the editorial amendments to Codex standards that had been introduced by the Codex Secretariat to improve editorial consistency and correctness;
- ii. endorsed the proposed editorial amendments to the *General standard for food additives* (CXS 192-1995); and
- iii. endorsed the following editorial amendments in the *Code of practice on good animal feeding* (CXC 54-2004):
  - the amendment to footnote 9 as endorsed by CCRVDF; and
  - the deletion of footnote 12.

### CODEX BUDGETARY AND FINANCIAL MATTERS (Agenda item 8)<sup>31</sup>

200. The Codex Secretariat highlighted the detailed information on the 2022-2023 regular Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme budget and expenditure, and the 2024-2025 budget proposal, particularly regarding the breakdown of reported cost types by programme and activity, to help better understand areas of expenditure and identify future needs and priorities, as requested by CAC46. The Codex Secretariat also called attention to the information on the additional budget requirements to implement key areas of critical work not currently included or sufficiently budgeted for in the Codex work programme, as requested by CCEXEC86.

### Discussion

201. Members thanked the Codex Secretariat for the detailed information provided and made the following comments:

- thanked Japan, Republic of Korea and Singapore for their extra-budgetary support to Codex;
- supported the CCEXEC87 recommendations, particularly regarding:
  - the provision of a cost-breakdown by activity at the CCEXEC session immediately preceding CAC;
  - the need for additional and sustainable funding for Codex to address identified key areas of critical work;
  - the need for efficient use of resources; and
  - more equitable funding for Codex, consistent with the joint nature of the Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme.

### Conclusion

202. CAC47:

- i. noted the final Codex budgetary report for the 2022-2023 biennium, the budget proposal for the 2024-2025 biennium, and the additional budget requirements;
- ii. acknowledged the extra-budgetary contributions from Japan, Republic of Korea and Singapore to Codex;
- iii. noted the need for a continued commitment to financial transparency and better prioritization and redistribution of resources to support the delivery of the Codex work programme;
- iv. noted the need for additional and sustainable funding for Codex to address identified key areas of critical work;
- v. urged Members to advocate for additional funding at FAO Council and WHO Governing Bodies to address the non-recurring unfunded requirements through a special allocation of USD 2.1 million, and the recurrent funding requirements through a permanent increase of the Codex Secretariat budget of USD 2 million;

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<sup>31</sup> CX/CAC 24/47/19 Rev.1; CRD29 (Panama)



- vi. recommended to the Directors-General of FAO and WHO to jointly explore opportunities for more equitable funding for Codex, consistent with the joint nature of the Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme;
- vii. requested the Codex Secretariat to explore the extent to which interpretation and translation services might be provided more economically, using innovative tools and approaches; and
- viii. requested the Codex Secretariat to provide on an annual basis, at the CCEXEC session immediately preceding CAC, a cost-breakdown by activity.

#### **REPORTS OF THE FAO/WHO COORDINATING COMMITTEES (Agenda item 9)<sup>32</sup>**

203. Two Coordinators presented reports from the last session of their respective FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee meetings, highlighting issues for the attention of CAC other than standards setting work.

#### **Report of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Session of the FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Europe (CCEURO33)<sup>33</sup>**

204. The Coordinator for Europe presented the key areas of discussion and agreement at CCEURO33, noting in particular:

- the relevance of the One Health approach and the sustainability of food systems for food safety and Codex work, and the interest of the region to address these aspects in the Codex Strategic Plan 2026-2031;
- the agreement to work on Dietary Guidelines taking into account sustainability considerations. This work would consist of exchanging information amongst all Members on their current experience with the perspective to initiate the development of a guidance at the next CCEURO meeting, and would be supported by WHO and FAO, which was timely given that both Organizations worked on dietary principles and FAO also on a new methodology for food systems based dietary guidelines; and
- the exchange of information on the most recent actions taken against AMR within the food and agriculture sectors.

205. Recalling that CCEURO33 took place physically, the Coordinator noted that this session also provided an opportunity to exchange information on progress made on capacity building on Codex, food safety and nutrition by FAO, WHO, and CTF.

#### **Report of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Session of the FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Latin America and the Caribbean (CCLAC23)<sup>34</sup>**

206. The Coordinator for LAC presented the key areas of discussion and agreement at CCLAC23 noting in particular:

- the importance of addressing contaminants in food and the application of the Codex risk analysis principles in this area noting the relevant work being done by FAO and the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO)/WHO. CCLAC had encouraged Members to continue to collaborate with FAO and PAHO/WHO as well as to engage in relevant Codex subsidiary bodies on this issue;
- the discussion on inclusion of French as an official language of CCLAC and, on a pilot basis its use in CCLAC24, should the appropriate extrabudgetary resources be available;
- the successful consensus-based development of a regional standard on Castilla lulo (naranjilla); and
- agreement on seven regional positions on ongoing work in six Codex subsidiary bodies.

207. The Coordinator noted the efforts of CCLAC23 that had been successfully held as a virtual session and highlighted the successful navigation of the regional coordination during the COVID-19 pandemic and other challenges faced due to the pandemic. As the term of Ecuador was coming to an end, the Coordinator thanked the Government of Ecuador, Members of the region, regional organizations, the Caribbean Agricultural Health and Food Safety Agency (CAHFSA), the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA), Organismo Internacional Regional de Sanidad Agropecuaria (OIRSA), PAHO/Pan American Center for Foot-and-Mouth Disease (PANAFTOSA), FAO, WHO, CTF and the Codex Secretariat for their support.

<sup>32</sup> REP24/EURO; REP24/LAC; CRD23 (Argentina)

<sup>33</sup> REP24/EURO

<sup>34</sup> REP24/LAC

**Conclusion**

208. CAC47:

- i. thanked the Chairpersons of CCEURO and CCLAC for their interventions and noted the information provided;
- ii. congratulated CCEURO and CCLAC on their efforts to promote inclusivity and engagement in the work of Codex; and
- iii. thanked Rommel Betancourt, appointed by Ecuador as Chairperson of CCLAC, for the duration of its term, for his exemplary stewardship of this committee and his enduring contribution to the work of Codex.

**CODEX STRATEGIC PLAN 2020-2025 – IMPLEMENTATION REPORT 2022-2023 (Agenda item 10)<sup>35</sup>**

209. The Codex Secretariat introduced the item and:

- recalled the different iterations to improve and streamline the monitoring framework of the Codex Strategic Plan 2020-2025;
- noted the reliance of the current monitoring framework on the survey on the use and impact of Codex texts for the provision of data to measure several of the indicators included in the plan, and that this work was funded by extra-budgetary resources;
- noted that following the 2020-2021 biennium that was atypical because of the COVID-19 pandemic, activities had returned to pre-pandemic levels in the 2022-2023 biennium, and that performance under most indicators scored well;
- noted the important lessons learned from the implementation of the monitoring framework that would be useful in the proposal that the Codex Secretariat would make to monitor the Codex Strategic Plan 2026-2031; and
- recalled the work ongoing on building a mechanism to monitor the use and impact of Codex texts, including an annual survey, case studies and collaboration with WTO and thanked Members for their participation in the 2024 Codex survey.

210. The Chairperson recalled the recommendations of CCEXEC87 on this item.

**Discussion**

211. Members thanked the Codex Secretariat for the document, and highlighted the following:

- the successful undertaking of a case study on the application of the *Code of practice on the prevention and reduction of mycotoxins contamination in cereals* (CXC 51-2003) in Brazil in 2024 as a good example of the use and impact of Codex texts;
- the remaining challenges on the timely availability of documents;
- the ongoing interest in the survey on the use and impact of Codex texts and its value and benefits in terms of providing data for the strategic plan indicators;
- the possibility of including regional standards in future surveys to provide information to coordinating committees on their use and impact;
- concerns regarding the lack of resources in the Codex regular programme budget for the Codex Secretariat to perform its core activities or to fund the monitoring work; and
- the importance of collaborating with the Secretariats of the WTO Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) measures and Technical Barrier to Trade (TBT) committees to improve collection of information on monitoring.

**Conclusion**

212. CAC47:

- i. noted the information provided as well as the comments and feedback received on the areas that may require particular attention for the remaining period for implementation of the Codex Strategic Plan 2020-2025;

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<sup>35</sup> CX/CAC 24/47/20; CRD29 (Panama); CRD37 (Kenya)

- ii. reiterated the importance of timely submission of a draft monitoring framework for the Codex Strategic Plan 2026-2031, and in this regard the particular value of specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, and time-bound (SMART) indicators; and
- iii. looked forward to receiving the final implementation report for the Codex Strategic Plan 2020-2025 at CAC49.

### **CODEX STRATEGIC PLAN 2026-2031 (Agenda item 11)<sup>36</sup>**

213. The Chairperson, and Vice-Chairperson Allan Azegele, introduced the item, recalling the process that started at CCEXEC84 to develop the Codex Strategic Plan 2026-2031, including the three CLs issued to collect views of Members and Observers and the informal regional consultations in order to ensure a truly inclusive process.

#### **Discussion**

214. Members thanked the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons, CCEXEC and the Codex Secretariat for the efforts made in developing the draft Strategic Plan, and highlighted the following:

- the inclusive, open and transparent process in developing the draft strategic plan;
- support for the CCEXEC87 recommendations;
- appreciation for the clear and concise draft strategic plan, and the forward-looking strategic goals and outcomes that would contribute to the achievement of the Codex statutory purpose;
- the balanced nature of the draft strategic plan, with ambitious strategic goals and achievable outcomes;
- the need for the Codex Secretariat to develop a clear monitoring framework to measure progress against the strategic goals and outcomes, with SMART key performance indicators;
- the need to support Members from Low and Middle-Income Countries in assessing the impact of Codex texts; and
- the support that the Codex strategic plan development and implementation process provides to improve engagement of countries in Codex work.

215. One Member expressed concern about the reference to the One Health approach in one of the outcomes as in their view this was an inter-disciplinary approach where Codex could not take a leading role and that would create duplication with the mandate of other international organizations.<sup>37</sup>

#### **Conclusion**

216. CAC47:

- i. noted the work undertaken to date on the development of the Codex Strategic Plan 2026-2031, including the opportunities to provide input both formally and informally;
- ii. adopted the Codex Strategic Plan 2026-2031 as contained in Appendix IX; and
- iii. noted that the Codex Secretariat would present a monitoring framework at CCEXEC88 for review, and that comments on the revised version of the monitoring framework would then be sought from Members and Observers through a CL with the aim of submitting a final version to CAC48 for approval.

### **MATTERS ARISING FROM FAO AND WHO (Agenda item 12)<sup>38</sup>**

217. The Representatives of FAO and WHO introduced the item referring to the information contained in the working document. The FAO Representative also highlighted a very recent publication which addressed some of the safety challenges associated with recent and emerging food packaging alternatives.<sup>39</sup>
218. The Chairperson recalled that CCEXEC87 had recommended that CAC47 recommend that FAO continue to provide sound and sustainable funding to the scientific advice programme that supported the work of Codex,

<sup>36</sup> CX/CAC 24/47/21 & Add.1; CRD24 (Bangladesh, Benin, El Salvador, Saudi Arabia, Thailand, United Republic of Tanzania and East African Community (EAC)); CRD29 (Panama); CRD43 (Suriname); CRD44 (Burundi); CRD46 (Uganda); CRD52 (Russian Federation)

<sup>37</sup> CRD52 (Russian Federation)

<sup>38</sup> CX/CAC 24/47/22; CRD04 (FAO/WHO); CRD25 (Argentina, Benin, Cabo Verde, Singapore, South Africa, United Republic of Tanzania and East African Community (EAC)); CRD33 (Indonesia); CRD36 (African Union); CRD37 (Kenya); CRD40 (Malaysia); CRD41 (Zambia); CRD44 (Burundi); CRD46 (Uganda)

<sup>39</sup> Lacourt, C., Mukherjee, K., Garthoff, J., O'Sullivan, A., Meunier, L., & Fattori, V. (2024). Recent and emerging food packaging alternatives: Chemical safety risks, current regulations, and analytical challenges. *Comprehensive Reviews in Food Science and Food Safety*, 23, e70059. <https://doi.org/10.1111/1541-4337.70059>

and that CAC47 request the Director-General of WHO to secure additional sustainable funding for the provision of scientific advice to Codex by WHO.

### Discussion

219. Members expressed general appreciation for the work and contribution to Codex by FAO and WHO highlighting the importance of the scientific advice program and the capacity development activities.
220. Members supported CCEXEC87's recommendations and stressed the importance of ensuring sustainable funding for the provisions of scientific advice by FAO and WHO.
221. Members expressed interest in new food sources and production system, in particular cell-based foods and noted ongoing initiatives in addressing safety of cell-based foods. A Member informed CAC47 of their intention to submit two proposals for new work in Codex in this area; one on development of guidelines for safety assessment of cell culture media to CCFA, and another on a code of hygienic practice for the production of cell-based foods to CCFH.
222. An Observer expressed concern about cell-based human milk which could be misinterpreted as human milk and stressed the need for marketing restrictions.
223. While welcoming the work of WHO on eliminating industrially produced TFAs as well as new Codex work in this area, a Member, as a major producer and consumer of tropical oils, expressed concerns about WHO's ongoing work on developing a guideline. The importance of establishing a precise definition for tropical oils to avoid negative implications was stressed in light of the negative connotations often associated with this commodity in public discourse. It was suggested to involve experts from tropical oil producing and consuming countries to ensure the guideline was inclusive, representative and addressed the interests of all stakeholders.
224. The WHO Representative clarified that development of WHO guidelines strictly adhered to the established WHO process as outlined in the Handbook for Guideline Development, including with respect to the participation of Observers, which included a comprehensive scoping process to establish key questions for conducting systematic reviews and assessing relevant contextual factors. Experts were selected through a public call for applications and other means, ensuring inclusiveness and representation, including consideration of applicants from tropical oil-producing countries. The WHO Representative noted that the guideline development process was conducted in an objective and transparent manner and opportunities for engagement were available through observer participation and stakeholder involvement during public consultations and comment periods. This approach ensured that the process remained inclusive and responsive to diverse perspectives.
225. Members welcomed FAO's work on food safety implications of the use of environmental inhibitors in agrifood systems, which provided valuable information on possible food safety and regulatory aspects of these inhibitors, and provided a good basis on which to advance discussions on this topic. Strong support for ongoing activities on this topic was expressed.
226. The ongoing need to strengthen support for data generation and capacity building for experts, to establish better Codex standards and MRLs was highlighted. The importance of capacity building to develop new work proposals was also emphasised.
227. The value of materials from FAO and WHO for the celebration of the World Food Safety Day was indicated, noting the importance of timely availability of such materials.

### Conclusions

228. CAC47:
  - i. thanked FAO and WHO for their comprehensive report and ongoing support for advancing food safety and nutrition globally;
  - ii. thanked Japan for its continued extra budgetary contribution to WHO;
  - iii. reaffirmed the vital importance of the Joint FAO/WHO scientific advisory bodies to underpin the work of Codex;
  - iv. recommended that FAO continue to provide sustainable funding to the scientific advice programme that supports the work of Codex;
  - v. requested the Director-General of WHO to secure additional sustainable funding for the provision of scientific advice to Codex; and
  - vi. recognised the benefits of capacity building and awareness raising events delivered both physically and virtually, and supported their continuation as part of an appropriately blended approach that continues to build engagement.

**POTENTIAL WEBCASTING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (Agenda item 13)<sup>40</sup>**

229. The Representative of the FAO Legal Office introduced the item recalling that CAC46 had requested the Codex Secretariat to further explore this issue considering the existing practices in other similar FAO Bodies, and to present a paper at CAC47.
230. The Representative further informed CAC47 that, within FAO, webcasting was limited to plenary meetings of Governing and Statutory Bodies, which were by default held in public. Conversely, meetings of a private nature such as the General Committee of the Conference were not subject to webcast. The Representative clarified that the Codex Rules of Procedure were also silent on the modality of CCEXEC meetings, namely private or public, while noting that the practice was to hold CCEXEC meetings in private considering its functions, restricted membership, and the relevant rules and practice of FAO.
231. The Representative concluded by recalling that CCEXEC audio recordings had been available since 2005 and that, consequently, the main change that would result from webcasting of CCEXEC sessions would be to enable non-members of the Committee to follow deliberations live, rather than to learn of their contents after the conclusion of the session.

**Discussion**

232. Members thanked the Legal Office of FAO and the Codex Secretariat for preparing the document.
233. Members who did not support webcasting of CCEXEC expressed the following views:
- CCEXEC was a committee with restricted membership as defined by Rule V of the Codex Procedural Manual and on this basis, its meetings were not held in public.
  - Coordinators and Members elected on a geographical basis, which represented the broader interests of the Codex Alimentarius at the CCEXEC, contributed to ensuring transparency.
  - Reports of CCEXEC were available to Codex Members, Observers and the general public, promoting transparency while being a valuable source of information to familiarize those interested with CCEXEC.
  - Webcasting of CCEXEC could potentially expose Members elected on a geographical basis to undue pressure from their countries or organizations to prioritize regional or national interests, compromising their role.
  - Webcasting of CCEXEC appeared to be counter to the rules and practice of FAO.
  - Changes to modalities by which CCEXEC operated also required a revision of the rules set forth in the Codex Procedural Manual.
  - Due to its advisory nature, CCEXEC did not take decisions but rather referred matters to the Commission.
  - Live streaming could potentially lead to delegates of CCEXEC having a significant number of external advisors connected electronically; the number of advisors was currently limited to two per Member elected on a geographical basis, given the intended private nature of the meeting.
  - Members elected on a geographic basis could consider inviting different Members from their regions to be their advisors to broaden understanding of the functioning of CCEXEC.
  - CCEXEC provided a valuable platform for honest and productive discussions, and webcasting could make Members hesitant to engage in solution focused discussions, hence diminishing the effectiveness of CCEXEC.
  - Existing transparent and consultative processes, including reports and audio recordings of CCEXEC, were sufficient, aligning with FAO rules and practices.
  - With regard to justifying live streaming and the need for capacity building for future delegates of CCEXEC, educational tools had been made available to all interested parties which, when necessary, could provide further information ~~with regard to~~ on the working dynamics of CCEXEC.
234. Members that supported webcasting of CCEXEC expressed the following views:
- Webcasting of CCEXEC would allow a better understanding by the Codex membership of the recommendations of CCEXEC, and Chairpersons of Codex subsidiary bodies, would also benefit from attending these discussions.

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<sup>40</sup> CX/CAC 24/47/23; CRD26 (Benin and Cabo Verde); CRD29 (Panama); CRD37 (Kenya); CRD41 (Zambia); CRD42 (Ghana); CRD46 (Uganda); CRD52 (Russian Federation)

- Webcasting would provide an opportunity for CAC delegates to better prepare for the meeting, especially when the sessions of CCEXEC were held back-to-back with those of CAC and reports were only available immediately before CAC.
  - Transparency of the proceedings of the meeting would be improved.
  - Webcasting of CCEXEC could be limited to Codex Members only.
  - Discussions concerning sensitive matters and in-session working groups could continue to be conducted without webcasting.
  - A pilot webcast could be a positive step for Codex, aligning with its commitment to transparency.
  - There was no legal impediment to webcasting CCEXEC proceedings to Codex Members.
  - CCEXEC members acted in the interest of the Commission, which would thus not constitute an obstacle to CAC Members observing CCEXEC discussions through webcasting.
  - Ensuring continuity of Members within CCEXEC could be challenging for large Codex regions, and webcasting could offer a valuable opportunity for training and knowledge transfer.
235. The Codex Secretariat noted the substantial progress in enhancing transparency and accessibility of Codex through the webcasting of all Codex subsidiary bodies open to the general public in the last couple of years, stressing that such an implementation also required considerable resource investment.
236. The Codex Secretariat recalled that Codex procedures required CCEXEC to meet immediately prior to CAC sessions and that this time constraint limited the timeframe by which CCEXEC reports could be published prior to the meeting of CAC.
237. The CAC Chairperson noted that a future session of CAC may consider whether and how the different sections of CCEXEC meetings that related to the critical review of matters discussed by subsidiary bodies and to the consideration of new work proposals, might be made available to Codex Members in webinar mode.

### Conclusion

238. CAC47:
- i. thanked the Legal Office of FAO and the Codex Secretariat for preparing the paper and noted the information provided therein; and
  - ii. did not agree to change the current practice of CCEXEC meetings.

### **ELECTION OF THE CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSONS, MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTED ON A GEOGRAPHICAL BASIS AND APPOINTMENT OF COORDINATORS (Agenda item 14)<sup>41</sup>**

#### **Election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons**

239. CAC47 elected the following persons to hold office from the end of its present session to the end of the next regular session of the Commission (CAC48):

<b>Chairperson:</b>	Mr Allan Azagele (Kenya)
<b>Vice-Chairpersons:</b>	Ms Jing Tian (China)
	Mr Khalid Al Zahrani (Saudi Arabia)
	Ms Betül Vazgeçer (Türkiye)

#### **Members of the Executive Committee elected on a geographical basis**

240. The Codex Secretariat recalled that CAC46 had elected/re-elected the Members of the Executive Committee on a geographical basis to serve in their role until CAC48, and thus no such elections were scheduled to take place at CAC47.
241. Vanuatu, the Member for South West Pacific, informed CAC47 that, due to changes in responsibilities within the country, it was relinquishing its role in CCEXEC. The Codex Secretariat clarified that Vanuatu having stepped down from this role, its position as Member elected on a geographical basis, remained vacant, and hence a new Member should be elected to complete the term of Vanuatu.

### Conclusion

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<sup>41</sup> CX/CAC 24/47/24; CRD27 (Benin, El Salvador and Rwanda); CRD29 (Panama); CRD37 (Kenya)

242. CAC47 elected Australia as the Member for South West Pacific elected on a geographical basis to complete the current term (expected until the end of CAC48).

#### **Appointment of Coordinators**

243. The Codex Secretariat informed CAC47 that two FAO/WHO Coordinating Committees had met since CAC46, namely CCEURO and CCLAC. The Codex Secretariat further informed CAC47 that CCEURO had nominated the current coordinator, Germany, for re-appointment, and that CCLAC had nominated Uruguay as coordinator for that region, Ecuador having already served for two consecutive terms.
244. The Codex Secretariat also clarified that following the election of candidates from China and Saudi Arabia, which were serving as Coordinators for Asia and for Near East, respectively, to the role of Vice-Chairpersons, and in line with Rule V.1 of the Rules of Procedure of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, a new appointment for the role of Coordinator for these regions was necessary.
245. China and Saudi Arabia informed CAC47 that, following internal discussions with the Members of their regions, consensus had been reached on the nomination of Japan and Oman as Coordinators for Asia and Near East, respectively.

#### **Conclusion**

246. In accordance with Rule IV.2 of the Commission's Rule of Procedure, and on the basis of the nominations made by the FAO/WHO Coordinating Committees or Members from the relevant regions, the following Members of the Commission were appointed as Coordinators to hold office from the end of CAC47 until the end of the first regular session of the Commission following the next session of the relevant FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee.
- CCASIA: Japan (appointed)
  - CCEURO: Germany (re-appointed)
  - CCLAC: Uruguay (appointed)
  - CCNE: Oman (appointed)

#### **DESIGNATION OF COUNTRIES RESPONSIBLE FOR APPOINTING THE CHAIRPERSONS OF CODEX SUBSIDIARY BODIES (Agenda item 15)<sup>42</sup>**

247. The Chairperson of the Commission expressed appreciation to the Member countries responsible for appointing Chairpersons of Codex subsidiary bodies recalling their relentless efforts to ensure Codex achieved its mandate.

#### **Discussion**

248. In response to a request for clarification on the working modalities of CCFFP and, specifically, on the footnote indicating that CCFFP would continue to be working by correspondence, the Codex Secretariat recalled that CAC47 had discussed the status of CCFFP, which had completed its assigned ToRs, and that it had decided to defer any decision on adjourning the Committee *sine die*, without altering its previously established working modalities.
249. The Codex Secretariat further recalled that decisions on working modalities were linked to specific work to be undertaken by the committee and that, as clear information on future work was not available for discussion by CAC47, no decisions had been taken to change the established working modalities. The Codex Secretariat also clarified that working modalities of CCFFP might be further considered by a future session of the Commission in light of future work that might be undertaken by the Committee.
250. CAC47 noted the reactivation of CCCPL to work by correspondence, in light of the decision to start new work on developing a group standard for whole millet grains (paragraph 169(iii)), and the willingness of the United States of America to continue hosting this committee.

#### **Conclusion**

251. CAC47:
- i. confirmed the reactivation of CCCPL for which the Member responsible was the United States of America, and that this committee would work by correspondence;

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<sup>42</sup> CX/CAC 24/47/25; CRD29 (Panama)

- ii. confirmed the designation of countries responsible for appointing the Chairpersons of Codex subsidiary bodies as in Appendix X; and
- iii. thanked the host countries for the resources committed in hosting the various Codex subsidiary bodies.

### **OTHER BUSINESS (Agenda item 16)<sup>43</sup>**

#### Proposal on the development of standards for health supplements/dietary supplements/functional foods and nutraceuticals

252. CAC47 noted the proposal from India and the explanation of the Codex Secretariat that when a clear pathway existed for considering new work proposals, that pathway should be followed to ensure thorough technical review of the proposal. A Member noted the existing *Guidelines for vitamin and mineral food supplements* (CXG 55-2005) and that all new work proposals should fall within the statutory purpose of Codex.

#### **Conclusion**

253. CAC47 invited India to submit the new work proposal to CCFNSDU through its established processes.

#### Proposal on the development of a standard for cashew kernels

254. The Codex Secretariat recalled that CAC40 (2017) had approved the development of a standard for cashew kernels and requested CCPFV to prioritize all new work proposals; and noted that the cashew kernel proposal was ranked as low priority, and that CAC43 (2020) had adjourned CCPFV *sine die*, placing the proposal in a queue. The Secretariat proposed that a revised proposal, reflecting current trade volumes, food safety concerns, and alignment with the objectives of the Codex Strategic Plan be submitted. The Secretariat further noted it was premature to discuss reactivation of an adjourned committee without reviewing the proposal and gathering comments from Members, and emphasized the value of a stepwise approach to ensure inclusive and informed decision making.

#### **Conclusion**

255. CAC47 invited India to review and resubmit the proposal for the development of a standard for cashew kernels to the Codex Secretariat for consideration by CAC.

#### Proposal for the development of new work on a camel milk commodity standard

256. The Chairperson recalled the conclusion of CCEXEC87, that should CAC47 decide that further work be considered in relation to camel milk, it should consider issuing a CL to seek input from Members and Observers on the need and possible extent of any new work on camel milk.<sup>44</sup> It was noted that this approach had been pursued when the new work proposal for the development of a group standard for certain types of millets was first introduced at CAC46 (2023).<sup>45</sup>
257. The United Arab Emirates (UAE), as the proponent of the proposal, noted the support of Members as expressed in CRD48 Rev.3.

#### **Discussion**

258. New Zealand, as Host Country for CCMMP, supported the recommendation of CCEXEC87 and indicated its willingness to work with UAE, the International Dairy Federation (IDF), and any other interested Members to provide a gap analysis of existing Codex texts related to milk and milk products with regard to camel milk to further inform and refine the new work proposal before comments were sought from Members and Observers.
259. Members welcomed the proposal from the UAE and considered it to be timely and reflective of the growing production and trade of camel milk and camel milk products, and highlighted the need to begin work in this area in a timely manner and in line with established procedures and practices.
260. Noting the conclusions of CCEXEC87, procedural guidance from the Codex Secretariat, and the support offered by the host secretariat of CCMMP, CAC47 considered an approach where:
- a) the Codex Secretariat and host secretariat of CCMMP would review the discussion paper and project document contained in CRD03 for completeness and provide feedback to the proponent (UAE);
  - b) concurrently, the host secretariat of CCMMP, together with the UAE and IDF would undertake a gap analysis of existing Codex texts;

<sup>43</sup> CRD02 (India); CRD03 (United Arab Emirates); CRD28 (International Organisation of Vine and Wine (OIV)); CRD34 (Republic of Korea); CRD43 (Suriname); CRD48 Rev.3 (Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Libya, Mali, Oman and Qatar); CRD53 (United Arab Emirates)

<sup>44</sup> REP24/EXEC2, paragraph 85(i)

<sup>45</sup> REP23/CAC, paragraph 228



- c) the discussion paper and project document would be revised based on the inputs received from steps a) and b) by the proponent with the support of other interested Members;
- d) following its revision, a CL would be issued, to seek comments from Members and Observers; and
- e) the discussion paper and project document, incorporating any further refinements based on the comments received to the CL, would be submitted to the Codex Secretariat for consideration by CAC48 for possible approval as new work, following critical review by CCEXEC.

261. The proponent of the new work proposal expressed its support to this approach.

**Conclusion**

262. CAC47 recommended that the UAE (as the proponent of the proposal) and New Zealand (as host country of CCMMP) work together as outlined in paragraph 260(b) to conduct a gap analysis and further review the new work proposal, so that a CL could be issued in a timely manner to seek inputs from interested Members and Observers on the need for, and possible extent of new work on camel milk, with the view that the proposal on camel milk would be subject to critical review by CCEXEC89 and consideration by CAC48.

Proposal for the amendment of the common names of the main ingredient in the *Standard for kimchi* (CXS 223-2001)

263. Members noted that it was not clear if the proposed amendment was editorial or substantive in nature and therefore required further consideration. There was no consensus on whether to discuss the issue at the next session of CCASIA as a means of further informing CAC on the nature of the amendment. Noting that the *Standard for kimchi* was an international standard, CAC47 considered that the recommendation from CCEXEC87 would be a more suitable approach for addressing the issue.

**Conclusion**

264. CAC47 agreed with the recommendation of CCEXEC87 and requested that:

- i. the Republic of Korea submit the new work proposal to the Codex Secretariat; and
- ii. the Codex Secretariat subsequently issue a CL to seek comments from Members and Observers on the need for and suitability of the proposed amendment.

Virtual communication of the Director-General of the International Organisation for Vine and Wine (OIV), John Barker, on the occasion of its 100th anniversary (OIV).

265. The Director-General of the OIV highlighted the long-standing and productive relationship of the organization with Codex, the centenary celebrations of OIV and the information contained in CRD28, and reaffirmed OIV's commitment to contributing to Codex work.

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**APPENDIX II****LIST OF ADOPTED STANDARDS AND RELATED TEXTS**

<b>Codex body</b>	<b>Standards and related texts</b>	<b>Reference</b>	<b>Job No.</b>	<b>Status</b>
	Standard for spices derived from dried or dehydrated fruits and berries – small cardamom	REP24/SCH, Paragraph 30(i), Appendix III	N01-2021	8
CCSCH	Standard for spices derived from dried or dehydrated fruits and berries – allspice, juniper berry, and star anise	REP24/SCH, Paragraph 48(i), Appendix IV	N03-2021	5/8
	Standard for spices derived from dried or dehydrated roots, rhizomes and bulbs – turmeric	REP24/SCH, Paragraph 85(i), Appendix V	N02-2021	5/8
	Revision to the <i>Standard for named vegetable oils</i> (CXS 210-1999): Inclusion of avocado oil	REP24/FO, Paragraph 44, Appendix V	N12-2017	8
	Amendment/revision of the <i>Standard for named vegetable oils</i> (CXS 210-1999): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inclusion of camellia seed oil</li> <li>• Inclusion of sacha inchi oil</li> <li>• Inclusion of high oleic acid soya bean oil</li> </ul>	REP24/FO, Paragraphs 51, 55 and 62, Appendix VI, Appendix VII, and Appendix VIII	N01-2022 N02-2022 N03-2022	5/8
CCFO	Revision to the <i>Standard for olive oils and olive pomace oils</i> (CXS 33-1981): Revision of Sections 3, 8 and Appendix (with amendments)	REP24/FO, Paragraph 85(i), Appendix IX	N11-2022	5/8
	Amendment/revision to the <i>Standard for fish oils</i> (CXS 329-2017) - Inclusion of calanus oil	REP24/FO, Paragraph 103(i), Appendix X	N04-2022	5/8
	Amendments/revisions to the <i>Code of practice for the storage and transport of edible fats and oils in bulk</i> (CXC 36-1987)	REP24/FO, Paragraphs 33(vi) and 118, Appendix III (Parts A and B)	-	Adopted
	Annex II on Fresh leafy vegetables and Annex IV on Sprouts of the <i>Guidelines for the control of Shiga toxin-producing Escherichia coli (STEC) in raw beef, fresh leafy vegetables, raw milk and raw milk cheeses, and sprouts</i> (CXG 99-2023)	REP24/FH, Paragraph 52, Appendices II and III	N02-2019	5/8
CCFH	Annex III on Milk and milk products of the <i>Guidelines for the safe use and reuse of water in food production and processing</i> (CXG 100-2023)	REP24/FH, Paragraph 89(i), Appendix IV	N05-2020	5/8
	Guidelines for food hygiene control measures in traditional markets for food	REP24/FH, Paragraph 169, Appendix VI	N01-2023	5/8
	MLs for lead in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• dried aril</li> <li>• dried floral parts</li> <li>• dried fruits and berries</li> <li>• dried paprika and sumac</li> <li>• dried Sichuan pepper and star anise</li> <li>• dried rhizomes and roots</li> <li>• dried seeds</li> <li>• dried celery seeds</li> </ul>	REP24/CF17, Paragraph 61, Appendix II	N05-2019	5/8



Codex body	Standards and related texts	Reference	Job No.	Status
	MLs for lead and cadmium in quinoa	REP24/CF17, Paragraph 119, Appendix VII	-	Adopted
	Code of practice for the prevention and reduction of ciguatera poisoning	REP24/CF17, Paragraph 97, Appendix V and Appendix VI	N04-2023	5/8
	Revised food additives provisions in the <i>Standard for pickled cucumbers (cucumber pickles)</i> (CXS 115-1981) and <i>Standard for jams, jellies and marmalades</i> (CXS 296-2009)	REP24/FA, Paragraph 22(I), Appendix V, Part A	-	Adopted
	Specifications for the identity and purity of food additives	REP24/FA, Paragraphs 48 and 133, Appendix III	-	5/8
	Revision to the descriptors to Annex B (FC 01.4.3) and Annex C of the preamble to the <i>General standard for food additives</i> (CXS 192-1995)	REP24/FA, Paragraph 66(iii), Appendix VI, Part A.1.1	-	Adopted
CCFA	Revised food additive provisions of the <i>General standard for food additives</i> in relation to the alignment of two standards from CCMMP, four standards from CCPFV, two standards from CCNE, two standards from CCASIA, and one standard from CCLAC (CXS 192-1995)	REP24/FA, Paragraph 66(iii), Appendix VI, , Parts A.1.2, A.1.3, A.1.4, A.2, A.3	-	Adopted
	Revised food additive sections of two standards from CCMMP, one standard from CCPFV, one standard from CCASIA and one standard from CCLAC	REP24/FA, Paragraph 66(i), Appendix V, Parts B.1, B.3, B.4, B.5, B.6	-	Adopted
	Food-additive provisions and revisions to existing provisions in the <i>General standard for food additives</i> (CXS 192-1995)	REP24/FA, Paragraph 103(I), Appendix VI, Part B	-	Adopted
	Revision to the <i>Class Names and the International Numbering System for food additives</i> (CXG 36-1989) except the International Numbering System (INS) number for carbomer (INS 1210) <sup>46</sup>	REP24/FA, Paragraph 122, Appendix X REP24/EXEC1, Paragraph 34	-	5/8
CCMAS	Methods of analysis / performance criteria for provisions for inclusion in the <i>Recommended methods of analysis and sampling</i> (CXS 234-1999) with editorial corrections to the principle for the entries for volatile oils in small cardamom, allspice, juniper berry and star anise and other relevant commodities as follows: "Calculation from moisture and volatile oils, distillation and distillation".	REP24/MAS, Paragraphs 20(i & iii), 23(i) and 26(i) Appendix II, Part 1	-	Adopted
	Sampling plan for methylmercury in fish for inclusion in the <i>General standard for contaminants and toxins in food and feed</i> (CXS 193-1995)	REP24/MAS, Paragraph 20(i) Appendix II, Part 1	-	Adopted

<sup>46</sup> The INS number for carbomer (INS 1210) was referred to CCFA55 for reconsideration of the appropriate INS number.

Codex body	Standards and related texts	Reference	Job No.	Status
CCPR	MRLs for different combinations of pesticide/commodity(ies)	REP24/PR55, Paragraph 222(i)(a), Appendix II	-	5/8
CCNFSDU	General principles for establishing Nutrient Reference Values - Requirements (NRVs-R) for persons aged 6 – 36 months (inclusion in CXG 2-1985 as Annex 1, Part B)	REP24/NFSDU, Paragraph 38, Appendix II, Parts A and C	N06-2008	8
	NRVs-R for persons aged 6 – 36 months: Vitamins A, B6, D and E, thiamine, riboflavin, niacin, pantothenic acid, calcium, copper, iodine, potassium, zinc and protein (inclusion in CXG 2-1985)	REP24/NFSDU, Paragraph 67(i), Appendix II Part B	N06-2008	5/8
CCFFP	The inclusion of <i>Sardinella lemuru</i> in the list of sardine species under Section 2.1 in the <i>Standard for canned sardines and sardine-type products</i> (CXS 94-1981)	REP24/FFP, Paragraph 26, Appendix III	-	Adopted
	MRLs for clopidol (chicken kidney, liver, muscle, and skin/fat)	REP24/RVDF27, Paragraph 52(i), Appendix III (Part I)	-	5/8
	MRL for imidacloprid - finfish fillet (muscle with skin in natural proportions) and/or muscle	REP24/RVDF27, Paragraph 52(ii), Appendix III (Part I)	-	5/8
	MRLs extrapolated for: <u>All other finfish</u>	REP24/RVDF27, Paragraphs 59(i, iii) and 76(iii), Appendix IV	-	5/8
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lufenuron – fillet</li> <li>• Emamectin benzoate – muscle and fillet</li> </ul>			
	<u>All other ruminants</u>			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ivermectin – milk</li> </ul>			
CCRVDF	Revisions to the Risk Analysis Principles applied by CCRVDF			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revisions to Annex C – <i>Approach for the extrapolation of MRLs for veterinary drugs to one or more species</i> in the <i>Risk Analysis Principles applied by CCRVDF</i> in the Procedural Manual <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Revised Criterion 2b</li> <li>○ New set of criteria for the extrapolation of MRLs to camelids</li> <li>○ Additional criterion for milk extrapolation</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	REP24/RVDF27, Paragraphs 59(ii), 62, 76(ii), and 91(i), Appendix V (Part II)	-	Adopted
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inclusion of Annex D - <i>Criteria and procedures for the establishment of Action Levels for residues of veterinary drugs in food of animal origin resulting from unavoidable and unintentional veterinary drug carry-over in non-target animal feed</i> in the <i>Risk Analysis Principles applied by CCRVDF</i> in the Procedural Manual</li> </ul>	REP24/RVDF27, Paragraph 110, Appendix V (Part III)	-	Adopted

Codex body	Standards and related texts	Reference	Job No.	Status
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consequential amendment to the section on Establishment of priority list (paragraph 133) of the Risk Analysis Principles Applied by CCRVDF in the Codex Procedural Manual</li> </ul>	REP24/RVDF27, Paragraph 112, Appendix V (Part I)	-	Adopted
	Revision to the <i>General standard for the labelling of pre-packaged foods</i> (CXS 1- 1985): Provisions relevant to allergen labelling	REP24/FL, Paragraph 52 (i), Appendix II	N10-2019	8
CCFL	Guidelines on the provision of food information for pre-packaged foods to be offered via e-commerce	REP24/FL, Paragraph 104, Appendix IV	N09-2019	8
	Guidelines on the use of technology to provide food information in food labelling	REP24/FL, Paragraph 144, Appendix V	N07-2021	8

**APPENDIX III****LIST OF DRAFT STANDARDS AND RELATED TEXTS ADOPTED AT STEP 5**

<b>Codex body</b>	<b>Standards and related texts</b>	<b>Reference</b>	<b>Job No.</b>
CCSCH	Standard for spices derived from dried or dehydrated fruits and berries – vanilla	REP24/SCH, Paragraph 70(i), Appendix V	N03-2021
CCFH	Revised <i>Guidelines on the application of the general principles of food hygiene to the control of pathogenic Vibrio species in seafood</i> (CXG 73-2010)	REP24/FH, Paragraph 131, Appendix V	N02- 2023
CCCF	MLs for lead in dried bark and dried culinary herbs	REP24/CF17, Paragraph 61, Appendix II	N05-2019
	Sampling plans for total aflatoxins and ochratoxin A in certain spices (dried chilli pepper and paprika, and nutmeg)	REP24/CF17, Paragraph 92, Appendix IV	N20-2017
CCPR	Guidelines for monitoring the stability and purity of reference materials and related stock solutions of pesticides during prolonged storage	REP24/PR55, Paragraph 230(i), Appendix IX	N07-2023
CCFICS	Guidelines on the prevention and control of food fraud	REP24/FICS, Paragraph 61, Appendix II	N06-2021
CCRVDF	MRLs for fumagillin dicyclohexylamine (DCH) – fish fillet and honey	REP24/RVDF27, Paragraph 53, Appendix III (Part II)	-
CCFL	Annex to the <i>General standard for the labelling of pre-packaged foods</i> (CXS 1-1985): Guidelines on the use of precautionary allergen labelling	REP24/FL Paragraph 92 (i), (viii), Appendix III	N10-2019

**APPENDIX IV****LIST OF REVOKED STANDARDS AND RELATED TEXTS**

<b>Codex body</b>	<b>Standards and related texts</b>	<b>Reference</b>
CCFA	Food additive provisions of the <i>General Standard for Food Additives</i> (CXS 192-1995)	REP24/FA, Paragraphs 44(ii) and 103(ii), Appendix VII
CCMAS	<i>General methods for the detection of irradiated foods</i> (CXS 231-2001)	REP24/MAS, Paragraph 20(ii)
	Methods of analysis for provisions in relevant commodity standards and in CXS 234-1999	REP24/MAS, Paragraphs 23(i) and 26(i), Appendix II, Part 2
CCPR	CXLs for different combinations of pesticide/commodity(ies)	REP24/PR55, Paragraph 222(i)(b), Appendix III

**APPENDIX V****LIST OF APPROVED NEW WORK**

<b>Codex body</b>	<b>Text</b>	<b>Reference and project document</b>	<b>Job No.</b>
CCSCH	Standard for sweet marjoram	CX/CAC 24/47/3, Annex I	N01-2024
	Standard for dried seeds-coriander	CX/CAC 24/47/3, Annex II	N02-2024
	Standard for large cardamom	CX/CAC 24/47/3, Annex III	N03-2024
	Standard for cinnamon	CX/CAC 24/47/3, Annex IV	N04-2024
CCFO	Revision to Codex standards on fats and oils to reduce trans-fatty acid intake	CX/CAC 24/47/4, Annex I	N05-2024
	Standard for microbial omega-3 oils	CX/CAC 24/47/4, Annex II	N06-2024
CCFH	Revision of the <i>Guidelines on the application of general principles of food hygiene to the control of viruses in food</i> (CXG 79-2012)	CX/CAC 24/47/5, Annex I	N07-2024
	Revision of the <i>Guidelines for the control of Campylobacter and Salmonella in chicken meat</i> (CXG 78-2011)	CX/CAC 24/47/5, Annex II	N08-2024
	Revision of the <i>Guidelines on the application of general principles of food hygiene to the control of Listeria monocytogenes in foods</i> (CXG 61-2007)	CX/CAC 24/47/5, Annex III	N09-2024
CCCF	Revision of the <i>Code of practice for the prevention and reduction of aflatoxin contamination in peanuts</i> (CXC 55-2004)	CAC 24/47/6, Annex I	N10-2024
	Code of practice for the prevention and reduction of cadmium contamination in foods	CAC 24/47/6, Annex II	N11-2024
CCFA	Priority list of substances proposed for evaluation by JECFA	REP24/FA, Paragraph 137, Appendix XI	-
	New work on draft food additive provisions of the GSFA	REP24/FA, Paragraph 103(iv) and Appendix IX	N12-2024
	Standard for baker's yeast	CX/CAC 24/47/7 Rev.1, Annex I	N13-2024
CCPR	Priority list of pesticides for evaluation by JMPR	REP24/PR Paragraph 261(i-ii), Appendix X	-
CCFICS	Guidance on appeals mechanism in the context of rejection of imported food	CX/CAC 24/47/11, Annex I	N14-2024
	Guidance on the standardization of the representation of sanitary requirements	CX/CAC 24/47/11, Annex II	N15-2024
	Revision to the <i>Principles and guidelines for the exchange of information between importing and exporting countries to support the trade in food</i> (CXG 89-2016)	CX/CAC 24/47/11, Annex III	N16-2024
	Principles for the digitalisation of National Food Control Systems (NFCSS)	CX/CAC 24/47/11, Annex IV	N17-2024
	Standard for foods for older infants and young children	CX/CAC 24/47/12, Annex I	N18-2024

<b>Codex body</b>	<b>Text</b>	<b>Reference and project document</b>	<b>Job No.</b>
CCRVDF	Guideline for competent authorities on actions that may be taken when residues of veterinary drugs in food are below or above Action Levels, or there are no Action Levels established	CX/CAC 24/47/14, Annex I	N19-2024
	Priority list of substances proposed for evaluation by JECFA, extrapolation and establishment of action levels	REP24/RVDF27 Paragraphs 113, 114 (i, ii) and 140 (i), Appendix VII (Parts I, V and VI)	-
CCFL	Guideline on the application of food labelling provisions in emergencies	CX/CAC 24/47/15, Annex I	N20-2024
CCCPL	Group standard for whole millet grains	REP24/CAC, Paragraph 166(ii), CAC47/CRD31 Rev.1	N21-2024

**APPENDIX VI****LIST OF DISCONTINUED WORK**

<b>Codex body</b>	<b>Text</b>	<b>Reference</b>
CCCF	Draft MLs for lead in dried spice, flowers; and fresh culinary herbs withdrawn from the step procedure	REP24/CF17, Paragraph 69(ii)
CCFA	Draft food additive provisions of the <i>General Standard for Food Additives</i> (CXS 192-1995)	REP24/FA, Paragraph 103(iii), Appendix VIII
CCPR	Draft MRLs for different combinations of pesticide/commodity(ies) withdrawn from the step procedure	REP24/PR55, Paragraph 222(ii)(a), Appendix IV



**APPENDIX VII****LIST OF AMENDMENTS**

<b>Codex body</b>	<b>Standards and related texts</b>	<b>Reference</b>
CCFO	Amendments to the labelling provisions for non-retail containers in the six existing fats and oils standards (CXS 19-1981; CXS 33-1981; CXS 210- 1999; CXS 211-1999; CXS 256-1999; and CXS 329-2017)	REP24/FO, Paragraph 15(i), Appendix II
	Consequential amendments to the Table 1, Table 2 and Table 3 of the GSFA (CXS 192-1995) due to the change of INS Number for gellan gum to INS 418(i)	REP24/FA, Paragraph 123(ii), Appendix VI, Part C
	Editorial corrections to the <i>General standard for cheese</i> (CXS 283-1978)	REP24/FA, Paragraph 66(ii), Appendix V, Part B.2
	Consequential amendments to the <i>Standard for aqueous coconut products – coconut milk and coconut cream</i> (CXS 240-2003) due to the change of INS number for gellan gum to INS 418(i)	REP24/FA, Paragraph 123(i), Appendix V, Part D
CCFA	Editorial amendments to the <i>General Standard for Food Additives</i> (CXS 192-1995): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• deletion of dipotassium diphosphate (INS 450(iv)) from Note 475</li> <li>• amendment to the name of Note “CS 262-2006 (as anticaking agent only, see functional class table in CXS 262-2006)” associated with processed eucheama seaweed (PES) (INS 407a), pectins (INS 440), potassium acetate (INS 261(i)), potassium carbonate (INS 501(i)), and potassium dihydrogen citrate (INS 332(i)) in Table three with “CS 262-2006 (for use in cheese mass only)”</li> </ul>	CX/CAC 24/47/18 Rev.1, Appendix II
CCPR	Consequential amendments to the CXLs for peppers groups/subgroups: MRLs for okra	REP24/PR55, Paragraph 222(i)(c), Appendix VII
	Consequential amendment to the <i>Classification of food and feed</i> (CXA 4-1989) – Additional commodities for Class D – Processed Foods of Plant Origin	REP24/PR55, Paragraph 222(iv), Appendix VIII
CCNFSDU	Amendments to the <i>Standard for infant formula and formulas for special medical purposes intended for infants</i> (CXS 72-1981)	REP24/NFSDU, Paragraph 141(iv), Appendix VI
CCFFP	Editorial amendments of the following scientific names in Section 2.1 of <i>Standard for canned sardines and sardine-type products</i> (CXS 94-1981): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <i>Sardinops neopilchardus</i> and <i>Sardinops caeruleus</i> replaced by <i>Sardinops sagax</i>;</li> <li>ii. <i>Clupea bentincki</i> replaced by <i>Strangomera bentincki</i>; and</li> <li>iii. <i>Etrumeus teres</i> replaced by <i>Etrumeus sadina</i></li> </ol>	REP24/FFP, Paragraph 45, Appendix III
	Consequential amendments to the labelling provisions for non-retail containers in fish and fishery products standards	REP24/FFP, Paragraph 19(i), Appendix II

Codex body	Standards and related texts	Reference
	(CXS 3-1981, CXS 36-1981, CXS 37-1991, CXS 70-1981, CXS 90-1981, CXS 92-1981, CXS 94-1981, CXS 95-1981, CXS 119-1981, CXS 165-1989, CXS 166-1989, CXS 167-1989, CXS 189-1993, CXS 190-1995, CXS 191-1995, CXS 222-2001, CXS 236-2003, CXS 244-2004, CXS 291-2010, CXS 292-2008, CXS 302-2011, CXS 311-2013, CXS 312-2013 and CXS 315-2014)	
CCRVDF	Editorial amendments to footnotes 9 and 12 in the <i>Code of practice on good animal feeding</i> (CXC 54-2004) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Amendment to footnote 9</li> <li>ii. Deletion of footnote 12</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. REP24/RVDF27, Paragraph 12, Appendix II</li> <li>ii. CX/CAC 24/47/18 Rev.1, Appendix II (Part B)</li> </ul>
CCPFV	Amendment to the <i>General standard for fruit juices and nectars</i> (CXS 247-2005)	REP24/CAC, Paragraph 179, Appendix VIII

**APPENDIX VIII**

**AMENDMENT TO THE ANNEX OF THE GENERAL STANDARD FOR FRUIT JUICES AND NECTARS (CXS 247-2005)**

(Adopted by CAC47)

The amendment is shown in **bold and underlined**.

Botanical Name	Fruit' s Common Name	Minimum Brix Level for Reconstituted Fruit Juices and Reconstituted Purée	Minimum Juice and/or Purée Content (% v/v) for Fruit Nectars
<p><i>Vitis Vinifera</i> L. or hybrids thereof <i>Vitis Labrusca</i> or hybrids thereof</p>	<p>Grape</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">16.0</p> <p><b><u>Minimum Brix level of 14 may apply for grape juice from <i>Vitis labrusca</i> and hybrids thereof produced under specific edaphoclimatic conditions, if supported by national composition data and if consistent with the application of national legislation of the importing country. In specific edaphoclimatic conditions, the Brix level for grape juice from <i>Vitis labrusca</i> and hybrids thereof may in some years be lower than 16. The reconstituted juice shall meet the authenticity methodology listed in the <i>General standard for fruit juices and nectars</i> (CXS 247-2005) and the Brix level shall correspond to the Brix level as expressed from the <i>Vitis labrusca</i> and hybrids thereof used to make the concentrate.</u></b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">50.0</p>

**APPENDIX IX****CODEX STRATEGIC PLAN 2026-2031****Vision**

“Where the world comes together to create food safety and quality standards to protect everyone everywhere.”

**Mission**

“Protect consumer health and promote fair practices in the food trade by setting international, science-based food safety and quality standards.”

**Core values**

The Codex Alimentarius Commission re-commits itself to the following core values, which will guide its work to fulfil its strategic vision:

- Inclusiveness
- Collaboration
- Consensus building<sup>47</sup>
- Transparency

**Introduction**

The Codex Alimentarius Commission was established by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO) in 1963. Today it has 188 Member Countries and one Member Organization. In addition, 240 intergovernmental and international non-governmental organizations are accredited as Observers.

The Commission’s statutory purpose<sup>48</sup> is the development of international food standards, guidelines and codes of practice to protect the health of consumers and ensure fair practices in the food trade. With increased globalization and increases in the volumes of food traded internationally, the Commission must also be capable of responding in a timely manner to the impacts of emerging trends and challenges to consumer health protection of fair practices in the food trade, to the extent that steps to address those impacts are amenable to standardization.

In conducting its work, the Commission takes into account, where appropriate, the relevant policies, strategies and guidelines of FAO and WHO, and of other intergovernmental organizations consistent with fulfilling its unique purpose to protect the health of consumers and ensure fair practices in the food trade through the development of international food standards. Codex works closely on matters of common interest with such organizations, as appropriate.

The objective of this strategic plan is to advance the statutory purpose of the Codex Alimentarius Commission during the period 2026-2031. This document does not supersede, extend, or contradict the Codex statutory purpose or provisions of the Procedural Manual.

**Drivers for change**

The environment in which Codex operates continues to evolve. Both the FAO and WHO strategic directions on food safety acknowledge the importance of food control systems, based on scientific evidence, in achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals. They also recognize the importance of agri-food systems in responding to major global drivers ranging from environmental changes and digital advances to emerging hazards in the food chain and the approaches to mitigating these challenges, such as food system transformation and promotion of the One Health approach.<sup>49</sup>

The One Health joint plan of action (2022-2026) of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the UN Environment Programme (UNEP), the World Health Organization (WHO) and the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) quadripartite also highlights the importance of a One Health approach to food safety.

The World Trade Organization (WTO) acknowledges the centrality of Codex standard setting in the multilateral system in the context of emerging global challenges.

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<sup>47</sup> Consensus should be based on the Measures to Facilitate Consensus included in the Procedural Manual.

<sup>48</sup> Statutes of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, Article 1(a).

<sup>49</sup> FAO Strategic Framework 2022-2031, FAO Strategic Priorities for Food Safety within the FAO Strategic Framework 2022-2031 and WHO Global Strategy for Food Safety 2022-2030.

All these initiatives point to the important role food safety plays to support public health, food security and trade and the need to integrate foresight and preparedness for the emerging issues to come. They further highlight that food safety has a critical role in the successful transformation of the agrifood system in order to meet the needs of the world.

### **The role of Codex**

The Commission must maintain a steady focus on its statutory purpose. It must be sufficiently capable of being proactive, flexible and responding in a timely manner to emerging issues that impact on food safety and quality<sup>50</sup> with the aim of protecting consumer health and ensuring fair practices in the food trade.

The system for Codex standards elaboration has served well in the more than 60 years that Codex has been in existence. The system is anchored in the process described in the Procedural Manual with the product being Codex standards, guidelines and codes of practice, commonly referred to as Codex texts. The Commission, as risk manager, establishes Codex texts that when incorporated into national legislation by Members contribute to ensuring that food is safe and can be traded. The scientific basis that underpins Codex texts is fundamental to ensuring that Codex maintains its pre-eminence as the international reference for food safety and fair practices in food trade, as well as the primary source of science-based food standards for many countries and recognized by the WTO.

As we move into the future, Codex can strengthen the pivotal role it plays in supporting the advancement of global goals by developing international food standards. Collaboration across the multilateral system for trade and food, offers Codex and its members numerous benefits, including enhanced food safety, strengthened partnerships, effective risk communication, regulatory harmonization, and the ability to address complex global challenges.

Codex texts can provide an enabling environment which facilitates the uptake and implementation of policies and programmes to address global challenges around areas such as climate change, environment, sustainability, and trade. In doing so, Codex recognizes that the inherent international diversity of food systems means that, different values or solutions may be relevant in different national or regional situations or contexts.

### **STRATEGIC GOALS AND OUTCOMES**

The Codex Alimentarius Commission commits itself to work towards achievement of the following Strategic Goals and Outcomes within the Codex purpose<sup>51</sup>:

#### **Strategic Goal 1: Respond to Members' needs for protecting the health of consumers and ensuring fair practices in the food trade in an evolving global landscape by developing science-based standards and related texts**

- 1.1 Foresight and horizon-scanning activities are used to support the identification of issues likely to impact food safety, quality and trade.
- 1.2 Scientific advice that addresses the needs identified by CAC and subsidiary bodies is primarily provided by FAO and WHO and their joint scientific advisory bodies, informed by globally representative data and appropriate international expertise and methodology.
- 1.3 Scientific advice is used by CAC and subsidiary bodies in line with Codex risk analysis principles.
- 1.4 Codex standards and related texts are developed, reviewed and adopted in a timely, transparent and inclusive manner.

#### **Strategic Goal 2: Enhance Codex work management systems and practices that support the effective and efficient development of standards and related texts**

- 2.1 Work management systems and practices are refined and enhanced, leveraging digital and other new technologies.
- 2.2 Mechanisms to prioritize proposals to develop new or revise existing standards and related texts are in place.
- 2.3 Chairpersons, coordinators, host secretariats, Codex Contact Points and delegates are supported in their respective roles and their capabilities are developed and enhanced.
- 2.4 Codex Members are enabled to participate actively and sustainably throughout the standard-setting process.

<sup>50</sup> The consideration of other factors in the Codex standard setting process is governed by the Statements of Principle Concerning the Role of Science in the Codex Decision-Making Process and the Extent to Which Other Factors are Taken into Account. Consensus should be based on the Measures to Facilitate Consensus included in the Procedural Manual.

<sup>51</sup> Article 1, Statutes of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, Codex Procedural Manual

**Strategic Goal 3: Strengthen relationships with relevant international organizations, promoting a coordinated approach to address global challenges**

- 3.1 The mutual understanding of the roles of CAC and relevant international organizations in relation to global challenges is improved and is supported by ongoing consultation between the parties.
- 3.2 Gaps in approaches to addressing global challenges that Codex could contribute to are identified through targeted engagement with relevant international organizations.
- 3.3 The contribution of CAC to the transition towards sustainable and resilient food systems, is identified and considered.
- 3.4 Contributions from relevant international organizations throughout the development of Codex texts are encouraged.

**Strategic Goal 4: Maximize the impact of Codex by increasing the visibility and use of standards**

- 4.1 The profile and recognition of Codex as the international food standards setting body for protecting consumer health and ensuring fair practices in food trade is enhanced.
- 4.2 The use of Codex texts in the context of integrative approaches such as One Health is promoted.
- 4.3 Harmonization through the increased use of Codex texts in establishing national food control systems and regulations is advocated for.

**APPENDIX X**

**COUNTRIES RESPONSIBLE FOR APPOINTING  
THE CHAIRPERSONS OF CODEX SUBSIDIARY BODIES  
ESTABLISHED UNDER RULE XI.1(B)(I)**

<b>CODE</b>	<b>SUBSIDIARY BODY</b>	<b>MEMBER RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
CX 703	Codex Committee on Milk and Milk Products	New Zealand	Adjourned <i>sine die</i>
CX 708	Codex Committee on Cocoa Products and Chocolate	Switzerland	Adjourned <i>sine die</i>
CX 709	Codex Committee on Fats and Oils	Malaysia	Active
CX 710	Codex Committee on Sugars	Colombia	Adjourned <i>sine die</i>
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	Adjourned <i>sine die</i>
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	Adjourned <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 <sup>52</sup>	Norway	Active
CX 723	Codex Committee on Meat Hygiene	New Zealand	Adjourned <i>sine die</i>
CX 728	Codex Committee on Vegetable Proteins	Canada	Adjourned <i>sine die</i>
CX 729	Codex Committee on Cereals, Pulses and Legumes <sup>53</sup>	United States of America	Active
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
CX 736	Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs	India	Active

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