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AMENDMENTS TO THE PROCEDURAL MANUAL

29th edition of the *Procedural Manual*

1. The 29th edition of the *Procedural Manual* has been issued in English, and translations into Arabic, Chinese French, Russian and Spanish are ongoing.
2. The 29th edition of the *Procedural Manual* reflects the approval of the 46th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC46):
 - a. to amend Section 2 (Elaboration of Codex standards and related texts, Relations between commodity committees and general subject committees, Food labelling, paragraph 57) to formalize the submission of labelling provisions for non-retail containers to the Codex Committee on Food Labelling for endorsement;¹
 - b. to make editorial changes to Section 2 (Elaboration of Codex standards and related texts), Section 3 (Guidelines for subsidiary bodies), and Section 7 (Relations with other organizations) of the *Procedural Manual* as listed in Annex I of CX/CAC 23/46/2; and
 - c. to move the former first part of Section 6 (Membership), entitled “Membership of the Codex Alimentarius Commission”, from the *Procedural Manual* to the Codex website with a link to the list provided in the *Procedural Manual*.²
3. The 29th edition of the *Procedural Manual* has also addressed the importance of linguistic consistencies as highlighted by CAC46.³ For example, in the Spanish version, the term “fair trade” has been corrected to “prácticas equitativas” as used in all editions of the *Procedural Manual* up to and including the 27th edition.
4. When becoming aware of a linguistic error in Section 4, paragraphs 75 and 96, respectively, the Codex Secretariat made the following editorial correction to those paragraphs in the 29th edition, as follows (the correction is highlighted in bold, underlined font):

[...] substances that are known or expected **to cause** problems in international trade.

Recommendation

5. The Commission is invited to note the issuance of the 29th edition of the *Procedural Manual* and the amendments contained therein.

¹ CX/CAC 23/46/2, Annex II.

² CX/CAC 23/46/2, Annex I.

³ RE23/CAC, paragraph 23.