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CODEX WORK RELEVANT TO THE REGION

Introduction

1. The purpose of this document is to highlight the Codex work pertinent to the FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for North America and South West Pacific (CCNASWP). The intention is to stimulate further discussion at CCNASWP17 and to identify potential strategies for addressing the relevant issues.

Food Fraud

2. In the Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems (CCFICS), the Guidelines on the prevention and control of food fraud remain an active area of work and a priority for the United States of America.
3. This work was approved by the 44th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC44) (2021), and the EWG has been chaired by the U.S., with Co-Chairs China, the EU, Iran, and the UK. At the most recent session of CCFICS (CCFICS27, 2024), an agreement was reached on a key issue, namely whether to explicitly exclude intellectual property (IP) from the Scope section of the document.
4. In pursuit of a consensus, CCFICS has opted not to incorporate geographical indications (GIs) within the Scope section of the draft food fraud document. As highlighted in the meeting report (REP24/FICS, paragraph 46), CCFICS acknowledged that GIs represent a form of Intellectual Property (IP). This decision, coupled with the notable advancements made on the remainder of the document, has provided a strong basis for advancing the work to Step 5.
5. At the most recent session of the Commission (CAC47, November 2024), the text was adopted at Step 5. In this current inter-sessional period leading up to the next session of CCFICS (CCFICS28, October 2026), the United States of America, as Chair of the electronic working group on Food Fraud, will work towards building consensus on the remaining issues that need to be resolved – particularly around the inclusion of animal feed within the scope of the document and whether to define and refer to authenticity and integrity as terms in the document.

6. Overview of ongoing Codex work of special interest to CCNASWP

CODEX COMMITTEE	WORK RELEVANT TO THE REGION
CCFICS	- Guidelines on the prevention and control of food fraud - Redrafting of the draft consolidated <i>Guidelines on recognition and maintenance of equivalence of National Food Control Systems (NFCS)</i> (CXG 101-2023) - Review and update of the <i>Principles for traceability/product tracing as a tool within a food inspection and certification system</i> (CXG 60-2006)
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 labeling
CCPR	Priority list of pesticides for evaluation by JMPR
CCFH	<i>Guidelines for the safe use and reuse of water in food production and processing</i> (CXG 100-2023) (Annex II on fishery products) Revision of <i>Guidelines for the control of Campylobacter and Salmonella in chicken meat</i> (CXG 78-2011) Revision of <i>Guidelines on the application of general principles of food hygiene to the control of viruses in food</i> (CXG 79-2012)
CCFFV	New work proposal on fresh turmeric to be submitted by Fiji
CCSCH	Draft Standard for spices derived from dried fruits and berries – vanilla
CCGP	Review of the application of the provisions in the Codex Procedural Manual relating to Committees working by correspondence, informed by experiences to date
CCCF	Guidance on data analysis for development of MLs and improved data collection
CCFFP	Postponement of 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
CCFO	Revision to Codex standards on fats and oils to reduce trans-fatty acid intake

Recommendation

7. CCNASWP17 is invited to review the list of Codex work of special interest to the region and propose any additions as appropriate.