

CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION



Food and Agriculture
Organization of the
United Nations



World Health
Organization

Viale delle Terme di Caracalla, 00153 Rome, Italy - Tel: (+39) 06 57051 - E-mail: codex@fao.org - www.codexalimentarius.org

Agenda Item 4, 11

CRD14

Original language only

**JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME
FAO/WHO COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR ASIA
Twenty-second Session
Virtual
12, 13, 14, 17, 18 and 21 October 2022**

Comments from Republic of Korea

AGENDA ITEM 4 - Matters Arising from the Codex Alimentarius Commission and Other Codex Committees

Republic of Korea would like to submit the following comment:

- We support ongoing work by CCEXEC on “new food sources and production systems”.
- We agree on the need for harmonized definition and standards for “new food sources”.

As a solution to food shortages and environmental pollution caused by global population growth, interest in new food sources, production systems and their technology are being developed. In response to this global interest, Circular Letter (CL) was recently issued by the CODEX Secretariat where 7 new food sources including cultivated foods (meat, seafood, and dairy), edible insects, seaweed, and 3D printed food and production system were suggested.

Some of these foods do not have a visible market yet, but the market size is expected to be increased rapidly as food technology develops. Nevertheless, definitions of ‘new food sources’ and related terms nor any international safety regulation regarding these new food items are not yet been designed.

Preparing separate standards and the safety assessment guideline to cover new food sources and production systems within the Codex is therefore necessary to protect consumer health and to ensure fair trade. Also, the systematic management system should be established to respond consistently to safety issues.

AGENDA ITEM 11 - Proposal for the development of a regional standard for traditional sweets

Republic of Korea appreciates to India for preparing the discussion paper and project document.

Republic of Korea would like to submit the following comment:

- We support the work of developing a regional standard for traditional sweets. However, more specific definition of non-milk based sweets is needed to include information on similar products in the region.