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DESIGNATION OF COUNTRIES RESPONSIBLE FOR APPOINTING THE CHAIRPERSONS OF CODEX SUBSIDIARY BODIES

Background

1. In accordance with Rule XI.10 of the Commission's Rules of Procedure and with established practices, the Commission is required to designate, at each Session, the Member countries responsible for appointing the Chairpersons of Codex subsidiary bodies established under Rule XI.1(b)(i).

Codex Committee on Fish and Fishery Products (CCFFP)

2. Norway has informed the Codex Secretariat (see Appendix II) of its decision to relinquish its role as the host country of CCFFP. Norway has indicated its readiness to support the designated new host country through the sharing of knowledge, experience and expertise to ensure a smooth transition.

Action Required

3. CAC49 is invited to:

- confirm the designation of the Member countries responsible for appointing the Chairpersons of subsidiary bodies (see Appendix I for the current status), subject to any other relevant decisions on subsidiary bodies to be taken by the Commission;
- consider the designation of a new host country for CCFFP; and
- continue to review the status of Codex subsidiary bodies as they complete their programmes of work, taking into consideration any recommendations from CCEXEC.

APPENDIX I

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

CODE	SUBSIDIARY BODY	MEMBER RESPONSIBLE	STATUS
CX 703	Codex Committee on Milk and Milk Products	New Zealand	Active ¹
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	Republic of Korea	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	Norway	Active ¹
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	United States of America	Active ¹
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

¹ Working by correspondence

APPENDIX II**COMMUNICATION FROM NORWAY REGARDING THE HOSTING OF
THE CODEX COMMITTEE ON FISH AND FISHERY PRODUCTS (CCFFP)**

Dear Secretary,

In relation to Agenda Item 12 – Designation of countries responsible for appointing the Chairpersons of Codex subsidiary bodies CX/CAC 26/49/19 at the upcoming 49th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC49), on the 6th to the 10th July 2026, we would like to inform you that, after having served as the host country of the Codex Committee on Fish and Fishery Products (CCFFP) for 60 years, Norway will step down as Chair of the CCFFP, to allow another member country to take the lead.

Norway would like to reaffirm its commitment to the work of the Committee, and, if requested, stands ready to support a new host country through the sharing of knowledge, experience, and expertise, as appropriate.