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CRITICAL REVIEW - PART IV

Note: For general information about the critical review, please see CX/EXEC 25/89/3. New work proposals from subsidiary bodies that met between January and May 2025 were addressed by CCEXEC88. For each of the subsidiary bodies that has met between June and October 2025, a separate appendix on issues for the critical review is included in CX/EXEC 25/89/3, CX/EXEC 25/89/3 Add.1 or CX/EXEC 25/89/3 Add.2.

A. New work proposals submitted by active subsidiary bodies for approval by CAC48

1. Among the roles of the Executive Committee of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CCEXEC) is to assist in the management of the Commission's standardization work. One important aspect of this is conducting a critical review of the proposals to undertake new work or to revise a Codex text.
2. This document is a compilation of new work proposals that are being submitted for approval by CAC48 from subsidiary bodies that have met since CAC47 as well as new work proposals that the Codex Secretariat has received since CAC47 that do not fall under an active committee. The work proposals are being presented in this compiled format in order to provide an overarching view of the proposed areas of new work with the aim of supporting the CCEXEC in fulfilling its role to assist in the Commission's consideration of new work proposals.
3. CCEXEC88 considered the new work proposals that were submitted by the committees that had met between January and May 2025 (proposals 1-7 of Table 1) whereas CCEXEC89 will consider the new work proposals submitted by committees that have met between June and October 2025 (proposals 8-12 of Table 1) as well as two new work proposals submitted by a Member (Table 2).
4. All new work proposals are available in English, French and Spanish and can be accessed [here](#).
5. Table 1 provides an overview of all new work proposals submitted by active Codex subsidiary bodies since CAC47, and includes the relevant references, including where to find the project documents.
6. The 12 new work proposals for consideration by CAC48 arising from Codex subsidiary bodies include proposals for new food additive provisions, three regional standards, two commodity standards, revision of two codes of practice, one new code of practice, and one conversion of a regional standard to a worldwide standard, as well as two priority lists for evaluation by relevant expert committees.

B. New work proposals not falling under the purview of an active subsidiary bodies

7. Table 2 presents two new work proposals submitted directly to the Codex Secretariat as they do not fall under the terms of reference of an active Codex subsidiary body.

Proposal for development of a standard for pasteurized camel milk

8. At CAC47 (2024), under the agenda item "Other business", the United Arab Emirates (UAE) presented a discussion paper and a proposal for new work on the development of a camel milk commodity standard.¹

¹ CAC47/CRD03

9. 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.
10. Noting the conclusions of CCEXEC87 that “should CAC47 decide that further work be considered in relation to camel milk, it should consider issuing a circular letter (CL) to seek input from Members and Observers on the need and possible extent of any new work on camel milk²”, procedural guidance from the Codex Secretariat, and the support offered by the host secretariat of the Codex Committee on Milk and Milk Products (CCMMP), CAC47 agreed on an approach, which included a review and revision of the project document, and the issuance of a circular letter (CL 2025/50-CAC) seeking comments from Members and Observers³.
11. CAC47 noted that the CL could seek input 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.
12. CL 2025/50-CAC was issued in August 2025 seeking comments from Members and Observers on the proposal for development of a standard for pasteurized camel milk. The CL included, as Appendix I, an updated proposal that aimed to provide additional information with regard to the need for and nature of a Codex standard(s) for camel milk commodities and take into consideration the information that needs to be examined by CCEXEC in the critical review. Furthermore, the CL included, as Appendix II, a gap analysis conducted by New Zealand as the host country for the CCMMP and the International Dairy Federation (IDF) on i) existing Codex texts relating to possible issues around adulteration and mislabelling, and ii) existing Codex texts regarding camel milk and camel milk products.
13. The comments received in response to CL 2025/50-CAC are collated in Appendix I of CX/CAC 25/48/10. These reflect different views on the new work proposal ranging from the need for the new work to the scope of that work.
14. CCNE12 noted the support for the proposal for new work on the development of a standard for pasteurized camel milk and shared views on its importance and aspects to be considered therein.⁴

Proposal on the development of principles for the risk analysis of new food sources and production systems (NFPS)

15. A new work proposal on the development of principles for the risk analysis of new food sources and production systems (NFPS) was submitted recently by the European Union (EU).
16. The topic of NFPS was discussed at CCEXEC82 (2021), CAC44 (2021), CCEXEC83 (2022), CAC45 (2022), and CAC46 (2023). Two CLs were previously issued to collect information from Codex Members on the topic and this information was published for CCEXEC83.⁵
17. A link to the discussion paper and project document is contained in Appendix II of CX/CAC 25/48/10.

C. Other issues

Proposed amendment of the *Standard for kimchi* (CXS 223-2001)

18. In response to the request of CAC47 (2024)⁶, the Republic of Korea submitted to the Codex Secretariat a proposal (discussion paper and project document) to amend the *Standard for kimchi* (CXS 223-2001). The standard was developed by the Codex Committee on Processed Fruits and Vegetables (CCPFV), which was adjourned *sine die* by CAC43 (2020).
19. The proposal concerns the addition of commonly used names for the predominant ingredient of kimchi such as “napa cabbage” and “kimchi cabbage” in addition to “Chinese cabbage.” The rationale for this proposed amendment is to align with current terminology in trade and scientific literature, and to ensure consistency with the revised *Classification of foods and animal feeds* (CXA 4-1989) as adopted by CAC40 (2017) under which kimchi cabbage and napa cabbage are classified within the same commodity code (VB 0467) as Chinese cabbage.
20. In consultation with the United States of America, the host country of CCPFV, the Codex Secretariat advised that, in line with the *Codex Procedural Manual*, Section 2, Elaboration of Codex Standards and Related Texts, paragraph 32, this proposal is appropriately considered an amendment. Accordingly, the documents were

² REP24/EXEC2, paragraph 85i

³ REP24/CAC, paragraph 260

⁴ REP25/NE, paragraphs 68-71

⁵ CX/EXEC 22/83/4 Appendix 2

⁶ REP24/CAC, paragraph 264

restructured in the form of a working paper for CAC48, setting out the rationale for the proposed amendment together with the proposed wording, as appropriate (see CX/CAC 25/48/12, Figure 1 of Appendix I).

21. As also requested by CAC47⁶, a CL (CL 2025/63-CAC) was issued to seek comments from Members and Observers on the need for and suitability of the proposed amendment. The comments are collated in Appendix I (Part 2) of CX/CAC 25/48/12 Rev.1. No concerns have been expressed with regard to proceeding with this proposed amendment.

D. Recommendations

22. CCEXEC89 is invited to:
- i. review the proposals for new work for development/revisions and amendment of standards submitted since May 2025 (Proposals 8-12 in Table 1 and the two proposals in Table 2) taking into account the Codex Strategic Plan 2020-2025 and the *Codex Procedural Manual's* Criteria for the establishment of work priorities (Section 2.3) and Criteria for the establishment of subsidiary bodies of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Section 2.2), and the required supporting work of independent risk assessment;
 - ii. make recommendations to CAC48 regarding the approval of new work; and
 - iii. highlight as appropriate areas of high priority, issues related to work management within existing committees, and provide guidance on how to proceed with any recommended new work areas where there may be no obvious active committee.

Table 1: Proposals to undertake new work or revise a standard submitted by active subsidiary bodies

Note: These proposals are available in English, French and Spanish and can be accessed [here](#).

Number	Committee /Proposer	New work proposal	Reference and project document	Explanatory Notes
1.	CCAFRICA ⁷	Regional standard for braised or boiled, salted and unsalted, dried fish (Africa)	REP25/AFRICA, paragraph 62(i), Appendix IV	CX/EXEC 25/88/2 – Appendix 1, Topic 1
2.	CCNASWP ⁷	Regional standard for galip nut (North America and the South West Pacific)	REP25/NASWP, paragraph 83(i), Appendix IV	CX/EXEC 25/88/2 – Appendix 2, Topic 1
3.		Regional standard for breadfruit flour (North America and South West Pacific)	REP25/NASWP, paragraph 83(ii), Appendix V	CX/EXEC 25/88/2 – Appendix 2, Topic 2
4.	CCFFV ⁷	New work on developing a standard for fresh turmeric	REP25/FFV, paragraph 89(i), Appendix VI	CX/EXEC 25/88/2 – Appendix 3, Topic 3
5.		New work on developing a standard for fresh broccoli	REP25/FFV, paragraph 92(ii) CX/EXEC 25/88/2 Add. 3	CX/EXEC 25/88/2 – Appendix 3, Topic 4
6.	CCFA ⁷	Priority list of substances proposed for evaluation by JECFA	REP25/FA, paragraph 133(i), Appendix XI,	CX/EXEC 25/88/2 Add. 1 – Appendix 1, Topic 11
7.		New work on proposed draft food additive provisions of the GSFA	REP25/FA, paragraph 109(iv), Appendix IX	CX/EXEC 25/88/2 Add. 1 – Appendix 1, Topic 13
8.	CCCF	New work on the revision of the <i>Code of practice for weed control to prevent and reduce pyrrolizidine alkaloid contamination in food and feed</i> (CXC 74-2014)	REP25/CF18 paragraph 90(ii) and Appendix VI-Part I	CX/EXEC 25/89/3 – Appendix 1, Topic 8
9.		New work on the revision of the <i>Code of practice for the reduction of Aflatoxin B1 in raw materials and supplemental feedingstuffs for milk-producing animals</i> (CXC 45-1997)	REP25/CF18 paragraph 102(ii) and Appendix VII	CX/EXEC 25/89/3 – Appendix 1, Topic 9
10.		New work on the development of a code of practice for the prevention and reduction of tropane alkaloids in food and feed	REP25/CF18 paragraph 106(ii) and Appendix VIII	CX/EXEC 25/89/3 – Appendix 1, Topic 10

⁷ Addressed by CCEXEC88

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11.	CCPR	Priority list of pesticides proposed for evaluation by JMPR	REP25/PR paragraph 279(i-ii), Appendix VIII	CX/EXEC 25/89/3 Add.1 – Appendix 1, Topic 7
12.	CCASIA	The conversion of the <i>Regional standard for laver products</i> (Asia) (CXS 323R-2017) into an international standard	REP25/ASIA, paragraph 141, Appendix VIII	CX/EXEC 25/89/3 Add.1 – Appendix 2, Topic 2

Table 2: Proposals to undertake new work or revise a standard submitted by a Member

Number	Committee /Proposer	New work proposal	Reference and project document
1.	UAE	Standard for pasteurized camel milk	CL 2025/50-CAC Appendix I (Part 2)
2.	EU	New work on development of principles for the risk analysis of new food sources and production systems (NFPS)	Appendix II of CX/CAC 25/48/10