

INFORMATION ON ACTIVITIES

Communication from the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex)

The following communication, received on 19 October 2011, is being circulated at the request of the Codex secretariat.

I. CODEX SESSIONS SINCE THE LAST MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE (30 JUNE – 1 JULY 2011)

- Codex Alimentarius Commission (Geneva, Switzerland, 4-9 July 2011)

1. In particular, the SPS Committee may wish to note the following:

The 34th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, among others:

- adopted 31 new or revised Codex standards or related texts and many new or revised provisions for additives and MRLs for pesticides (see Appendix I), and approved a number of new work proposals (see Appendix II);
- considered the implementation of the Strategic Plan 2008-2013 of the Codex Alimentarius Commission and was informed of the preparation of the Strategic Plan 2014-2018 in the Executive Committee;
- Made several recommendations to respond to the Codex Trust Fund Mid-term Review;
- Elected as Chairperson Mr Sanjay Dave (India), as Vice-Chairpersons Mr Samuel Godefroy (Canada), Mrs Awilo Ochieng Pernet (Switzerland), and Professor Samuel Sefa Dedeh (Ghana); as Members of the Executive Committee elected on a geographical basis: Australia, China, France, Jamaica, Kenya, Tunisia, and United States of America; and appointed as regional Coordinators: Cameroon (Africa), Japan (Asia), Poland (Europe), Costa Rica (Latin America and the Caribbean), Lebanon (Near East), Papua New Guinea (North America and South-West Pacific).

2. The full report of the meeting is available at: <http://www.codexalimentarius.net> or at ftp://ftp.fao.org/codex/Reports_2011/REP11_CACe.pdf.

II. FORTHCOMING CODEX MEETINGS

- Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems (Cairns, Australia, 17-21 October 2011);

- Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses (Bad Soden am Taunus, Germany, 14-18 November 2011);
- Codex Committee on Food Hygiene (Miami, United States of America, 5-9 December 2011);
- Executive Committee of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (7-10 February 2012);
- Task Force on Animal Feeding (Bern, Switzerland, 20-24 February 2012).

3. The Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems will proceed with its work on the development of Proposed Draft Principles and Guidelines for National Food Control Systems and will consider a discussion paper on further guidance regarding attestation in *Generic Model Official Certificates* and other proposals for new work.

4. The Codex Committee on Food Hygiene will consider Proposed Draft Guidelines on the Application of General Principles of Food Hygiene to the Control of Viruses, the Proposed Draft Annex on Melons to the Code of Hygienic Practice for Fresh Fruits and Vegetables, the Proposed Draft Revision of the Principles for the Establishment and Application of Microbiological Criteria, and Proposed Draft Guidelines for Control of Specific Zoonotic Parasites in Meat.

5. The ad hoc Intergovernmental Task Force on Animal Feeding will consider the Proposed Draft Guidelines on Application of Risk Assessment for Feed, how to apply the existing Codex risk assessment methodologies to the various types of hazards related to contaminants/residues in feed ingredients, including feed additives used in feedingstuffs, and a Proposed Draft Prioritised List of Hazards in Feed.

APPENDIX I

**LISTS OF STANDARDS AND RELATED TEXTS ADOPTED BY THE 34TH SESSION OF
THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION**

Part 1 – Standards and Related Texts Adopted at Step 8

Standards and Related Texts	Reference
MRLs for narasin (pig tissues) and tilmicosin (chicken and turkey tissues)	REP11/RVDF, Appendix III
Guidelines for Risk Analysis of Foodborne Antimicrobial Resistance	REP11/AMR, Appendix II
Annex to the Guidelines on Nutrition Labelling: General Principles for Establishing Nutrient Reference Values of Vitamins and Minerals for General Population	REP11/NFSDU, Appendix II
Regional Standard for Edible Sago Flour	REP11/ASIA, Appendix II
Amendment to the Standard for Named Vegetable Oils: Inclusion of Palm Kernel Olein and Palm Kernel Stearin	REP11/FO, Appendix II
Code of Practice for the Storage and Transport of Edible Fats and Oils in Bulk: Criteria to Assess the Acceptability of Substances for Inclusion in a List of Acceptable Previous Cargoes	REP11/FO, Appendix III
Code of Practice for the Storage and Transport of Edible Fats and Oils in Bulk: List of Acceptable Previous Cargoes	REP11/FO, Appendix IV
Revised Guidelines on Measurement Uncertainty	REP11/MAS, Appendix II
Food Additive Provisions of the <i>General Standard for Food Additives</i> (GSFA)	REP11/FA, Appendix III
Maximum Residue Limits for Pesticides	REP11/PR, Appendix II
Standard for Fish Sauce	REP11/FFP, Appendix III
Standard for Tree Tomatoes	REP11/FFV, Appendix III
Revision of the Guidelines on Nutrition Labelling: List of Nutrients that are always declared on a Voluntary or Mandatory Basis	REP11/FL, Appendix II

Part 2 – Standards and Related Texts Adopted at Step 5/8 (with omission of Step 6 and 7)

Standards and Related Texts	Reference
Standard for Desiccated Coconut (revision of CODEX STAN 177-1991)	REP11/PFV, Appendix III
Annex on Certain Mushrooms (revision of CODEX STAN 55-1981)(<i>For inclusion in the Codex Standard for Certain Canned Vegetables</i>)	REP11/PFV, Appendix IV
Standard for Canned Bamboo Shoots (revision of CODEX STAN 241-2003)	REP11/PFV, Appendix V
Regional Standard for Culantro Coyote	REP11/LAC, Appendix II
Regional Standard for Lucuma	REP11/LAC, Appendix III
Regional Standard for Chilli Sauce	REP11/ASIA, Appendix III
Guideline for the Control of <i>Campylobacter</i> and <i>Salmonella</i> spp in Chicken Meat	REP11/FH, Appendix III
Revision of the Recommended International Code of Hygienic Practice for Collecting, Processing and Marketing of Natural Mineral Waters (CAC/RCP 33-1985)	REP11/FH, Appendix V
Code of Practice for the Storage and Transport of Edible Fats and Oils in Bulk: List of Acceptable Previous Cargoes	REP11/FO, Appendix V
Food Additive Provisions of the <i>General Standard for Food Additives</i> (GSFA)	REP11/FA, Appendix III
Revision of the Food Category System of the GSFA (food categories 05.1, 05.2 and 05.4)	REP11/FA, Appendix VIII
Amendments to the <i>International Numbering System for Food Additives</i>	REP11/FA, Appendix XII
Specifications for the Identity and Purity of Food Additives	REP11/FA, Appendix XIII
Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Ethyl Carbamate Contamination in Stone Fruit Distillates	REP11/CF, Appendix II
Maximum Residue Limits for Pesticides	REP11/PR, Appendix III
Revision of the Guidelines on the Estimation of Uncertainty of Results for the Determination of Pesticide Residues (Annex to CAC/GL 59-2006)	REP11/PR, Appendix X
Code of Practice for Fish and Fishery Products (section on smoked fish and relevant definitions)	REP11/FFP, Appendix V
Amendment to Section 3.4.5.1 Water of the Code of Practice for Fish and Fishery Products	REP11/FFP, Appendix VI
Amendment to the Standard for Quick Frozen Fish Sticks	REP11/FFP, Appendix XI
Standard for Chilli Peppers	REP11/FFV, Appendix IV
Compilation of Codex Texts Relevant to Labelling of Foods Derived from Modern Biotechnology	REP11/FL, Appendix III
Regional Standard for Harissa	REP11/NEA, Appendix III
Regional Standard for Halwa tehenia	REP11/NEA, Appendix IV

Part 3 – Other Standards and Related Texts Submitted for Adoption

Standards and Related Texts	Reference
Amendments to Food Additive Provisions for Antioxidants and Preservatives of Food Category 04.1.2.2 "dried fruits" of the GSFA	REP11/FA, para. 26
Revision of Section 4 "Carry-over of Food Additives" into food of the Preamble to the GSFA	REP11/FA, Appendix IX
Amendment to "Explanatory notes on the lay-out of the INS" Section 1 of the <i>Class Names and International Numbering System for Food Additives</i> (CAC/GL 36-1989)	REP11/FA, para. 148
Methods of Analysis in Codex Standards at different steps	REP11/MAS, Appendix III
Amendment to the Preamble of Section 6, Aquaculture Products of the Code of Practice for Fish and Fishery Products	REP11/FFP, Appendix II

APPENDIX II

**LIST OF DRAFT STANDARDS AND RELATED TEXTS APPROVED AS NEW WORK BY
THE 34TH SESSION OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION**

Responsible Body	Standard and Related Texts	Reference	Job Code
CCRVDF	Performance criteria for multi-residue analytical methods for veterinary drug residue analyses (Appendix to the <i>Guidelines for the design and implementation of national regulatory food safety assurance programmes associated with the use of veterinary drugs in food producing animals</i> (CAC/GL 71-2009))	REP11/RVDF, Appendix V	N01-2011
CCRVDF	Priority list of veterinary drugs for evaluation or re-evaluation by JECFA	REP11/RVDF, Appendix VI	ongoing
CCEURO	Regional Standard for Fresh Fungus "Chanterelle"	REP11/EURO, Appendix II	N02-2011
CCEURO	Regional Standard for Ayran	REP11/EURO, Appendix III	N03-2011
CCNFSDU	Inclusion of a New Part B for Underweight Children in the <i>Standard for Processed Cereal-Based Foods for Infants and Young Children</i> (CODEX STAN 74-1981)	REP11/NFSDU, Appendix V	N04-2011
CCASIA	Regional Standard for Tempe	REP11/ASIA, Appendix IV	N05-2011
CCFFV CCASIA	(Regional) Standard for Durian	REP11/ASIA, Appendix V	N06-2011
CCFH	Guidelines for Control of Specific Zoonotic Parasites in Meat: <i>Trichinella spiralis</i> and <i>Cysticercus bovis</i>	REP11/FH, Appendix VI	N07-2011
CCFH	Annex on Melons to the <i>Code of Hygienic Practice for Fresh Fruits and Vegetables</i> (CAC/RCP 53-2003)	REP11/FH, Appendix VII	N08-2011
CCFO	Standard for Fish Oils	REP11/FO, Appendix VI	N09-2011
CCFO	Amendment to parameters for rice bran oil in the <i>Standard for Named Vegetable Oils</i>	REP11/FO, Appendix VII	N10-2011
CCMAS	Principles for the Use of Sampling and Testing in International Food Trade	REP11/MAS, Appendix IV	N11-2011
CCCF	Maximum Levels for Arsenic in Rice	REP11/CF, Appendix IV	N12-2011
CCS	Standard for "Panela"	REP11/LAC, para. 135	N13-2011

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CCASIA	Regional Standard for Laver Products	REP11/ASIA, para. 144 and REP 11/FFP, para. 176	N14-2011
CCFFP	Criteria/Parameters for screening methods for biotoxins in the Standard for Live and Raw Bivalve Molluscs	REP11/FFP, paras 119-121	N15-2011
CCFFP	Code of Practice for Fish and Fishery Products (section on sturgeon cavier)	REP11/FFP para. 178	N16-2011
CCFFV	Standard for Golden Passion Fruit (problem in Spanish text)	REP11/FFV para. 143	N17-2011
CCFL	Inclusion of new substances into the Guidelines for the Production, Processing, Labelling and Marketing of Organically Produced Foods	REP11/FL, Appendix VI	N18-2011
CCPFV	Standard for Certain Quick Frozen Vegetables	REP11/PFV, paras 116-117	N19-2011
CCPFV	Standard for Certain Canned Fruits	REP11/PFV, paras 116-117	N20-2011
CCPR	Priority List for the Establishment of MRLs for Pesticides	REP11/PR, Appendix XI	Ongoing
CCNEA	Regional Standard for Doogh	REP11/NEA, paras 80-82	N21-2011
CCMAS	Definitions and Criteria for Proprietary Methods in Codex Standards for Inclusion in the Procedural Manual	REP11/MAS, para. 78	Procedure