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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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INFORMATION ON ACTIVITIES

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION (CODEX)

The following communication, received on 10 October 2014, is being circulated at the request of the Codex secretariat.

1 CODEX SESSIONS SINCE THE LAST MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE (JULY 2014)

- 69th Executive Committee of Codex Alimentarius Commission (Geneva, Switzerland, 8-11 July 2014).
- 37th Codex Alimentarius Commission (Geneva, Switzerland, 14-18 July 2014).
- 27th Codex Committee on Processed Fruits and Vegetables (Philadelphia, The United States of America, 8-12 September 2014).
- 13th FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for North America and South West Pacific (Kokopo, Papua New Guinea, 23-26 September 2014).
- 29th FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Europe (The Hague, Netherlands, 30 September-3 October 2014).

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

1.1. The 37th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, among others:

- adopted new or revised food quality and safety standards and related texts; new or revised provisions for additives and contaminants (maximum levels); new or revised provisions for pesticides and veterinary drugs (maximum residue limits)¹; and approved new work proposals²;
- elected as Chairperson Mrs Awilo Ochieng Pernet (Switzerland), and as Vice-Chairpersons: Mr Guilherme Antonio da Costa Jr. (Brazil), Ms Yayoi Tsujiyama (Japan) and Mr Mahamadou Sako (Mali);
- endorsed the conclusion of the Executive Committee to establish a monitoring framework for the implementation of the Strategic Plan 2014-2019;
- noted the continued interest in the Codex Trust Fund (CTF) and its importance to enable participation in Codex and expressed support to the development and implementation of a successor initiative when current CTF ends in 2015;
- endorsed the guidance to promote collaboration between Codex and OIE.

2 FORTHCOMING CODEX MEETINGS³

- 21st Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Executive (Brisbane, Australia, 13-17 October 2014).
- 42nd Codex Committee on Food Labelling (Rome, Italy, 21-24 October 2014).
- 19th FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Asia (Tokyo, Japan, 3-7 November 2014).

¹ Appendix I.

² Appendix II.

³ For the agenda please visit the Codex website at: <http://www.codexalimentarius.org/meetings-reports/en/>. For some Codex meetings scheduled for late 2014 or early 2015 the agenda may not yet be available.

- 19th FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Latin America and the Caribbean (San Jose, Costa Rica, 10-14 November 2014).
- 46th Codex Committee on Food Hygiene (Lima, Peru, 17-21 November 2014).
- 36th Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses (Bali, Indonesia, 24-28 November 2014).
- 21st FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Africa (Yaoundé, Cameroon, 27-30 January 2015).
- 24th Codex Committee on Fats and Oils (TBA, Malaysia, 9-13 February 2015).
- 8th FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Near East (TBA, Lebanon, 16-20 February 2015).

2.1. The **Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems** will consider matters addressing principles and guidelines for the elaboration and management of questionnaires directed at exporting countries; principles and guidelines for monitoring regulatory performance of national food control systems; revision of the principles and guidelines for the exchange of information in food safety emergency situations (CAC/GL 19-1995); amendments to the guidelines for the exchange of information between countries on rejections of imported foods (CAC/GL 25-1997); and consideration of emerging issues and future work direction for the work of the Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems.

2.2. The **Codex Committee on Food Hygiene** will consider in particular Guidelines for Control of Specific Zoonotic Parasites in Meat: *Trichinella spp.*; Annex on Statistical and Mathematical Considerations to the Principles and Guidelines for the Establishment and Application of Microbiological Criteria Related to Foods; Code of Practice for Low-Moisture Foods; Guidelines for the Control of Nontyphoidal *Salmonella spp.* In Beef and Pork Meat; and Guidelines on the Application of General Principles of Food Hygiene to the Control of Foodborne Parasites.

3 SCIENTIFIC ADVICE

3.1. The document on the status of requests for scientific advice provided by FAO and WHO is available at the following address: ftp://ftp.fao.org/codex/meetings/CAC/CAC37/cac37_14e.pdf.

4 TECHNICAL COOPERATION

4.1. The document on relevant activities of FAO and WHO, including specific projects at the regional and national level, is available at the following address: ftp://ftp.fao.org/codex/meetings/CAC/CAC37/cac37_14e_add1.pdf.

4.2. The documents on the Codex Trust Fund are available at the following addresses: ftp://ftp.fao.org/codex/meetings/CAC/CAC37/cac37_13e.pdf, ftp://ftp.fao.org/codex/meetings/CAC/CAC37/cac37_13_add1e.pdf.

APPENDIX I

LIST OF ADOPTED STANDARDS AND RELATED TEXTS

Standards and Related Texts	Reference	Status
Risk Management Recommendations (RMRs) for chloramphenicol, malachite green, carbadox, furazolidone, nitrofurazone, chlorpromazine, stilbenes and olaquinox	REP14/RVDF Appendix IV	Adopted
Performance Characteristics for Multi-Residues Methods (MRMs) for Veterinary Drugs (Appendix C of CAC/GL 71-2009)	REP14/RVDF Appendix VI	Adopted
Guidelines for the Control of <i>Taenia saginata</i> in Meat of Domestic Cattle	REP14/FH Appendix IV	Adopted
Code of Hygienic Practice for Spices and Dried Aromatic Herbs (CAC/RCP 42-1995) (Revision)	REP14/FH Appendix V	Adopted
Definitions of the <i>Principles and Guidelines for the Conduct of Microbiological Risk Assessment</i> (CAC/GL 30-1999) (Amendment)	REP14/FH Appendix II	Adopted
Performance Criteria for Methods for the Determination of Marine Biotoxins (Section I-8.6) in the <i>Standard for Live and Raw Bivalve Molluscs</i>	REP14/FFP Appendix II	Section I-8.6.1 Adopted
Standard for Fresh and Quick Frozen Raw Scallop Products	REP14/FFP Appendix III	Adopted (Labeling provisions to be endorsed by CCFL)
Food Additive Provisions in Standards for Fish and Fishery Products (Revision)	REP14/FFP Appendix VI	Adopted
Standard for Passion Fruit	REP14/FFV Appendix II	Adopted with editorial amendments Spanish version (Labeling provisions to be endorsed by CCFL)
Standard for Durian	REP14/FFV Appendix III	Adopted (Labeling provisions to be endorsed by CCFL)
Standard for Okra	REP14/FFV Appendix IV	Adopted (Labeling provisions to be endorsed by CCFL)
Methods of Analysis and Sampling in Codex Standards	REP14/MAS Appendix II	Adopted with exception I-8.6.2 Biological and Functional Methods to Determine Paralytic Shellfish
Food Additive Provisions of the <i>General Standard for Food Additives</i> (GSFA)	REP14/FA Appendix IX	Adopted
Guidelines for the Simple Evaluation of Dietary Exposure to Food Additives (Revision of CAC/GL 3-1989)	REP14/FA Appendix VIII	Adopted
International Numbering System for Food Additives (CAC/GL 36-1989) (Amendment)	REP14/FA Appendix XIII	Adopted
Specifications for the Identity and Purity of Food Additives	REP14/FA Appendix XIV	Adopted
Notes of the GSFA (Amendment)	REP14/FA Appendix II	Adopted
Provisions for Aluminium-containing Food Additives in Selected Standards (Revision)	REP14/FA Appendix III	Adopted
Food Additive Sections of Standards for Meat Products (Revision)	REP14/FA Appendix VII	Adopted

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Food Additives Provisions of Food Category 08.0 "Meat and meat products, including poultry" and its Sub-categories of the GSFA (Revision)	REP14/FA Appendix IX Part D	Adopted with amendments
Maximum Level for Lead in Infant Formula and Formula for Special Medical Purposes Intended for Infants and for Follow up Formula (Revision)	REP14/CF Appendix II	Adopted
Maximum Level for Inorganic Arsenic in Polished Rice	REP14/CF Appendix III	Adopted
Maximum Levels for Fumonisin in Maize and Maize Products and Associated Sampling Plans	REP14/CF Appendix IV	Adopted (Sampling plans to be endorsed by CCMAS)
Annex for the Prevention and Reduction of Aflatoxins and Ochratoxin A Contamination in Sorghum (<i>Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Mycotoxin Contamination in Cereals</i> CAC/RCP 51-2003)	REP14/CF Appendix V	Adopted
Code of Practice for Weed Control to Prevent and Reduce Pyrrolizidine Alkaloid Contamination in Food and Feed	REP14/CF Appendix VI	Adopted
<i>General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in Food and Feed</i> (Editorial Amendments)	REP14/CF Appendix VII	Adopted
Maximum Residue Limits for Pesticides	REP14/PR Appendices II and III	Adopted
Consequential Amendments for the Maximum Residue Limits for "Citrus Fruits" and "Lemons and Limes" following the Revision of the Classification of Food and Feed as per the Fruit Commodity Groups (Inclusion of Kumquats Under the Citrus Fruit Group)	REP14/PR Appendix VIII	Adopted

APPENDIX II

LIST OF APPROVED NEW WORK

Codex Body	Text	Reference	Job Number
CCRVDF	Priority List of Veterinary Drugs for Evaluation or Re-evaluation by JECFA	REP14/RVDF, Appendix X	Ongoing
CCNFSDU	Potential NRV for Potassium in Relation to the Risk of NCD	REP14/NFSDU, Appendix III	N01-2014
CCFH	Guidelines for the Control of Nontyphoidal <i>Salmonella</i> spp. in Beef and Pork Meat	REP14/FH, Appendix VI	N02-2014
CCFH	Guidelines on the Application of General Principles of Food Hygiene to the Control of Foodborne Parasites	REP14/FH, Appendix VII	N03-2014
CCSCH	Standard for Black, White and Green Pepper	REP14/SCH, Appendix II	N04-2014
CCSCH	Standard for Cumin	REP14/SCH, Appendix III	N05-2014
CCSCH	Standard for Oregano	REP14/SCH, Appendix IV	N06-2014
CCSCH	Standard for Thyme	REP14/SCH, CX/CAC 14/37/9 Annex 1	N07-2014
CCFFV	Standard for Ware Potato	REP14/FFV, Appendix V	N08-2014
CCFFV	Standard for Garlic	REP14/FFV, Appendix VI	N09-2014
CCFFV	Standard for Aubergines	REP14/FFV, Appendix VII	N10-2014
CCFFV	Standard for Kiwifruit	REP14/FFV, Appendix VIII	N11-2014
CCCF	Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Arsenic Contamination in Rice	REP14/CF, Appendix VIII	N12-2014
CCCF	Revision of the <i>Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Mycotoxin Contamination in Cereals</i> (CAC/RCP 51-2003)	REP14/CF, Appendix IX	N13-2014
CCCF	Maximum Level for Total Aflatoxins in Ready-to-eat Peanuts and Associated Sampling Plan	REP14/CF, Appendix X	N14-2014
CCCF	Maximum Levels for Cadmium in Chocolate and Cocoa-derived Products	REP14/CF, Appendix XI	N15-2014
CCPR	Priority List for the Establishment of Maximum Residue Limits for Pesticides	REP14/PR, Appendix XV	Ongoing
CCMMP	Standard for Processed Cheese	CX/CAC 14/37/10 Add.1, Annex 3	N16-2014