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INFORMATION ON ACTIVITIES

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION (CODEX)

The following communication, received on 27 June 2019, is being circulated at the request of the Codex secretariat.

1 CODEX SESSIONS BETWEEN OCTOBER 2018 AND FEBRUARY 2019

- 26th Codex Committee on Fats and Oils (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 25 February – 1 March 2019)
- 31st Codex Committee on General Principles (Bordeaux, France, 11–15 March 2019)
- 51st Codex Committee on Food Additives (Jinan, China, 25–29 March 2019)
- 51st Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (Macao SAR, China, 8–13 April 2019)
- 13th Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods (Yogyakarta, Indonesia, 29 April – 3 May 2019)
- 45th Codex Committee on Food Labelling (Ottawa, Canada, 13–17 May 2019)
- 40th Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling (Budapest, Hungary, 27–31 May 2019)

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

1.1. The **Codex Committee on Food Additives** concluded its work on *Specifications for the Identity and Purity of Food Additives* (CXM 6); food-additive provisions of the *General Standard for Food Additives* (GSFA) (CXS192-1995); revision of the *Class Names and the International Numbering System for Food Additives* (CXG 36-1989). The Committee agreed to forward to CAC42 for adoption of the revised food additives section of a number of commodity standards related to its work on alignment. The Committee also forwarded to CAC42 for adoption of the revised food additive provisions of the GSFA in relation to the replacement Notes to Note 161. The Committee agreed to continue its work on food additive provisions of the GSFA; revision of CXG 36-1989; specifications for the Identity and Purity of Food Additives prepared by the 87th meeting of JECFA; alignment of the food additive provisions of commodity standards and relevant provisions of the GSFA; and proposal for additions and changes to the Priority List of substances proposed for evaluation by JECFA.

Full report: REP19/FA (http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/sh-proxy/en/?lnk=1&url=https%253A%252F%252Fworkspace.fao.org%252Fsites%252Fcodex%252FMeetings%252FCX-711-51%252FReport%252FREP19_FAE.pdf)

1.2. The **Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues** finalized maximum residue limits (MRLs) for different combinations of pesticide/commodity(ies) and continues the revision of the *Classification of Food and Feed* (CX/M 4-1989).

Full report: REP19/PR (http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/sh-proxy/en/?lnk=1&url=https%253A%252F%252Fworkspace.fao.org%252Fsites%252Fcodex%252FMeetings%252FCX-718-51%252FREPORT%252FFinal%252520Report%252FREP19_PRe.pdf)

1.3. The **Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods** finalized revision of the maximum levels (MLs) for lead in selected commodities in the *General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in Food and Feed* (CXS 193-1995); development of MLs for cadmium in certain categories of chocolates;

Code of practice for the reduction of 3-chloropropane-1,2-diol or 3-chloropropane-1,2-diol ester(s) (MCPDEs) and Glycidyl ester(s) (GEs) in refined oils and food products made with refined oils; and Guidelines for Rapid Risk Analysis Following Instances of Detection of Contaminants in Food Where There Is No Regulatory Level. The Committee continues work on the development of MLs for cadmium in other chocolates and cocoa-derived products.

Full report: REP19/CF (http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/sh-proxy/en/?lnk=1&url=https%253A%252F%252Fworkspace.fao.org%252Fsites%252Fcodex%252FMeetings%252FCX-735-13%252FREPORT%252FFinal%252520Report%252FREP19_CFe.pdf)

1.4. The **Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling** finalized the preamble and document structure for the General Standard on Methods of Analysis and Sampling (CXS 234-1999) and methods of analysis/performance criteria for provisions in Codex standards. The Committee continues work on endorsement of methods of analysis and sampling in Codex standards and other matters related to sampling procedures and the review and update of the *Standard on Methods of Analysis and Sampling* (CXS 234-1999)

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2 FORTHCOMING CODEX MEETINGS

- 77th Executive Committee of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Geneva, Switzerland, 1-5 July 2019)
- 42nd Codex Alimentarius Commission (Geneva, Switzerland, 8-12 July 2019)
- 23rd FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Africa (Nairobi, Kenya, 2-6 September 2019)
- 15th FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for North America and South West Pacific (Port Vila, Vanuatu, 16-20 September 2019)
- 21st FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Asia (Goa, India, 23-27 September 2019)
- 31st FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Europe (Almaty, Kazakhstan, 30 September – 4 October 2019)
- 21st Codex Committee on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables (Monterrey, Nuevo León, Mexico, 7-11 October 2019)
- 21st FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Latin America and the Caribbean (Santiago, Chile, 21-15 October 2019)
- 51st Codex Committee on Food Hygiene (Cleveland, USA, 4-8 November 2019)
- 10th FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Near East (TBA, November 2019 (dates to be confirmed))
- 41st Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses (Duesseldorf, Germany, 24-29 November 2019)
- 7th Ad hoc Codex Intergovernmental Task Force on Antimicrobial Resistance (Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea, 9-13 December 2019)