



## RECENT ACTIVITIES BY CODEX RELEVANT TO THE TBT COMMITTEE

### INFORMATION PROVIDED THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION

This document contains information provided by CODEX at the TBT Committee meeting of 26-27 February 2020.

#### 1 CODEX SESSIONS FROM NOVEMBER 2019 TO JANUARY 2020

- 41<sup>st</sup> Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses (Duesseldorf, Germany, 24-29 November 2019)
- 7<sup>th</sup> *Ad hoc* Codex Intergovernmental Task Force on Antimicrobial Resistance (Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea, 9-13 December 2019)
- 29<sup>th</sup> Codex Committee on Processed Fruits and Vegetables (by correspondence, January – May 2020)

1. The Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses decided to discontinue work on a condition for a claim for 'free' of trans fatty acids and the definition for biofortification. CCNFSDU agreed to advance the proposed draft scope, definition and labelling for the Section B (Drink/product for young children with added nutrients or drink for young children) of the *Standard for Follow-up formula* and the proposed draft Guideline for ready-to-use therapeutic foods to the 43rd Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission for preliminary adoption.

2. The Committee agreed to continue to work on remaining sections of the *Standard for Follow-up Formula* and on establishment of NRVs-R for persons aged 6-36 months. Discussions will continue general guidelines on nutrient profiles; and harmonized probiotic guidelines for use in foods and dietary supplements [Full report](#).

3. The Committee on Processed Fruits and Vegetables works by correspondence through the online platform (<http://forum.codex-alimentarius.net/index.php>, Usergroup name: CCPFV29). On the agenda is the conversion of the *Regional Standard for Gochujang* into a worldwide standard; the conversion of the *Regional Standard for Chili Sauce* into a Worldwide Standard; revision of the *Standard for Mango Chutney*; draft General Standard for Dried Fruits; and draft General Standard for Canned Fruit Salads. The work takes place over several months. One of the benefits of a committee working by correspondence is that travel is not required for participation providing new opportunities for involvement and collaboration. The experiences on this way of working is a valuable source of information for the ongoing discussions in the Codex Committee on General Principles (CCGP) on committees working by correspondence. [Agenda](#)

#### 2 FORTHCOMING CODEX MEETINGS (FROM FEBRUARY 2020)

- 78<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Geneva, Switzerland, 10 – 14 February 2020)
- 52<sup>nd</sup> Codex Committee on Food Additives (Lanzhou, China, 2 – 6 March 2020)

- 32<sup>nd</sup> Codex Committee on General Principles (Bordeaux, France, 23 - 27 March 2020)
- 52<sup>nd</sup> Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (Guangzhou, China, 30 March – 4 April 2020)
- 14<sup>th</sup> Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods (Utrecht, Netherlands 20 – 24 April 2020)
- 25<sup>th</sup> Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems (Hobart, Tasmania, Australia, 27 April -1 May 2020)
- 41<sup>st</sup> Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling (Budapest, Hungary, 11 – 15 May 2020)
- 25<sup>th</sup> Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in foods (San Diego, USA, 25 – 29 May 2020)

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

4. The Codex Committee on General Principles will consider procedural guidance for committees working by correspondence and discuss monitoring of the use of Codex standards.

5. The Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification System will consider the draft principles and guidelines for the assessment and use of voluntary third-party assurance (VTPA) programmes; the proposed draft guidance on paperless use of electronic certificates, and also discuss the role of CCFICS with respect to tackling food fraud in the context of food safety and fair practices in food trade. [Agenda](#)

6. The Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling will consider a large number of methods of analysis provisions and sampling plans in Codex standards, the revision of Guidelines on Measurement Uncertainty and the revision of the General Guidelines on Sampling. The Committee will also review and update of methods for dairy, cereals, pulses and legumes, and fats and oils. [Agenda](#)

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