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CODEX UPDATE TO THE TBT COMMITTEE

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This document contains information provided by CODEX at the TBT Committee meeting of 13-15 July 2022 under Agenda Item 4 (Update by Observers).

1 CODEX MEETINGS HELD SINCE THE LAST SESSION OF THE TBT COMMITTEE (9-11 MARCH 2022)

22nd Session of Codex Committee on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables (CCFFV22, Virtual, 25 April -4 May 2022)

Proposed draft standard for onions and shallots, Proposed draft standard for berry fruits and Proposed draft standard for fresh dates

1.1. CCFFV22 agreed to forward the proposed draft standards to the 45th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC45) for final adoption, noting that the provisions on food labelling and food additives would be forwarded for endorsement to the Codex Committee on Food Labelling (CCFL) and Codex Committee on Food Additives (CCFA) respectively.

Proposed amendment to the Standard for Bananas

1.2. CCFFV22 agreed to forward for adoption by CAC45 the proposed editorial amendment of the Standard for Bananas (CXS 205-1997) to align the Scope of the Standard to correctly reflect the list of varieties covered by its Annex.

Proposal for new work on development of a standard for Castilla lulo and a standard for fresh curry leaves

1.3. CCFFV22 agreed to recommend approval of new works on Castilla lulo and fresh curry leaves by CAC45.

Information documents

1.4. CCFFV22 agreed to publish the following two documents on the Codex website as information documents:

- the proposed layout for Codex standards for fresh fruits and vegetables
- the definition of terms for application in the layout for Codex standards for fresh fruits and vegetables

The report of CCFFV22 is available on the Codex [webpage](#).

32nd Session of FAO/WHO Regional Committee for Europe (CCEURO32, Virtual, 16-20 May 2022)

1.5. Issues of relevance to the TBT Committee discussed at CCEURO32 included a keynote speech on sustainability of food systems and the role of Codex and the application of the Statements of

Principle concerning the role of science in the Codex decision-making process and the extent to which other factors are taken into account (SoP), and a side event on food fraud.

1.6. The recordings of the side event on food fraud and the report of CCEURO32 are available on the Codex [webpage](#).

2 FORTHCOMING CODEX MEETINGS OF TBT RELEVANCE (AS OF JUNE 2022. SEE THE CODEX WEBSITE FOR THE FULL MEETING CALENDAR)

- 82nd Session of the Executive Committee of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CCEXEC82, Virtual, 20 - 30 June 2022)
- 24th Session of the FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Africa (CCAFRICA24, Virtual, 5 - 13 September 2022)
- CCAFRICA will discuss issues related to the use of Codex standards in the region and other issues important to the region in all Codex committees which may include also TBT related matters.
- 6th Session of the Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs (CCSCH6, Virtual, 26 September - 3 October 2022)

2.1. Regular updates on the status of work of these Committees are published on their dedicated webpages: [CCEXEC82](#), [CCAFRICA24](#) and [CCSCH6](#). For specific questions on the status of work in Codex committees of interest to TBT delegates please check the dedicated webpages or send an email to codex@fao.org.

3 GENERAL

3.1. The Codex Secretariat in collaboration with Host Country Secretariats are continuing to convene working group meetings and webinars in advance of Codex subsidiary sessions to support delegations' preparations and facilitate discussions and consensus-building. Further information is available on the Committee webpages and the [Codex calendar](#).

4 WORLD FOOD SAFETY DAY

4.1. World Food Safety Day (WFSD) is an annual celebration to draw attention and inspire action to help prevent, detect and manage foodborne risks. The theme for WFSD 2022, "*Safer food, better health*", which will be celebrated on 7 June 2022, was announced on 7 March. The [guide](#) to WFSD explains more about the theme and offers pointers on what the Day is about and how to get engaged.

4.2. The WFSD slogan "*Food safety is everyone's business*" is a reminder that everyone plays a role in keeping food safe. Taking this into account, the guide and the WFSD event website are aimed at people from the food industry, academia, schools, governments and the general public. The Codex Secretariat in collaboration with FAO and WHO, are inviting these categories to celebrate WFSD and use the campaign material available on the [WFSD website](#), which includes [social media cards](#), [gadgets and posters in 34 languages](#).
