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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

RESULTS OF THE 46TH SESSION OF THE CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD HYGIENE HELD IN PERU

COMMUNICATION FROM PERU

The following communication, received on 10 March 2015, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of <u>Peru</u>.

1. The Codex Committee on Food Hygiene (CCFH) held its 46th meeting in Lima, Peru, from 17 to 21 November 2014.¹ The meeting was attended by 144 delegates from 56 member countries, three representatives of the Member Organization and 68 Codex observers.

2. The overall objective of this meeting was to discuss and assess the continuation of work on the proposed draft Codex standards relating to food hygiene, with the aim of ensuring food safety and improving trade relations between Codex member countries. Among the topics discussed were principles of hygiene for the control of parasites in foods, guidelines for the prevention of Trichinella in pig meat, and general principles of hygiene for low-moisture foods.

3. In addition, the meeting reinforced the close ties between Peru's National Codex Committee and the other Codex Committees worldwide, strengthening the capacities of the Technical Committee on Food Hygiene through coordinated and methodical work on issues of national interest. It also provided an opportunity to showcase Peru's culture, gastronomy and biodiversity.

4. It is important to note that the Government of Peru is working on the subject of food safety with production, trading and export companies, as well as with consumers, which is why it has included in Peru's National Codex Committee an industry representative, a consumer representative, and a representative from academia.

¹ As notified to this Committee at the October 2014 meeting in document G/SPS/GEN/1362.