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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 13 October 2016, is being circulated at the request of the Codex secretariat.

#### 1 CODEX SESSIONS SINCE THE LAST MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE (JULY 2016)

- 72<sup>nd</sup> Executive Committee of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Geneva, Switzerland, 30 August – 1 September 2016)
- 28<sup>th</sup> Codex Committee on Processed Fruits and Vegetables (Washington D.C., United States of America, 12-16 September 2016)
- 14<sup>th</sup> FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for North America and South West Pacific (Port Vila, Vanuatu, 19–22 September 2016)
- 20<sup>th</sup> FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee For Asia (New Delhi, India, 26–30 September 2016)
- 30<sup>th</sup> FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee For Europe (Astana, Kazakhstan, 3–7 October 2016)
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods (Houston, United States of America, 17–21 October 2016)

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

1.1. The **Executive Committee of the Codex Alimentarius Commission** discussed on implementation on Critical review, Committees Working by Correspondence and Codex Work management.

Full report: [http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/sh-proxy/en/?lnk=1&url=https%253A%252F%252Fworkspace.fao.org%252Fsites%252Fcodex%252FMeetings%252FCX-702-72%252FReport%252FREP17\\_EXEC1e.pdf](http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/sh-proxy/en/?lnk=1&url=https%253A%252F%252Fworkspace.fao.org%252Fsites%252Fcodex%252FMeetings%252FCX-702-72%252FReport%252FREP17_EXEC1e.pdf)

1.2. For the following session, oral report will be made for the matters relevant to SPS Committee:

- 23<sup>rd</sup> Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods (Houston, United States of America, 17–21 October 2016).

#### 2 FORTHCOMING CODEX MEETINGS

- 48<sup>th</sup> Codex Committee on Food Hygiene (Los Angeles, United States of America, 7-11 November 2016)
- 20<sup>th</sup> FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Latin America and the Caribbean (Viña del Mar, Chile, 21–25 November 2016)
- 38<sup>th</sup> Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses (Hamburg, Germany, 5–9 December 2016)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Africa (Nairobi, Kenya, 16–20 January 2017)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs (Chennai, India, 6–10 February 2017)
- 9<sup>th</sup> FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee For Near East (TBA, Iran (Islamic Republic of), 20-24 February 2017)

- 25<sup>th</sup> Codex Committee on Fats and Oils (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 27 February – 3 March 2017)

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

2.1. The **Codex Committee on Food Hygiene** will consider in particular: revision of the *General Principles of Food Hygiene* (CAC/RCP 1-1969) and its HACCP Annex; revision of the *Code of Hygienic Practice for Fresh Fruits and Vegetables* (CAC/RCP 53-2003); development of Guidance on histamine control and sampling plans for histamine.

For the agenda see [http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/sh-proxy/en/?Ink=1&url=https%253A%252F%252Fworkspace.fao.org%252Fsites%252Fcodex%252FMeetings%252FCX-712-48%252FWorking%252520Document%252Ffh48\\_01e.pdf](http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/sh-proxy/en/?Ink=1&url=https%253A%252F%252Fworkspace.fao.org%252Fsites%252Fcodex%252FMeetings%252FCX-712-48%252FWorking%252520Document%252Ffh48_01e.pdf)

2.2. Note: New round of FAO/WHO Regional Coordinating Committees (RCCs) started in September 2016 from CCNASWP. CAC38 (2015) welcomed a process of "revitalisation" of RCCs to make them more strategic forward thinking on food safety and quality issues related to the region. The "revitalisation" process include among others the alignment of the agenda of the six RCCs and the development of a platform to collect and share information on food control.

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