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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 15 June 2018, is being circulated at the request of the Codex secretariat.

#### 1 CODEX SESSIONS SINCE THE LAST MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE (MARCH 2018)

- 12<sup>th</sup> Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods (Utrecht, Netherlands, 12-16 March 2018)
- 50<sup>th</sup> Codex Committee on Food Additives (Xiamen, Fujian Province, China, 26-30 March 2018)
- 50<sup>th</sup> Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (Haikou, China, 9-14 April 2018)
- 24<sup>th</sup> Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods (Chicago, United States of America, 23-27 April 2018)
- 39<sup>th</sup> Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling (Budapest, Hungary, 7-11 May 2018)

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

1.1. The **Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods** finalized the revision of the existing maximum levels (MLs) for lead in grape juice, mango chutney, canned brassica vegetables, fresh farmed mushrooms, food grade salt (excluding salt from marshes), fat spreads and blended spreads, edible fats and oils; development of MLs for cadmium in (i) chocolate containing or declaring  $\geq 50\%$  to  $< 70\%$  total cocoa solids on a dry matter basis and (ii) chocolate containing or declaring  $\geq 70\%$  total cocoa solids on a dry matter basis; development of MLs for methylmercury in tuna, alfonso, marlin and shark; and the revision of the *Code of practice for the prevention and reduction of dioxins, dioxin-like PCBs and non-dioxin-like PCBs in food and feed* (CXC 62-2006). The Committee continues work on the development of a Code of practice for the reduction of 3-monochloropropane-1-2-diol esters (3-MCPDE) and glycidyl esters (GE) in refined oils and food products made with refined oils; development of Guidelines for risk analysis of instances of contaminants in food where there is no regulatory level or risk management framework established; the revision of MLs for lead in remaining commodities in the *General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in Food and Feed* (CXS 193-1995); and development of MLs for cadmium in other chocolates and cocoa-derived products.

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1.2. 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 CAC41 for adoption the revised food additives section of a number of commodity standards related to its work on alignment. The Committee also forwarded to CAC41 for adoption the revised food additives section of Standards for other commodities related to the change of the food additive name of INS 554. 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 86th 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. The Committee also agreed to establish an electronic working group to develop wording for an alternative to Note 161 relating to the use of sweeteners.

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**1.3. The Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues** finalized maximum residue limits (MRLs) for different combinations of pesticide/commodity(ies) and concluded on the revision to the *Classification of Food and Feed* (CX/M 4-1989) for Type 04 (Nuts, seeds and saps) and Type 05 (Herbs and spices) including corresponding tables on examples of representative commodities for these types (for inclusion in the *Principles and guidance for the selection of representative commodities for the extrapolation of MRLs for pesticides to commodities groups* (CX/G 84-2012)). The Committee continues work on MRLs for different combinations of pesticide/commodity(ies) and the revision of the *Classification of Food and Feed* including the development of tables of representative commodities for feed.

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**1.4. The Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods** finalized maximum residue limits (MRLs) for amoxicillin (finfish fillet, muscle); ampicillin (finfish fillet, muscle); lufenuron (salmon and trout fillet) and monepantel (cattle fat, kidney, liver, muscle). The Committee also finalized the Risk Management Recommendation for gentian violet. The Committee continues discussion on MRLs for flumethrin in honey and zilpaterol hydrochloride in cattle fat, kidney, liver, muscle.

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**1.5. The Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling** 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

- 24<sup>th</sup> Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems (Brisbane, Australia, 22 – 26 October 2018)
- 50<sup>th</sup> Codex Committee on Food Hygiene (Panama City, Panama, 12 - 16 November 2018)
- 40<sup>th</sup> Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses (Berlin, Germany, 26 – 30 November 2018)
- 6<sup>th</sup> Ad hoc Codex Intergovernmental Task Force on Antimicrobial Resistance (Busan, Republic of Korea, 10 – 14 December 2018)