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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 9 October 2018, is being circulated at the request of the Codex secretariat.

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

- 41st Codex Alimentarius Commission (Rome, Italy, 2-6 July 2018)
- 76th Executive Committee of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Rome, Italy, 7 September 2018)

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

1.1. The **Codex Alimentarius Commission** adopted a number of standards, including maximum residue limits (MRLs) for different pesticides in various foods and feeds; maximum levels (MLs) for methylmercury in certain fish species and for cadmium in chocolate; MRLs for veterinary drugs used in food-producing animals and the Risk Management Recommendation for Gentian Violet; revisions of the Code of Practice for Fish and Fishery Products: Guidance for Histamine Control; the Code of Practice for the prevention and reduction of dioxins, dioxin-like PCBs and non-dioxin-like PCB contamination in food and feed; and the food-additive provisions of the General Standard for Food Additives, the revised food-additive sections of a number of Codex Standards, the revision of the Class Names and the International Numbering System for Food Additives and the Specifications for the Identity and Purity of Food Additives.

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-701-41%252FReport%252FFINAL%252FREP18_CACe.pdf

2 FORTHCOMING CODEX MEETINGS

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

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

2.1. The **Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems** will discuss food integrity and food authenticity as well as emerging issues and future directions for the work of CCFICS.

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2.2. The **Codex Committee on Food Hygiene** will proceed with its work on the revision of the *General Principles of Food Hygiene* and its HACCP Annex (CXC 1-1969). The Committee will also continue to work on the consequential amendments to sections the *Code of Practice for Fish and Fishery Products* (CXC 52-2003) (following the adoption of the guidance for histamine control), revisions of the section on sampling, examination and analysis in 11 standards for fish and fish products related to histamine food safety, Code of practice on food allergen management for food business operators, and Guidance for the management of (micro)biological foodborne crises/outbreaks.

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2.3. The **Ad hoc Codex Intergovernmental Task Force on Antimicrobial Resistance** will discuss the revision of the *Code of Practice to Minimize and Contain Antimicrobial Resistance* (CXC 61-2005) and will also discuss the development of the Guidelines on integrated surveillance of antimicrobial resistance.

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