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JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME

CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION

Thirty-second Session

FAO Headquarters, Rome, 29 June – 4 July 2009

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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PART VII: OTHER MATTERS

- 19. Other Business
- 20. Adoption of the Report

DRAFT TIMETABLE FOR AGENDA ITEMS PART I – PART VII

DAY	ITEMS
Monday, 29 June	1-3, 16, 17, 4-7
Tuesday, 30 June*	8-11
Wednesday, 1 July*	12-14
Thursday, 2 July	15, 18
Friday, 3 July (a.m.)	(if necessary)
Saturday, 4 July	20 (Adoption of report)

* Night sessions may be held.

NOTES ON THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

General Note: With the exception of Agenda Item 16 to be completed on the opening day of the session and Agenda Item 17, for which the election process will begin on the opening day and continue through the week, it is recommended that all items be taken in the order in which they appear.

PART I: INTRODUCTION (Items 1-3)

In accordance with Rule VII.2 of the Rules of Procedure, the first item on the Agenda is the Adoption of the Agenda. In accordance with Rule V.7 of the Rules of the Procedure the Executive Committee shall report to the Commission on the sessions of the Executive Committee held since the previous Regular Session of the Commission. The Commission at its 23rd Session (Rome, 1999) agreed that sessions of FAO/WHO (Codex) Regional Coordinating Committees should also report to the Commission.

PART II: PROCEDURAL MATTERS (Item 4)

The Commission is invited to consider amendments to the Rules of Procedure, if any. The quorum required for the purpose of adopting amendments to the Rules of Procedure is the majority of the Members of the Commission, and such amendments require a two-thirds majority of votes cast for their adoption (Rule VI.7 and Rule XV.1). Such amendments come into force only upon the approval of the Directors-General of FAO and WHO (Rule XVI.1). The Commission is also invited to consider other amendments to the Procedural Manual. The quorum required for such amendments is the normal quorum required for the transaction of business (Rule VI.7). They take effect upon the adoption of the report of the present session of the Commission.

PART III: CODEX STANDARDS AND RELATED TEXTS (Items 5-9)

The Commission is invited to consider draft standards and related texts submitted to it for adoption by subsidiary Codex Committees and Task Forces; these include drafts submitted at Step 8 of the Uniform Procedure for the Elaboration of Codex Standards, drafts submitted at Step 5 with the recommendation to omit Steps 6 and 7, and drafts submitted at Step 5 of the Accelerated Procedure. The Commission is also invited to consider proposed draft standards and related texts for adoption as draft standards and to confirm the revocation of existing Codex standards and related texts, as recommended by Codex Committees and Task Forces. Furthermore, the Commission is invited to consider proposals, from the Secretariat, for possible amendments to Codex standards and related texts in accordance with the *Guide to the Procedure for the Amendment and Revision of Codex Standards and Related Texts*¹. Finally, the Commission is invited to approve proposals to undertake the elaboration of new standards and texts (including the amendment or revision of existing texts) and proposals to discontinue work, taking into consideration the advice of the Executive Committee in the framework of the Critical Review.

PART IV: PROGRAMME AND BUDGETARY MATTERS (Items 10-11)

The Directors-General of FAO and WHO prepare an estimate of expenditure based on the proposed programme of work of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies. This estimate, with such modifications as may be considered appropriate by the Directors-General in the light of recommendations made by the Commission, shall subsequently be incorporated in the Regular Budgets of the two Organizations for approval by the appropriate governing bodies (Rule XIII.1). The Commission will be invited to endorse the proposed schedule of Codex meetings for the forthcoming biennium. This Commission will also be invited to note the progress being made on the implementation of the Strategic Plan 2008-2013. Reports will be presented on the evaluation of the capacity of the Codex secretariat and on the evaluation of Codex sessions held in developing countries

PART V: POLICY AND GENERAL MATTERS (Items 12-15)

The Commission will be invited to consider matters referred to it from its previous sessions and by its subsidiary bodies, including the review of Codex committee structure and mandates of subsidiary bodies and Codex future work on animal feeding. The Commission will be informed of the status of the relations between the

¹ Procedural Manual of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, 18th Edition.

Commission and other international governmental and non-governmental organizations. In accordance with the *Principles Concerning the Participation of International Non-governmental Organizations in the Work of the Codex Alimentarius Commission*², a list of organizations granted observer status will be presented to the Commission. The question of private standards will also be discussed. The 25th (Extraordinary) Session of the Commission requested to be kept informed of the progress and operations of the FAO/WHO Project and Trust Fund for Enhanced Participation in Codex. A Progress Report will be presented to the Commission in this regard. Furthermore, the issue of participation of developing countries on Codex meetings will be considered in the light of the discussion held at the 25th Session of the Committee on General Principles and at the FAO/WHO Regional Coordinating Committees. The Commission will be invited to consider other matters arising from FAO and WHO.

PART VI: ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS (Items 16-18)

Regional Coordinators are appointed by the Commission in accordance with Rule IV.2. The election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons and the election, on a geographic basis, of Members of the Executive Committee are governed by Rules III.1 and V.1 respectively. Because of the sequential nature of the election process a specific timetable is followed. A detailed explanatory note on the election procedure and voting is provided in document ALINORM 09/32/2. In accordance with Rule XI.10 of the Rules of Procedure, the Commission is also required to designate those countries responsible for appointing the chairpersons of Codex Committees and Task Forces (“Host Countries”).

PART VII: OTHER MATTERS (Items 19-20)

In accordance with Rule VII.5 of the Rules of Procedure, any Member of the Commission, and the Directors-General of FAO and WHO, may, after the dispatch of the Provisional Agenda, propose the inclusion of specific items in the Agenda with respect to matters of an urgent nature. In accordance with Rule X.1 of the Commission’s Rules of Procedure and established practice, the Commission shall adopt the report of its 32nd Session, based on a draft provided by the Secretariat.

DRAFT TIMETABLE FOR THE ELECTION OF THE OFFICERS OF THE COMMISSION AND MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

	OPENING OF NOMINATIONS	CLOSURE OF NOMINATIONS	SECRET BALLOT (IF REQUIRED)
Chairperson:	Monday 13:00	Tuesday 12:00	Tuesday 17:30
Vice-Chairpersons:	Wednesday 09:30	Wednesday 15:00	Wednesday 17:30
Members of the Executive Committee elected on a geographic basis:	Thursday 09:30	Thursday 15:00	Thursday 17:30

² Procedural Manual of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, 18th Edition.