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**TO:** Codex Contact Points;  
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**SUBJECT:** Distribution of the Report of the 37<sup>th</sup> Session of the Codex Committee on Food Labelling (ALINORM 09/32/22)

## A. MATTERS FOR ADOPTION BY THE 32<sup>nd</sup> SESSION OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION

### Proposed Draft Guidelines at Step 5A

1. Draft Amendment to the Guidelines for the Production, Processing, Labelling and Marketing of Organically Produced Foods: Annex 2 (conditions for use of rotenone) (para. 86, Appendix V)

Governments wishing to propose amendments or comments on the above documents should do so in writing in conformity with the Guide to the Consideration of Standards at Step 8 (see Procedural Manual of the Codex Alimentarius Commission) to the Secretary, Codex Alimentarius Commission, Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme, at the above address **before 15 June 2009**.

## B. REQUEST FOR COMMENTS AND INFORMATION

### Draft Guidelines at Step 6 of the Procedure

2. Draft Amendment to the Guidelines for the Production, Processing, Labelling and Marketing of Organically Produced Foods: Annex 1 (inclusion of ethylene for other products) (para. 81, Appendix IV)

### Proposed Draft Recommendations at Step 3 of the Procedure

3. Proposed Draft Revised Guidelines on Nutrition Labelling (Section 3.2 Listing of Nutrients) (para. 43, Appendix II)
  - *Trans-fatty acids*: Background information on the WHO Scientific Update on trans fatty acids can be found in the European Journal of Clinical Nutrition (2009) 63 (<http://www.nature.com/ejcn/journal/v63/n2s/index.html>). The WHO Scientific Update considered new evidence on the health consequences that have emerged on trans fatty acids since the last Joint FAO/WHO Expert Consultation on Fats and Oils in Human Nutrition held in 1993 (FAO, 1994)
  - *Dietary fibre*: Comments should focus on the rationale for the retention or removal of dietary fibre (para.40).
4. Proposed Draft Recommended Principles and Criteria for Legibility of Nutrition Labelling (para. 71, Appendix III)
5. Proposed Draft Recommendations for the Labelling of Foods and Food Ingredients Obtained

through Certain Techniques of Genetic Modification/Genetic Engineering (para. 105, Appendix VII).

Governments and international organizations wishing to submit comments on points 4 and 5 above should do so in writing to the Secretary, Codex Alimentarius Commission, at the above address, with a copy to Mr. Ron B. Burke, Codex Contact Point for Canada, Food Directorate, Health Canada, 200 Tunney's Pasture Driveway, Bldg. No. 7, Room 2395, Tunney's Pasture, Ottawa K1A 0L2, Canada, Fax No. +1.613.941.3537, E-mail: [codex\\_canada@hc-sc.gc.ca](mailto:codex_canada@hc-sc.gc.ca), **before 15 November 2009.**