



Analysis of Agenda Items in Preparation for the Codex Alimentarius Commission Meeting (CAC44)

*Coordination Meeting
Arab Codex Contact Points*

3 November 2021

The meeting will be held virtually:
8 – 13 November and 15 November 2021

Report adoption:
17, 18 November 2021



Agenda Items of Importance

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- ❑ Agenda Item 3: Amendments to procedural manual.
- ❑ Agenda Item 4: Output of Committees and Taskforces.
- ❑ Agenda Item 9: Elections.



Analysis will focus on:

Agenda Items 3 and 4

Committees prioritized by representatives of the Arab region

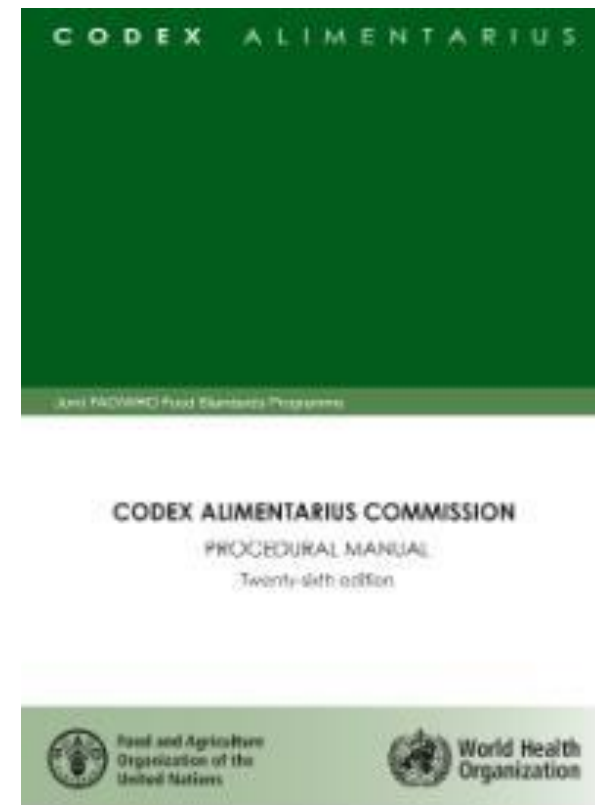
Agenda Item 3

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❑ Changes to the procedural manual as recommended by:

- CCGP: procedural guidance for Committees working by Correspondence (CWBC).
- CCRVDF: criteria for extrapolation of Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) to additional species.
 - This item is of relevance to the region, may support the development of methodological approaches for the derivation of MRLs for Camelid tissues.

These changes are submitted for endorsement by the Commission



Agenda Item 4

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CCSCH

- ☐ Standards submitted for adoption at Step 8:
 - Dried oregano – eWG chaired by Argentina, Greece
 - Dried or dehydrated ginger – eWG led by Nigeria
 - Dried cloves
 - Dried basil – eWG led by Egypt and Sudan
- ☐ Standards advancing to Step 5 (interim adoption):
 - Dried nutmeg – eWG led by Indonesia
- ☐ New work expected on:
 - Small cardamom
 - Turmeric
 - Spices derived from dried fruit and berries



Agenda Item 4 (continued)

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Analysis of Agenda Items Carried Out through the Arab Codex Initiative

☐ At Step 8:

- Maximum levels for Cadmium in:

- Chocolate with less than 30% cocoa – Reservations by the EU, Norway and Egypt
- Chocolate between 30%-50% cocoa (Step 5/8) – revision of a code of practice for prevention and reduction of lead contamination in food.



☐ At Step 5:

- Code of Practice for the prevention and reduction of Cadmium contamination in cocoa beans.

Proposals for New Work

☐ ML for MeHg in (other) fish

☐ Code of practice for the prevention and reduction of mycotoxin contamination in Casava and products.

CCFICS

- ❑ Major milestone: proposal to move draft principles and guidelines for the assessment and use of voluntary third party assurance vTA programs to Step 8
- ❑ Proposed draft guidance on paperless use of electronic certificates (Step 5/8).



New Work on the Development of Guidance on the Prevention and control of Food Fraud

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CCRVDF (refer to analysis conducted by Arab Codex)

☐ At Step 8

- Flumethrin in honey (Step 8); Diflubenzuron in salmon (Step 5/8); Halquinol in swine muscle, liver, kidney (Step 5/8)

☐ At Step 5

- Ivermectin in sheep, pig, goat tissues

☐ Priority List

- Imidacloprid in finfish; Ivermectin in other tissues; Nicarbazin in chicken

☐ Issue likely to be discussed at CAC44

- Status of Zilpaterol
 - JECFA assessment positive
 - Opposition related to consumer preferences in select markets



The issue to be discussed is how to deal with a standard moving in the Step process where all Codex conditions are met but no consensus due to other considerations

CCPR

- ☐ Successful use of the accelerated 5/8 procedure and criteria driven decision-making
 - 402 MRLs were recommended for adoption at Step 5/8
- ☐ Draft revision for the classification of food and feed (Step 5/8)
- ☐ Guidelines for compounds of low public health concern that may be exempt from MRL development and do not give rise to residues (Step 5)
- ☐ Priority JMPR list



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- ☐ Draft revision to the international numbering system
- ☐ Concurrence on alternative language to what is known as note 161 applied to provisions for sweetness
- ☐ Priority list of additives for JECFA evaluation



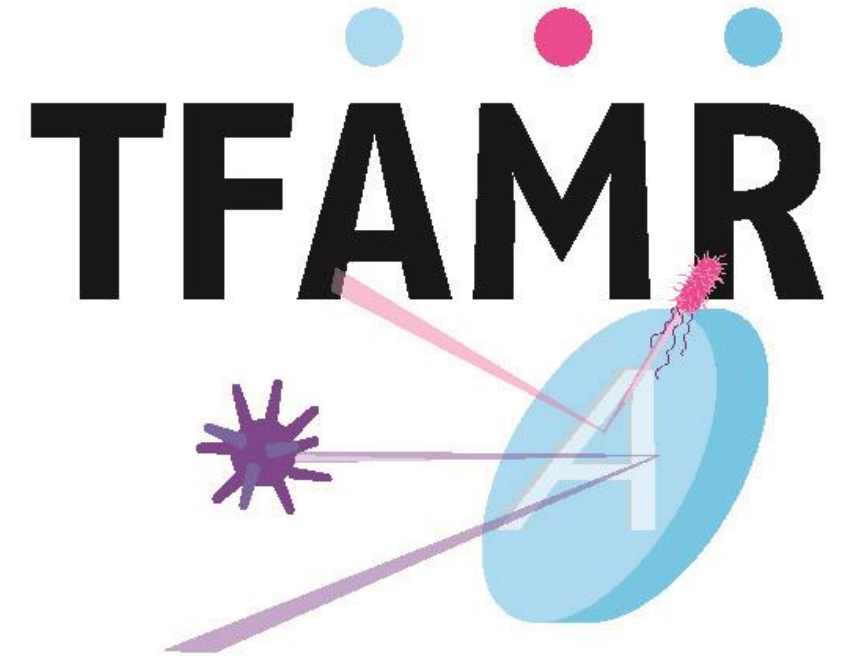
CCFL – major achievements

- ☐ Proposed draft guidelines on Front of Pack nutrition labelling to be annexed to the General Guidelines on Nutrition Labelling (CXG 2-1985) at Step 5/8
- ☐ Examine new work: labelling information through technology



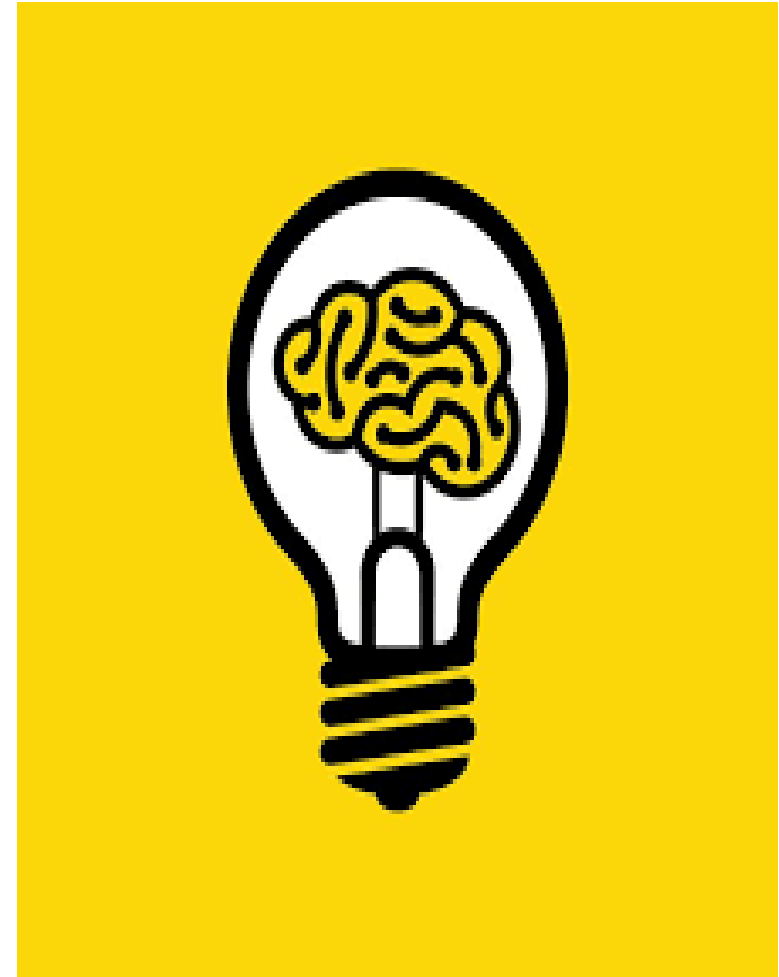
Final Adoption Recommended:

- ☐ Amended code of practice to minimize and contain foodborne AMR (CXC 61-2005) at Step 8
- ☐ Guidelines on integrated monitoring and surveillance of foodborne antimicrobial resistance at Step 5/8



Major progress made by Committees of relevance to the Arab Region

Future Codex “Season” will offer Several Draft Standards and Standards under Preparation for which the Region and its Member States should be Prepared to Contribute



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