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CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION (CAC) – PART II:

Operations of the CAC

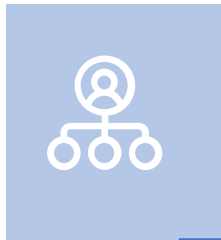
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How Does Codex Do Its Work?




Codex develops its standards, guidelines and recommendations through the use of subsidiary bodies.




Codex has 4 types of subsidiary bodies, each hosted by a member country, established to carry out its work

 1. General subject or "Horizontal" Committees

 2. Commodity specific or "Vertical" Committees

 3. Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Task Forces

 4. FAO/WHO Regional Coordinating Committees

Relevance for all food commodities

- E.g. Codex Committee on Food Labelling (CCFL)
- E.g. Codex Committee on Food Additives (CCFA)

Develop standards for specific foods or classes of food

- E.g. Codex Committee on Fats and Oils (CCFO)
- E.g. Codex Committee on Fish and Fishery Products (CCFFP)

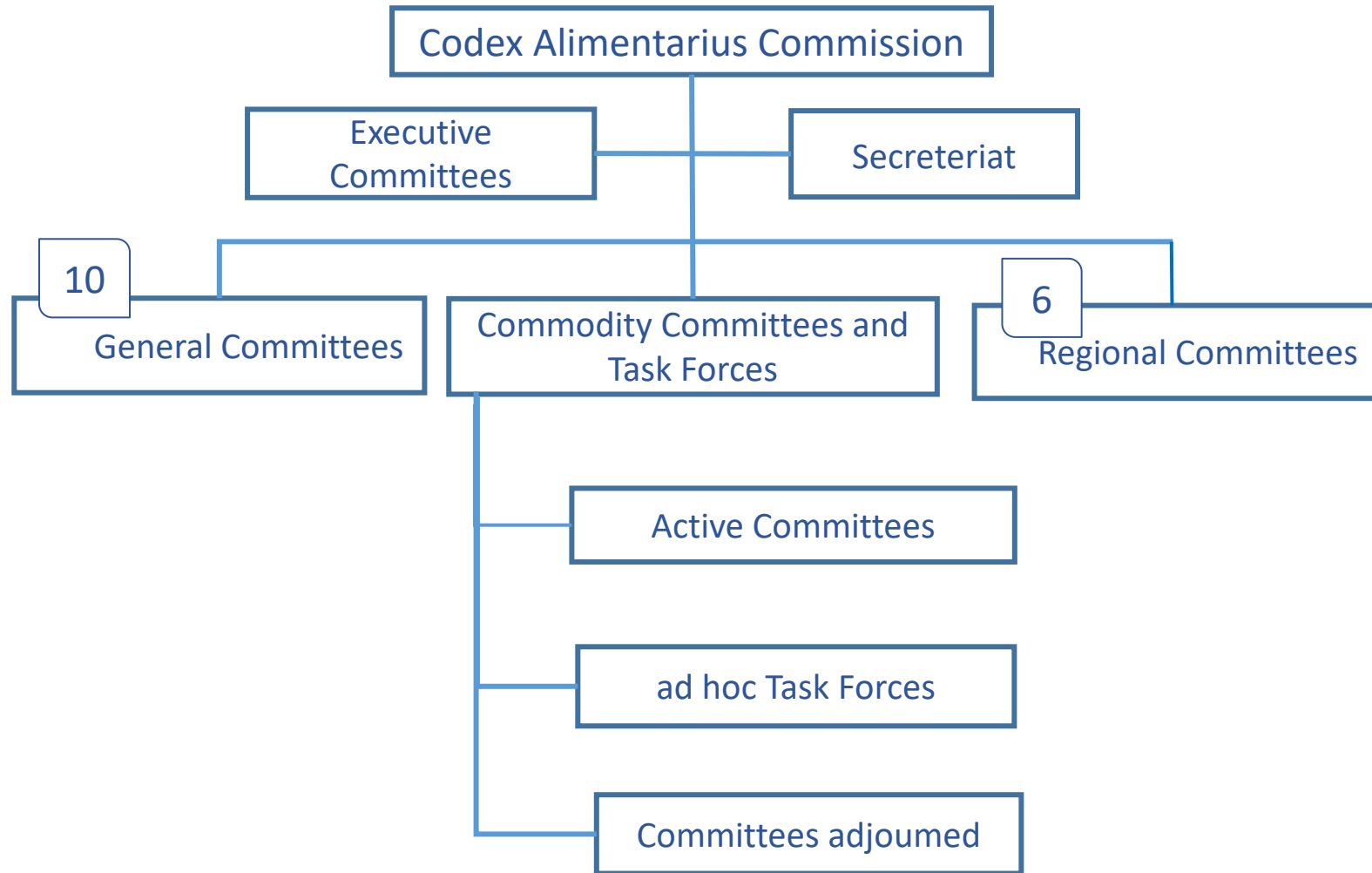
Time limited and address emerging issues

Canada is a member of the Regional Coordinating Committee for North America and the South-West Pacific (CCNASWP)

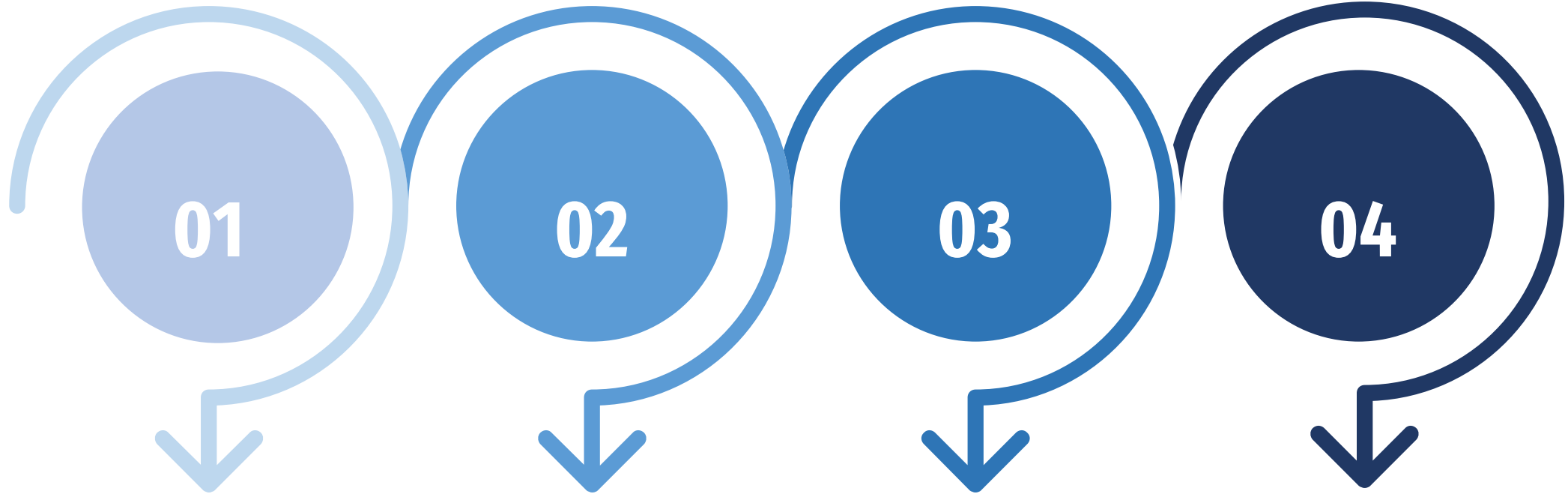
CCFH, CCFO, CCFL...



Structure of the Codex Alimentarius Commission



Process to Develop/Revise Codex Text



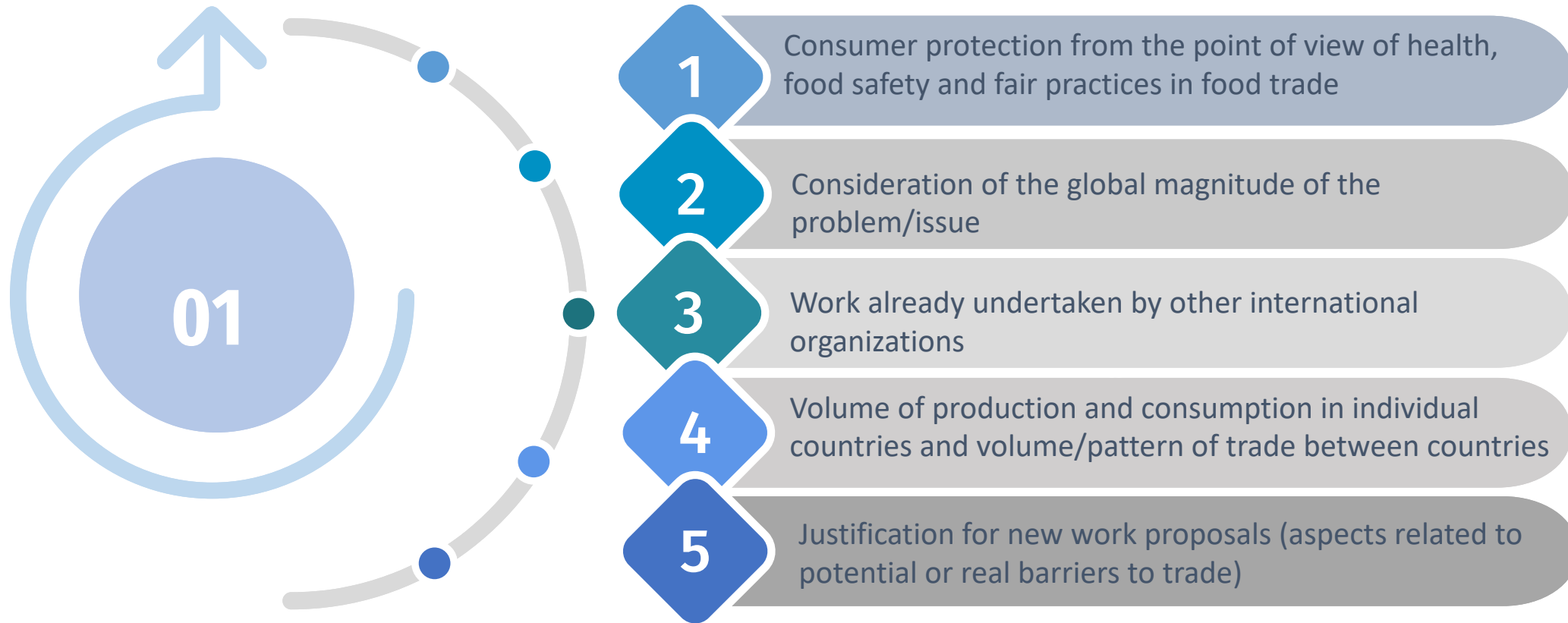
1. Criteria for the Establishment of Work Priorities

2. Project Document

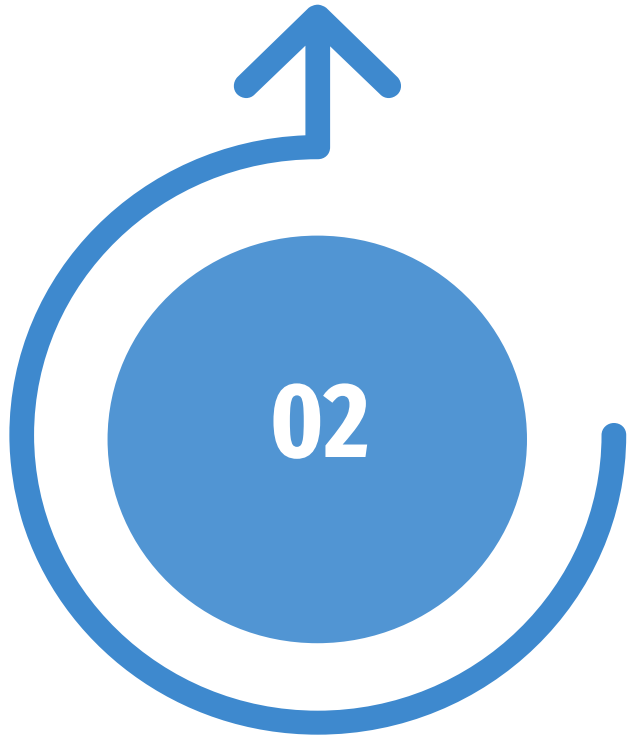
3. Critical Review Process

4. Codex Step Process

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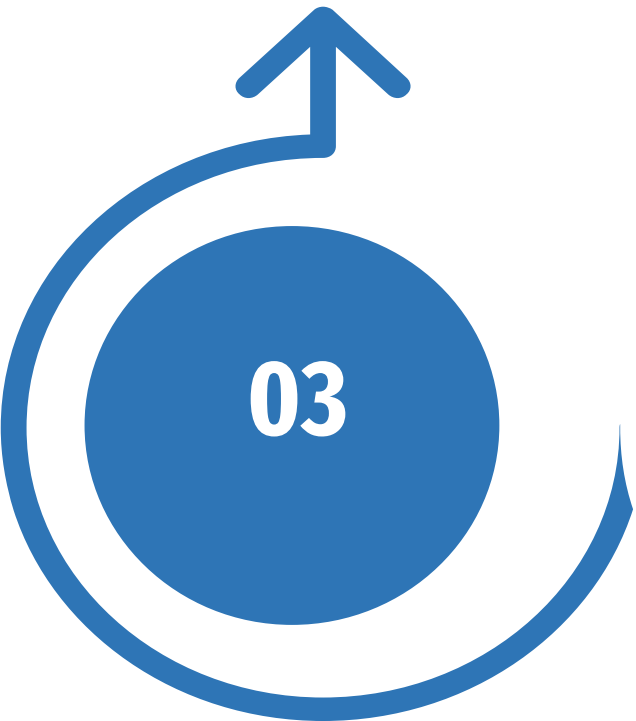


2. Project Document Must Include

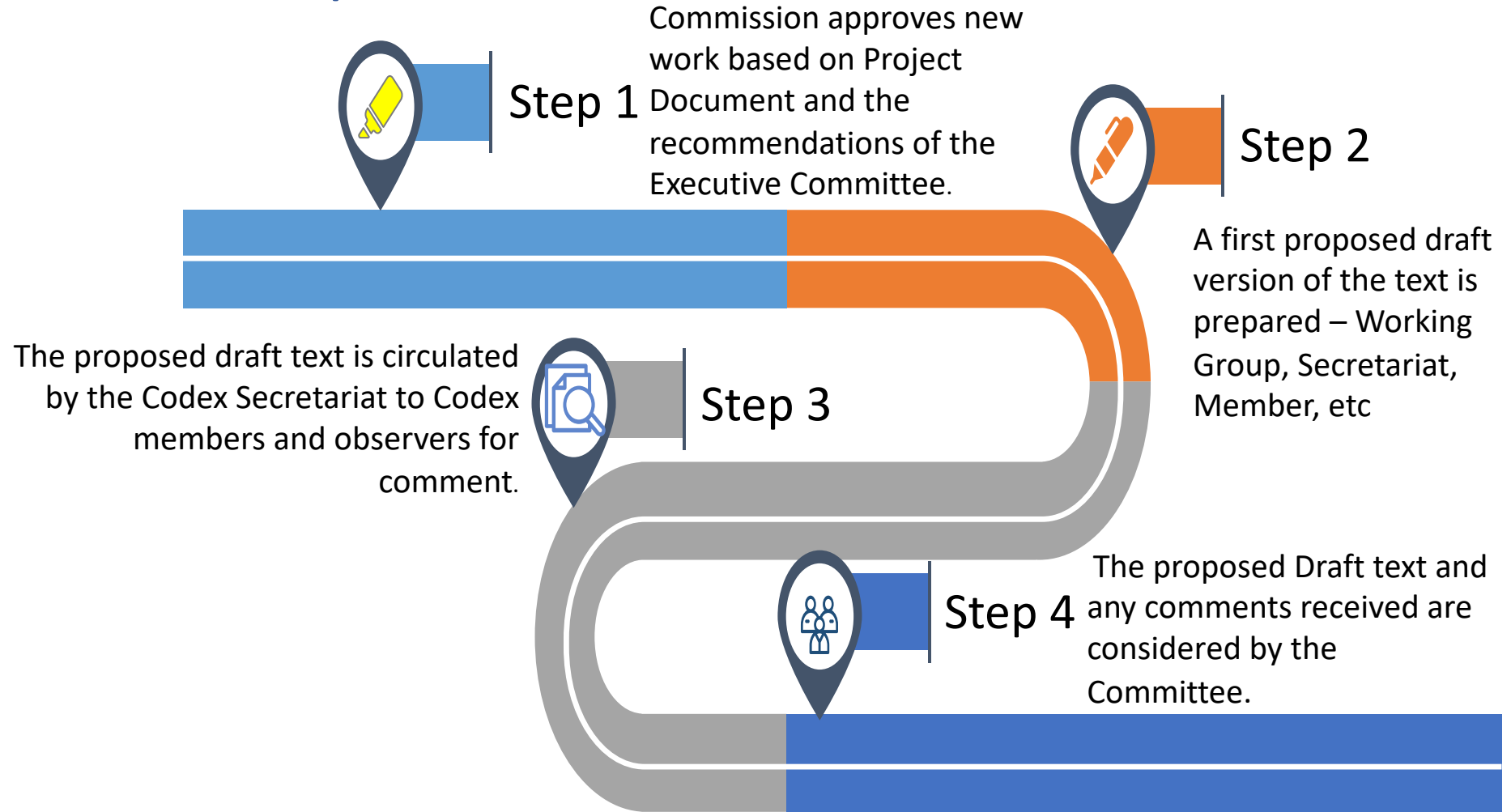
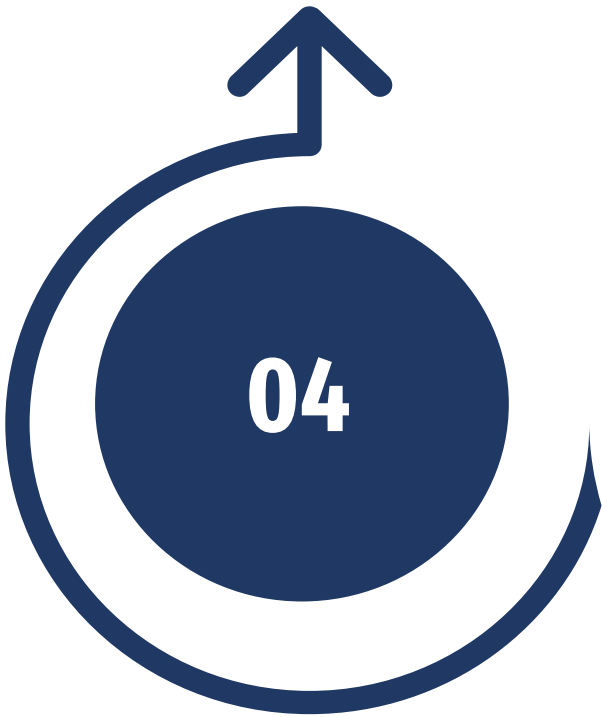


- 1** The Purpose and Scope of the Standard 
- 2** Its relevance and timeliness 
- 3** The main aspects to be covered 
- 4** An assessment against the Criteria for the Establishment of Work Priorities 
- 5** Information on relation between the proposal and other Codex documents 
- 6** An assessment The identification of requirement for expert scientific advice 
- 7** The identification of need for technical Input from external bodies 
- 8** Its relevance to the Codex Strategic Objectives 
- 9** The proposed time-line for completion of the work (start date, proposed date for adoption at Step 5, proposed date for adoption at Step 8) 

3. Critical Review (Done by CCEXEC)



4. Codex's 8-Step Process : Steps 1- 4



At Step 4, the Committee can Decide to:

Step 4 The proposed Draft text and any comments received are considered by the Committee.

Return to step 2

- i. Return the proposed draft text to Step 2 for re-drafting, taking into consideration decisions/comments agreed to during the Committee session,

Re-circulate at Step 3

- ii. The Committee can agree to make changes during its plenary session and agree to re-circulate the document at Step 3 for comments on changes made

retain at Step 4

- iii. The Committee can agree to retain the text at Step 4 for further consideration at its next meeting (text is NOT recirculated for comment), or

advance at Step 5

- i. Committee can agree to advance the text to the Commission with a recommendation for adoption at Step 5 as a draft text.

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4. Codex's 8-Step Process : Steps 5-8



The Draft text is circulated by the Codex Secretariat to Codex members and observers for comment on text in square brackets

Step 6



Step 5

The proposed draft text is adopted by the Commission as a "draft text".

Step 7



The Committee considers the draft text and comments submitted. Normally limited to text in square brackets.

The Draft text, with any amendments, is forwarded to the Commission for final adoption as a Codex text.

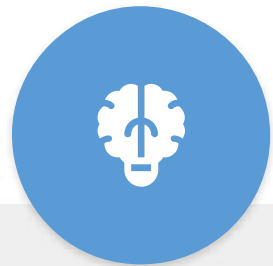
Step 8



IT IS POSSIBLE FOR A STANDARD TO BE ADOPTED AT STEP 5/8 ONCE ALL DISCUSSIONS POINTS ARE ADDRESSED AT STEP 4 AND THERE IS CONSENSUS TO RECOMMEND THE ADOPTION OF THE STANDARD BY THE COMMITTEE

Case Study of Success

The Republic of Korea successfully led development of a standard for kimchi by



Korea did all of this in five years
Initiating a regional standard



Initiating a regional standard



Bringing together and resolving concerns of other Asian region countries



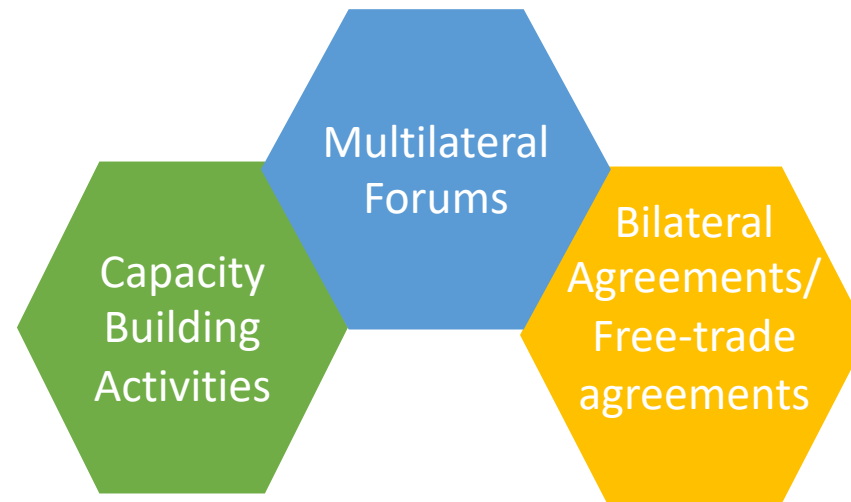
Ultimate gaining international acceptance for a global kimchi standard
•Product Definition;
Basic Ingredient;
Permitted Ingredient;
Styles



This standard has meant hundreds of millions of dollars in trade for Korea

Standard Established ... Now What ?

- ▶ Only useful – if it is adopted!
- ▶ Advocate through
 - Promoting regulatory cooperation based on Codex standards



- Establishing national regulatory systems based on Codex

- Adoptions/use of Codex standards is a key component

