

## Report of the sixth meeting of the Arab National Contact Points for Codex Alimentarius

As part of implementation of recommendation (3) of the fifth meeting of national contact points (CCPs) of countries of the League of Arab States held via remote communication technology on 25/08/2022 which states:

**“Holding the sixth meeting of CCP on Monday, September 12, 2022, to present the analyses and recommendations of the Arab Expert Working Group, regarding the CCSCH6 priority agenda items.”**

This coordination meeting was held via remote communication technology on September 12, 2022, to prepare for the upcoming meeting of the Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs (CCSCH6).

Delegates from 12 Arab countries attended the meeting:

- Jordan
- UAE
- Algeria
- Sudan
- Somalia
- Iraq
- Palestine
- Qatar
- State of Libya
- Egypt
- Morocco
- Yemen

Representatives of **AIDSMO**, the Global Food Regulatory Science Society (**GForSS**), GCC Standardization Organization (**GSO**).

(See participants list in the attachment)

Mr. Ahmed Eddouaicer, coordinator of the Arab Codex initiative within AIDSMO, launched the meeting with introductory remarks, where he welcomed all participants and thanked them for accepting the organization's invitation to attend.

The meeting agenda was approved and included the following items:

<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Subject matter</b>
1	<b>Opening Remarks and adoption of Agenda:</b> Mr. Ahmed Eddouaicer, Coordinator Arab Codex Initiative, AIDSMO
2	<b>Review and analysis of CCSCH6 agenda Items:</b> Dr Amine Kassouf and Eng. Hajar Tiglifet
3	<b>Input and Remarks from Arab Codex Contact Points</b>
4	<b>Update on training and outreach sessions</b> Dr Abubaker Salama
5	Meeting recommendations

**Eng. Hajar Tiglifet** / member of the Arab Expert Working Group introduced the analysis of the following items of the (CCSCH6) agenda:

- **Item3:** Dried floral parts- Draft Standard for saffron
- **Item 4:** Dried seeds- Draft Standard for dried nutmeg
- **Item 6:** Dried roots, rhizomes, and bulbs- Proposed draft standard for turmeric

**Dr. Amine Kassouf**/ member of the Arab Expert Working Group developed the analysis of the following items:

- **Item 5: Dried fruits and berries:**
  - **5.1:** Proposed draft Standard for dried or dehydrated chilli peppers and Paprika
  - **5.2:** Proposed draft standard for small cardamom
  - **5.3:** Proposed draft standard for spices in dried fruits and berries (allspices, juniper berry, Star anise and Vanilla)
- **Item 7.2:** Update to the template for SCH standards

The meeting was marked by an extensive discussion of the Arab countries' focal points in the Codex, including the intervention of the representative of Morocco on the saffron and paprika product.

The meeting's agenda items were concluded with Dr. Abu Baker's intervention on the updates of the training courses that will be organized for the benefit of the Arab countries' focal points, in cooperation with the industrial training and consulting institute (AIDSMO).

Lastly, the following conclusions and recommendations were adopted:

1. Inclusion of all documents and presentations presented during the meeting in the interactive platform of the Arab Codex Initiative (**[www.Arabcodex.com](http://www.Arabcodex.com)**).
2. Preparing and circulating a draft CRD with the Arab national focal points in the Codex and requesting them to provide their opinions on the proposals, in preparation for its sharing by AIDSMO with the Codex Committee Spices and Culinary Herbs at its next meeting (26-30 September 2022 and 3 October 2022.)
3. Participation of AIDSMO as an observer member in the Sixth Session of the Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs (26-30 September 2022 and 3 October 2022.)