



REPORT ON THE PARTICIPATION OF ARAB DELEGATIONS TO THE CAC45

*CAC 45 was convened from 21-25
November 2022 in Rome – Resumption
of Physical Codex meetings*

*Strong Representation from the Arab
Region, both Virtual Representation and
Physical Participation*



Key Outputs of the Session

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CCEXEC Report:

- ☐ Resumption of examining requests from new Observers
- ☐ **Guidance on the application of the Statement of Principles:** Continued discussions and possible pilots
 - Need for further clarification between: Abstention from acceptance and reservation
- ☐ **Report on New Food Sources and Production Systems:**
 - Important considerations related to the role of standards in supporting innovation and addressing food shortages /emerging issues
 - No agreement to have an EWG reporting to Commission on the subject – rather a circular letter to identify priority areas of action
 - The Discussion highlight importance of Inter-Committee Collaboration at Codex
- ☐ **CCEXEC Sub-Committee on Future of Codex:**
 - Future considerations for amendment of Procedural Manual to account for changes in the way Codex Meetings and work in carried out with the introduction of virtual events



Key Standards Adopted

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☐ CCNFSDU:

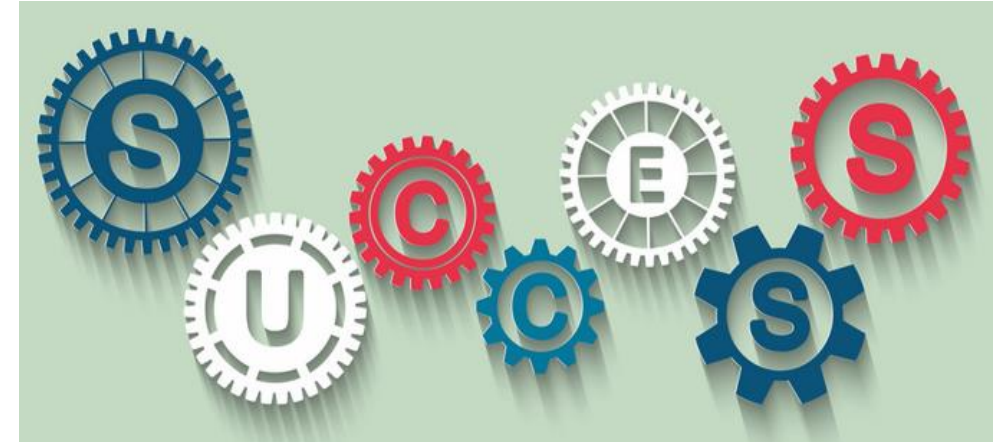
- Guidance on Ready to Use Therapeutic Foods

☐ CCFH:

- Guidelines on the management of Biological Foodborne Outbreaks
- Update to General Principles on Food Hygiene (CXG1-1969)

☐ CCFFV:

- Delegations **representing date-producing countries** objected to the adoption of the proposed draft standard for fresh dates at Steps 5/8 as proposed by CCFFV and considered more technical discussions were needed on the proposed minimum value for moisture content of 30%
- Adopting the standard at Steps 5/8, would **exclude some date cultivars and not reflect the reality** in the marketplace with negative effects on local production



MAJOR WIN FOR THE ARAB REGION, AS THIS WAS A KEY OBJECTIVE FOR VARIOUS ARAB DELEGATIONS

Highlighted the importance of Coordination between Arab Delegations and Coordination with other Regions / Delegations

☐ CCCF:

- Cadmium in Cocoa Standards and Code of Practice
- DON in Cereal-based foods for infants and young children
- Major discussion on the ML for Aflatoxins in several food categories – Reservations from most of Arab delegations

☐ CCPR:

- Discussions on whether environmental factors should be considered as part of the elements to drive examination of MRLs

☐ CCRVDF:

- Zilpaterol was adopted as a draft standard at Step 5 through a vote:
 - **87 in favor out of 135** – 48 against and 7 abstained
- The move to change the procedure and move to 5/8 adoption did not succeed by 3 votes (84 votes out of 130 – needed 87 to pass 2/3 votes)



Aspects to Mention

- ❑ Approval of New Work CCFICS: Remote Audit
- ❑ Re-Appointment of chairs of Coordinating Committees (for committees that met):
 - Uganda for Africa – Re-appointment
 - China for Asia - Reappointment
 - Germany for Europe (New)
 - Ecuador for LAC - Reappointment
- ❑ Discussion of Activities related to highlighting Codex at 60



Effective Contribution of Arab Delegations – A HUGE SUCCESS! ⁷

- ❑ Importance of Coordination Meetings
- ❑ Importance of Intra-Regional Collaboration and coordination of statements / timing
- ❑ Importance of Engaging with Chair / Vice-Chairs and Committee Chairs
- ❑ Key Leadership from Regional Organizations:
 - GSO and AIDSMO







