

Report of the 10th meeting of the Arab Contact Points in Codex Alimentarius

This coordination meeting was held via remote communication technology on Wednesday, March 1, 2023, to discuss the outcomes of the 26th session of the Codex Alimentarius Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods (CCRVDF26) as well as the review dedicated to CCNFSDU43 agenda item associated with the review of the standard for follow-up formula structure and preamble.

Delegates from 8 Arab countries attended the meeting:

- Bahrein
- Sudan
- Oman
- Qatar
- State of Libya
- Egypt
- Morocco
- Mauritania

As well as AIDSMO representatives, the Global Food Regulatory Science Society (GFORSS), GCC Standardization Organization (GSO) and US Codex representative.

The coordinator of the Arab Codex initiative within AIDSMO launched the meeting with introductory remarks. He welcomed all participants and thanked them for accepting the organization's invitation to participate in the meeting, stressing the importance of it. He also noted that the main objective of the meeting was to discuss the outcomes of the 26th session of the Codex Alimentarius Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods (CCRVDF26) as well as prepare for the work of the meeting (43) of the Codex Technical Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses (CCNFSDU), to be held during the period 7-10 March 2023 in Düsseldorf, Germany.

The meeting agenda was approved and included the following items:

Agenda item	Subject matter
1	Opening Remarks and adoption of Agenda: Coordinator Arab Codex Initiative, AIDSMO
2	Presentation of outcomes of the 26th session of the Codex Alimentarius Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods (CCRVDF26)
3	Review dedicated to CCNFSDU43 agenda item associated with the review of the standard for follow-up formula structure and preamble. With a focus on the preamble. This item will be presented in English and will enable engagement with Codex delegations of North America.
4	Other points

Professor Samuel Godefroy/board president and COO of GForSS, presented the outcomes of the 26th session of the Codex Committee on Veterinary Drug Residues in Food (CCRVDF26) Noting the success of the meeting in terms of the effective participation of Arab delegations as well as the consensus and harmonization at the level of Arab positions, he stressed the importance of the coordination that had taken place earlier during the Committee's meeting and also during the preparatory meetings for the Arab Codex Contact points.

The meeting included a series of interventions by the Arab Codex Contact Points (CCPs), including the representatives of Jordan, Oman, Sudan, Morocco, Libya, and Egypt stressing the positive evolution of Arab participation in the meetings of the Codex, as well as the importance of coordination between the Arab Codex points.

The meeting's agenda items were concluded with Professor Samuel Godefroy's presentation on the item regarding the review of the standard for follow-up formula structure and preamble within the agenda of the meeting of CCNFSDU43, where he outlined the background of this item and considerations specific to the Arab region. This item defined a consensus between the opinions of the Arab Codex Contact points and the US Codex representative.

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).
2. Programming the dates of future coordination meetings of CCPs in coordination between AIDSMO and GForSS.