GLOBAL FOOD REGULATORY SCIENCE SOCIETY

Proposed Analysis of Key Agenda Items of the 33rd Session of THE CODEX COMMITTEE ON General Principles (CCGP33)

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Overview

Light Agenda

Possibility of discussion of New Items : "Self-Tasking"

Procedural Requirements for CCGP : re. new items – and compulsory referral from other committees and/or CAC





Agenda Item 4

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Agenda Item 1:

Adoption of the Agenda CX/GP 23/33/1



Discussion Paper by the UK

>The UK has submitted a Discussion paper on practical toolkits to promote the use of Codex Standards and Guidelines. UK Room Document (CRD2) posted on Sept 12. > It is anticipated that this will be raised to for

discussion under 'Other Business'.

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Agenda Item 4: Codex Procedural Manual: presentation of new format and observations on consistency and superseded content

Document Number: CX/GP 23/33/4



Background

CCGP32 considered a discussion on the Format and Structure of the Codex Procedural Manual. >It was agreed that the Codex Secretariat proceed with the development of a digital version of the Codex Procedural Manual (PM), for review by Members before being published online.



Main Considerations

Even though the version is electronic, a printable version should be made available and should be optimized to use less ink with opportunities to remove the blank pages and the opportunity to enable legibility when printing in black and white.

It is important to include the years adopted, amended, revised directly under the title of the standard, guideline or Code of Practice, where it is captured in the PM for ease of reference.



Opportunity

The development of the digital version of the PM could offer a great opportunity to review the Arabic version as well, with the adoption of the relevant meaningful terminology.



Agenda Item 5

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AGENDA ITEM 5: Codex Procedural Manual: Proposed update to the Guide to the Procedure

Document Number: CX/GP 23/33/5



Analysis and Considerations

- At CCGP31, the Secretariat introduced a document that proposed a new versioning system for Codex texts with the inclusion of a version history in the standards.
- At CCGP32, the Secretariat presented extensive work undertaken to review consistency in the PM with respect to amendments and revisions.
- CAC45 requested that the Codex Secretariat prepare a document for CCGP33 that would:

a) examine how amendments and revisions of Codex texts have been treated historically;

- b) suggest improvements to enhance consistency and alignment with FAO and industry publishing standards;
- c) recommend clear criteria and options for current and future publications concerning amendments/revisions and new editions; and

d) indicate draft revised text for the Procedural Manual's Guide to the Procedure for the Amendment and Revision of Codex Standards and Related Texts.



Analysis and Considerations (Continued)

Proposed Hierarchy of Changes:

- Correction
- Amendment
- New Edition

Proposal Is Sound and Can be Supported to Move Forward



Other Items

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Agenda Item 6: Review and possible amendments to the rules of procedure on Sessions of the Commission // Document Number: CX/GP 23/33/6

Agenda Item 7: Review and possible amendment of the Principles concerning the participation of international non-governmental organizations in the work of the Codex Alimentarius Commission Document Number: CX/GP 23/33/7





