

National Codex Programs

Experience of Japan

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Purposes of Our Presentation

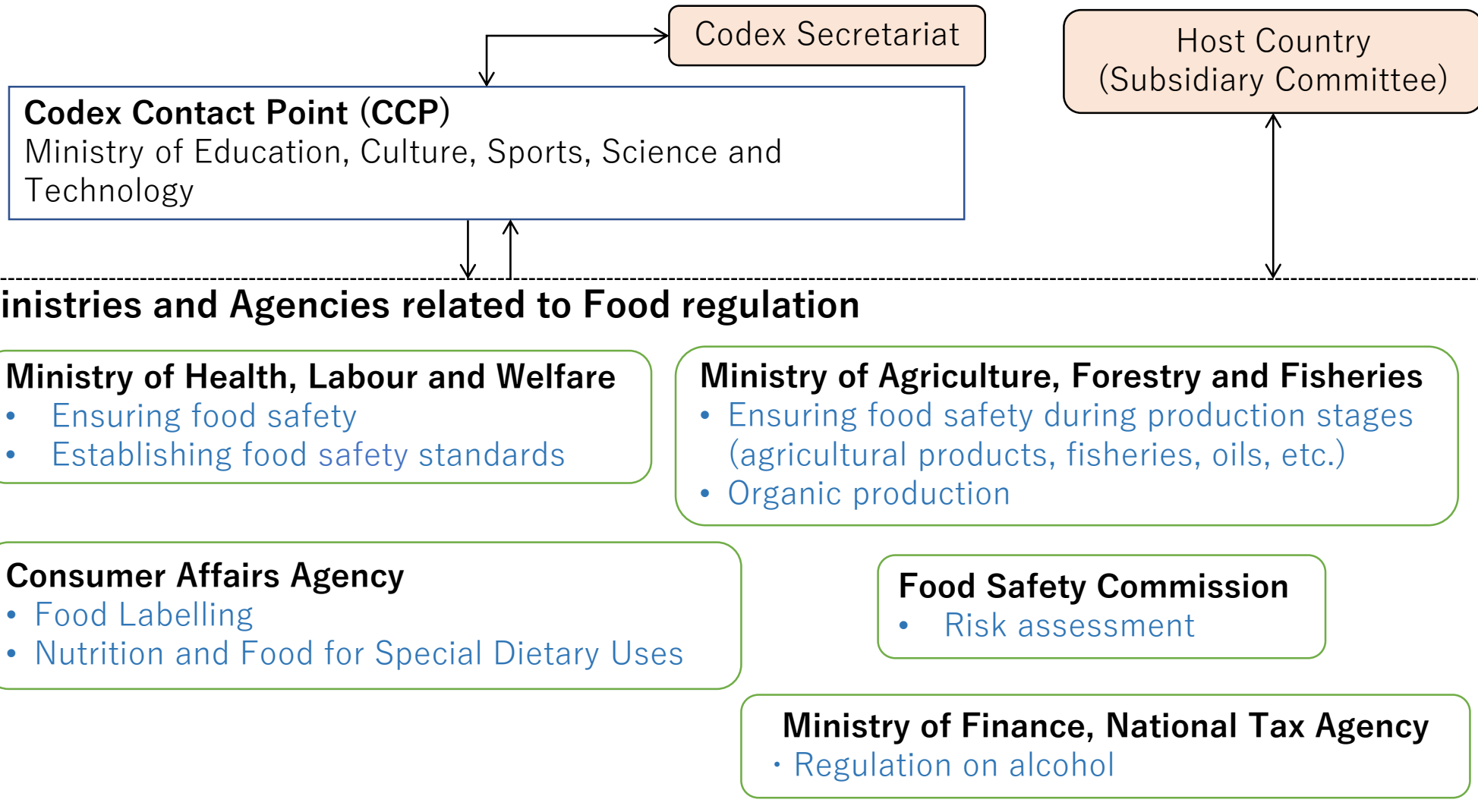
To understand:

- I. How to establish a national position
- II. How to express a national position and contribute to Codex work
- III. How to implement the Codex text in the country

By showing the case of Japan as an example

Coordination in the National Government

in the case of Japan



I. How to Establish National Position?

1. Reading

working documents / CL /comments from other countries

2. Analysis

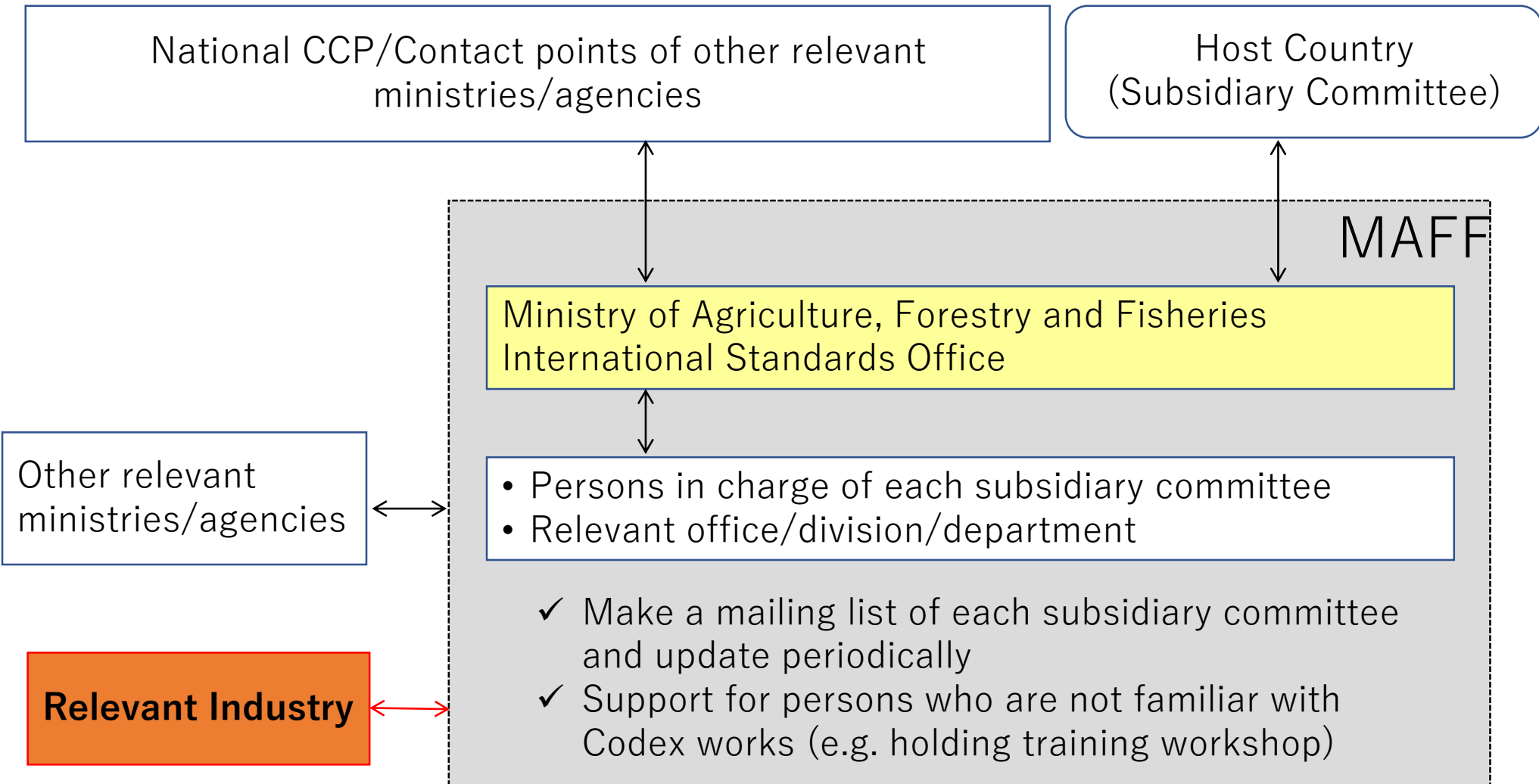
- Consider that proposal is Convincing/ agreeable/ acceptable to our country.

If no, some changes/ amendments should be made.

3. Communication

- within the government
(with other department, ministries/agencies)
- with stakes holders (academia, industry, consumer)

In the case of Japan
Coordination in MAFF



In the case of Japan
Coordination in MHLW

National CCP/Contact points of other relevant ministries/agencies

Host Country
(Subsidiary Committee)

MHLW

Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare
Office of International Food Safety

Other relevant
ministries/agencies

- Persons in charge of each subsidiary committee
- Relevant office/division/department

- ✓ Make a mailing list of each subsidiary committee and update periodically
- ✓ Training Session on food safety and international standards.

Consultative Committee on Codex Activities

- Held about 5-6 times a year jointly by Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Consumer Affairs Agency, and Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare
- Consisting of 15 representatives appointed among academia, industries, producers and consumers
- For providing information on codex activities and for hearing their comments to establish the national position
- Open to the public
(handouts and minutes are posted on the websites)

II. How to Express National Position and Contribute to Codex Work?

Before a session of the committee

- Participate in eWG and submit comments on a draft discussion paper or a draft guidance document.
- Submit written comments on CL through OCS

During a session of the committee

- Make verbal interventions at the meeting
- Submit written comments as CRDs to the Codex secretariat

III. How to Implement Codex Text into National Policy

- Setting national standards on pesticide, veterinary drug and food additives, referring on the Codex standards.
- Implementation on food hygiene control system in line with Codex HACCP Principles based on the Food Sanitation Act in 2021.
the national standard of food hygiene control is in conformity to the “Codex General Principles of Food Hygiene (GPFH)” guidelines.
- Proceeding science studies on regulation of cell culture products, which is discussed in Codex in the context of the new food source and production (NFSP), for a preparation for policy setting in the future.

Codex related Activities in Japan

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Celebrating the 60th anniversary of Codex in Japan

12/10/2023

Japan joined the celebrations for the 60th anniversary of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, by organizing the online symposium "Celebrating 60th Anniversary of Codex Alimentarius Commission - looking 10 years ahead to ensure international food safety," which was held on the 24th of July, 2023 in Tokyo.

The event was opened by the video message by Steve Wearne, Chairperson of Codex Alimentarius Commission followed by two keynote speakers, namely Vittorio Fattori, FAO Food Safety Officer, and Yukiko Yamada, International Food Safety Consultant. The panel, moderated by Dr. Takahiro Watanabe, National Institute of Health Sciences, NIHS, and composed by inviting Prof. Koji Miura, Adviser, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, MHLW, Tetsuo Urushiyama, Associate Director, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, MAFF, and Waki Matsunaga, Science Journalist and FSC Commissioner, discussed future challenges and issues in ensuring food safety globally. The symposium was attended online by circa 500 participants.

The online symposium was hosted by the MHLW research group funded by the Health and Labour Science Research Grants, Research Program on Food Safety, and co-hosted by MHLW, MAFF, Consumer Affairs Agency (CAA), Food Safety Commission (FSC), and the Institute for Future Initiatives (IFI) of the University of Tokyo. The MHLW research group has been organizing Codex-related symposiums at the University of Tokyo, under the guidance of Prof. Makiko Matsuo, since 2013, and this event marks the 10th annual event held under this programme.

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Japanese version of the guide to
"World Food Safety Day 2023"

Codex symposium in Japan held on July 24, 2023
for celebrating the 60th anniversary of Codex

