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Plan

Agenda item 6 : Guidelines for the safe use and reuse of water in food production and processing (Annex II on fishery products at Step 4 and Annex III on dairy products at Step 4)

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Background

- **CAC46** (2023) adopted the proposed draft General Section of the Guidelines for the safe use and reuse of water in food production and processing, and its Annex I (**Fresh product**).
- **CCFH53** established an EWG (chaired by EU, co-chaired by Chile and the International Dairy Federation) to further **develop Annex II** (Fishery products) and initiate the development of **Annex III (Milk and milk products)**.

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Background – Continued

- **Annex II has been through one round of comments and revision,**
- **Annex III,** has been through two rounds of comments.
- The overview of technologies for the recovery and treatment of reuse water, which was originally part of Annex III, **is now presented in a separate Annex (IV), as it was noted during the review process that this information is relevant for the different annexes, not only the one related to milk.**

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Comments on the current draft // Annex II: Fishery products

- The annex text is clear and thorough.
- The Decision Trees may not be considered very clear (as they are considered important tools for the annex)
- For example, in Figure 3, the blue arrow has no text, and it is not clear where it starts or where it ends.



Comments on the current draft // Annex III: Dairy Products

The annex contains very detailed and useful information; however, it is lengthy, and some sections are generic rather than specific to milk. For example, paragraphs 41 to 43 also apply to other types of operations, and section 44 likely applies to all operations storing water. This content may be moved to the main text of the Guidelines or, as relevant, to Annex IV.

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Recommendations

Based on the review of the expert of the Arab Codex Initiative:

- ❖ We recommend that the proposed draft for Annex II (Fishery products) advances to Step 5/8 for final adoption.
- ❖ We recommend that the proposed draft for Annex III (Milk and Milk Products) advances to Step 5/8 for final adoption.

Although some comments were noted for Annex III (Milk and milk products), they are mainly about reorganizing or simplifying the already reviewed text.



