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Review of Outputs of Key Codex Committees (2024)

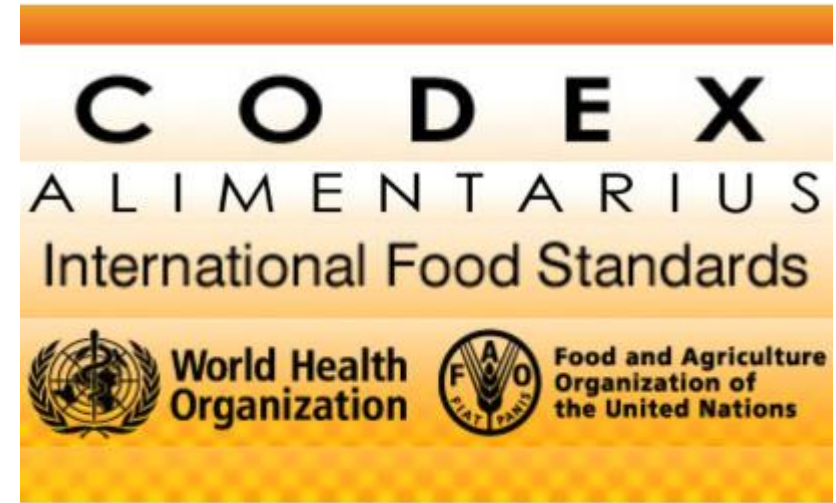
*The 54th Session of the Codex Committee on Food Hygiene
(CCFH54)*

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BACKGROUND

The 54th Session of the Codex Committee on Food Hygiene (CCFH54) took place in Nairobi, Kenya on 11 – 15 March 2024.

The session was attended by 56 Member Countries, one Member Organization and 11 Observer Organizations, accounting for more than 200 participants.

- Participation was recorded for **6 Arab countries** (Egypt, Mauritania, Morocco, Oman, Saudi Arabia and Somalia) to the physical meeting.



BACKGROUND

Organization of an Arab
coordination meeting under the
framework of the Arab Codex
Initiative

22nd CODEX COORDINATION MEETING

26 FEBRUARY 2024

Participation of 11 Arab Countries

1	Adoption of the Agenda	CX/FH 24/54/1
2	Matters referred by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and/or other Codex Subsidiary Bodies to the Committee	CX/FH 24/54/2
3	Matters arising from the work of FAO and WHO (including JEMRA)	CX/FH 24/54/3
4	Information from the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH)	CX/FH 24/54/4
5	Guidelines for the Control of Shiga Toxin-Producing <i>Escherichia coli</i> (STEC) in Raw Beef, Fresh Leafy Vegetables, Raw Milk and Raw Milk Cheeses, and Sprouts	
5.1	Proposed draft Annex II on Fresh Leafy Vegetables at Step 4	CX/FH 24/54/5
	- comments at Step 3	CX/FH 24/54/5 Add.1
5.2	Proposed draft Annex IV on Sprouts at Step 4	CX/FH 24/54/6
	- comments at Step 3	CX/FH 24/54/6 Add.1
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)	CX/FH 24/54/7
	- comments at Step 3	CX/FH 24/54/7 Add.1
7	Proposed draft revision on the <i>Guidelines on the Application of General Principles of Food Hygiene to the Control of Pathogenic Vibrio Species in Seafood</i> (CXG 73-2010) at Step 4	CX/FH 24/54/8

PRIORITY AGENDA ITEMS

8	Proposed draft Guidelines for Food Hygiene Control Measures in Traditional Markets for Food at Step 4	CX/FH 24/54/9
	- comments at Step 3	CX/FH 24/54/9 Add.1
9	Alignment of Codex texts developed by CCFH with the revised <i>General Principles of Food Hygiene</i> (CXC 1-1969)	CX/FH 24/54/10
	- comments	CX/FH 24/54/10 Add.1
10	Revision of the <i>Guidelines on the Application of General Principles of Food Hygiene to the Control of Viruses in Food</i> (CXG 79-2012)	CX/FH 24/54/11
11	Discussion paper on the Revision of <i>Guidelines for the Control of Campylobacter and Salmonella in Chicken Meat</i> (CXG 78-2011)	CX/FH 24/54/12
12	Discussion paper on the revision of <i>Guidelines on the Application of General Principles of Food Hygiene to the Control of Listeria monocytogenes in Foods</i> (CXG 61-2007)	CX/FH 24/54/13
13	Other business and future work New work/Forward workplan (Proposals in reply to CL 2023/30-FH)	CX/FH 24/54/14
14	Date and place of the next session	
15	Adoption of the Report	

PRIORITY AGENDA ITEMS

HIGHLIGHTS OF DISCUSSIONS - Item 5

Guidelines for the control of Shiga toxin-producing *Escherichia coli* (STEC) in raw beef, fresh leafy vegetables, raw milk and raw milk cheeses, and sprouts

Comments were provided from Egypt, Iraq and UAE and a CRD was submitted from Morocco (CRD19).

CCFH54 agreed to forward the proposed draft Annex II on Fresh Leafy Vegetables and Annex IV on Sprouts for adoption at Step 5/8.

HIGHLIGHTS OF DISCUSSIONS – Item 6

Guidelines for the safe use and reuse of water in food production and processing (annex II on Fishery Products and annex III on Dairy Products)

Comments were provided by Morocco, Saudi Arabia and UAE from the Arab region and a CRD was submitted from Morocco (CRD 19).

CCFH54 agreed to:

- Forward the draft **Annex III on Milk and Milk Products (Appendix IV) to CAC47 for adoption at step 5/8** and subsequent inclusion in CXG 100-2023;
- **Return the draft Annex II on Fish and Fishery Products to step 2/3** for further elaboration of Sections 2 and 8:
 - Section 2: Purpose and scope – need for a revision
 - Section 8: Water use or reuse fit-for-purpose assessment – need for a revision of the decision tool
- Establish an EWG chaired by the EU and **co-chaired by Morocco**, Honduras, Mauritania, India and IDF.

HIGHLIGHTS OF DISCUSSIONS – Item 8

Proposed draft guidelines for food hygiene control measures in traditional markets for food

Comments were provided from Iraq and the UAE from the Arab region as well as a CRD submitted from Morocco.

CCFH54 agreed to forward the proposed draft guidelines for food hygiene control measures in traditional markets for food to CAC47 **for adoption at Step 5/8** (Appendix VI).

HIGHLIGHTS OF DISCUSSIONS – Item 9

Alignment of Codex texts developed by CCFH with the Revised General Principles of Food Hygiene (CXC 1-1969)

CCFH54 agreed to:

- prioritize the work on alignment and integrate it into its work plan; and
- adopt a hybrid approach to alignment as follows:
 - texts undergoing technical revision or are included in Part 1 of the Forward Workplan be structurally aligned with CXC 1-1969 by the relevant EWGs and that the EWGs also align the technical content as necessary with CXC 1-1969. This task should also be reflected in the Terms of Reference for the relevant EWGs; and
 - texts in Part 2 of the Forward Workplan that require alignment (See Appendix VII), are structurally aligned with CXC 1-1969 by an alignment EWG.



Summary & Future Work

Agenda Item	CCFH54 Recommendations	Future Work
5	Annexes II and IV (Step 5/8)	#
6	Annex II (Step 3) Annex III (Step 5/8)	Active participation in the EWG co-chaired by Morocco
8	Adoption at step 5/8	#
9	Integrate into work plan	Follow-up on this activity

