

36th Joint Arab Codex Contact Points and CCNE Coordination Meeting

Progress of the Expert Working Group on the use of “Reservations” in the Framework of Codex Proceedings

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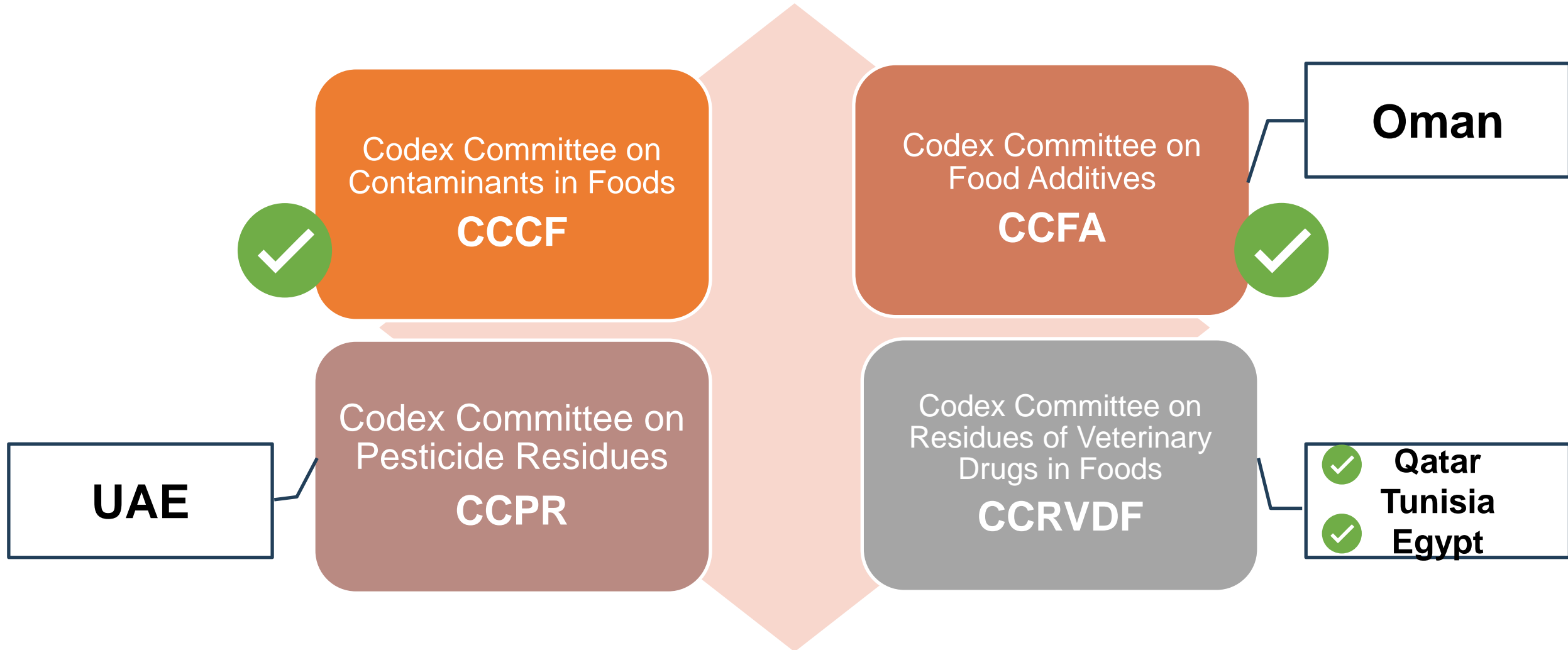
Initiation of the EWG work during the Fourth Arab Codex Colloquium, that was held in Muscat, Oman from 19-20 April 2025.

Participation of 11 Arab countries: Jordan, UAE, Bahrain, Tunisia, Algeria, Oman, Qatar, Libya, Egypt, Yemen and Morocco.

Objective

- **Develop a Discussion Paper to be submitted to the 34th session of CCGP, that will be held from 2 to 6 June 2025 , 2025 – in Lille, France.**
- **Aim: To highlight the issue, spark dialogue, and encourage more effective and informed use of “reservations” in the framework of Codex proceedings.**

Committees of Interest



Activities of the EWG

First Meeting (Oman): Decisions were endorsed to start the work and in relation with the selection of committees of interest.

Second Meeting (Virtually on May 14th): Discuss the methodology of work and to boost the efforts.

Third Meeting (Virtually on May 21st): Progress review, and endorsement to proceed and generate the discussion paper for CCGP 34th Meeting (2nd June, 2025).

EWG Outputs

1- Develop a Discussion Paper with the aim to:

- review the use of “reservations” in Codex Alimentarius proceedings (i.e. CCCF, CCFA, CCPR and CCRVDF), examining their significance and potential impact on the relevance and understanding of Codex standards.
- have a clear understanding on the use of reservations / encourage more effective and informed use of “reservations” in the framework of Codex proceedings.
- be submitted to CCGP 34th session after endorsement by Arab/CCNE countries.

2- Develop a survey

- about the use of “reservations”, to gain an overview about the current status of the use and understanding of “reservations” by Codex delegations.

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