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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS
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FAO HEADQUARTERS

OUTCOMES OF THE 34TH SESSION OF CCGP

Background

CCGP34:



- As requested by CAC, the Codex Committee on General Principles (CCGP34) considered updates to various sections of the *Codex Procedural Manual*.
- Based upon comments received and discussions held, CCGP34 agreed to forward for adoption by the upcoming session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC48) updates to the following sections of the *Codex Procedural Manual*.

Summary and Status of Work

Topic	Recommendation
<p>1. Proposed edits to superseded text (apart from Section 3)</p> <p>CCGP34 proposed edits to Sections 2.1, 2.11, 6.1 and 7.2 (REP25/GP, Appendix III).</p> <p>Proposed edits specific relevance to CCEXEC are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Section 2.1, Procedures for the elaboration of Codex standards and related texts, Part 2 Critical review, paragraph 12(i) regarding the proposed timeline for completion to focus on <u>the number of sessions</u> foreseen to develop the standard rather than the <u>date for adoption</u> by the Commission;• in the introduction to Section 2.1, Procedures for the elaboration of Codex standards and related texts, paragraph 6, a clarification of what adoption at Step 5/8 means has been proposed• paragraph 19b(ii) to refer to endorsement by the relevant committee and not endorsement procedure.	<p>Adoption by CAC48</p>

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<p>2. Proposed edits to Section 2.1, Part 7: Guide to the procedure for the amendment and revision of Codex standards and related texts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">clarify the terms “amendment” and “revision” within Codex procedures, CCGP34 proposed edits to paragraph 8, paragraph 12 and Part 7 of Section 2.1 Procedures for the elaboration of Codex standards and related texts of the <i>Codex Procedural Manual</i> (REP25/GP, Appendix IV).proposed that CCEXEC monitor the application of Part 7, Guide to the procedure for the amendment and revision of Codex standards and related texts, of Section 2.1 of the <i>Codex Procedural Manual</i> in the critical review process, and if needed request CAC to refer the issue back to CCGP for further consideration.	<p>Adoption by CAC48</p>

Cont. Summary and Status of Work

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<p>3. Proposed edits to Section 3: Guidelines for subsidiary bodies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Based upon a review of this section conducted by host secretariats, CCGP34 proposed edits to Sections 3.1-3.3 (REP25/GP, Appendix II). Specific review of Section 3.4, Criteria and procedural guidelines for Codex committees and ad hoc intergovernmental task forces working by correspondence conducted by the Codex Secretariat and the Legal offices of FAO and WHO, proposed changes allow for specific issue(s) to be discussed by simultaneous virtual presence of participants if deemed necessary and to clarify that committees working by correspondence would address only the task(s) assigned by CAC (REP25/GP, Appendix VI). also recommended that CAC provide a clear statement of tasks and timeframe when assigning work to be conducted by correspondence <p>“relevance to CCEXEC's critical review and should be taken into consideration when addressing issues from committees working by correspondence or work that might be assigned to a committee working by correspondence.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CCGP will through an electronic working group (EWG) continue reviewing Sections 3.5 and 3.6, Guidelines on physical and electronic working groups, 	<p>Adoption by CAC48</p>
	<p>For Further Discussion on CCGP35</p>

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<p>4. Proposed edits to Section 7.2: Principles concerning the participation of international non-governmental organizations in the work of the Codex Alimentarius Commission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Based upon this review, CCGP34 proposed edits to clarify that the double representation clause applied to all INGOs with Observer status with Codex (REP25/GP, Appendix VI).Based on the request from CCEXEC86 requested the Codex Secretariat to consider, in collaboration with the legal offices of FAO and WHO, the proposals for further amendments of the double representation clause, and present a review for consideration by a future session of CCGP.	<p>Adoption by CAC48</p>

Recommendations

CCEXEC88 is invited to:

- ✓ **Note** good progress of CCGP34
- ✓ Discussions **will continue** on the Guidelines for **physical and electronic** working groups and on **resource-efficient practices** in the review of new work proposals
- ✓ **Indicate willingness** to CAC to monitor **Part 7** application
- ✓ **Refer issues back** to CCGP via CAC if procedural challenges arise
- ✓ **Note possible further amendments** to Section 7.2 after 2026 INGO review.



Updates on "Use of “reservations” in Codex proceedings"

Discussion and Decisions:

- ✓ **GP34/CRD20:** Oman introduced the discussion paper, prepared in collaboration with Egypt and Tunisia
- ✓ The scope was to address the **definition and application** of reservations as recorded in reports of Codex sessions, aiming to **initiate dialogue** among Codex Members on **improving guidance for reservations**, and to enhance their clarity, consistency, and transparency.
- ✓ Noting that **more time was needed** for review of the document and needed further discussion.
- ✓ include information on the use of reservation in their capacity building training on the application of working procedures by Codex Secretariat including committee chairpersons.
- ✓ CCGP34 agreed that **initial discussions** on the use of reservations could be held **informally** among **committee chairpersons** to exchange experiences before reverting to CCGP.



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