



JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME
CODEx COMMITTEE ON FOOD IMPORT AND EXPORT INSPECTION
AND CERTIFICATION SYSTEMS

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MATTERS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE BY THE CODEx ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION
AND OTHER CODEx SUBSIDIARY BODIES

A. Matters Arising from the 40th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC40)

Standards and related Texts Adopted¹

1. The 40th Session of the Commission:
 - Adopted the Draft Principles and Guidelines for Monitoring the Performance of National Food Control Systems, at Step 8; and
 - Noted the concern expressed by some delegations to the inclusion of Appendix B, "Illustrative examples of indicators for selected outcomes" in the "Draft Principles and Guidelines for Monitoring the Performance of National Food Control Systems"; and agreed to discuss the development of guidance on the use of examples in Codex texts at a future meeting of CCGP.

Proposals for New work

2. The Commission:
 - a) Approved the three proposals for new work forwarded by CCFICS23 i.e.
 - *Guidance on the use of systems equivalence;*
 - *Guidance on paperless use of electronic certificates (Revision of Guidelines for Design, Production, Issuance and Use of Generic Official Certificates (CAC/GL 38-2001);*
 - *Guidance on regulatory approaches to third party assurance schemes in food safety and fair practices in the food trade*
 - b) Endorsed the CCEXEC73 request that CCFICS report back to CCEXEC on the outcome of the pilot regional intersessional Physical Working Groups (PWGs) as indicated in para 5 and 6 below.
3. The Committee is invited to consider these matters under Agenda Item 4, 5, 6 and 9 respectively.

B. Matters Arising from the 41st Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC41)²

4. CAC41 thanked the following former Chairpersons for their dedicated work for Codex over many years: Mr Junshi Chen (CCFA), Ms Pia Noble (CCNFSDU), Mr Gregory Read (CCFICS) and Mr Michel Thibier (CCGP).
5. The Committee is invited to note the above information.

Matters Arising from other Codex Subsidiary Bodies

C. 73rd Session of the Codex Executive Committee (CCEXEC)³

6. When considering proposed new work by CCFICS, CCEXEC73 noted that CCFICS would convene regional inter-sessional PWGs on a pilot basis with a view to facilitating broader participation among countries and this would take into account constraints they may face.
7. CCEXEC73 requested that CCFICS report back to CCEXEC on the outcome of the pilot.
8. CCFICS is invited to note the above discussion at CCEXEC73, and consider the request under Agenda Item 9.

¹ REP 17/CAC para 64 – 67; para 97

² REP 18/CAC para 152

³ REP 17/EXEC para 65 - 66