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Agenda Item 1

JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME FAO/WHO COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR THE NEAR EAST

Fifth Session

To be held at the Hotel Africa, 50, Avenue Habib Bourguiba 1001 Tunis, Tunisia
from Monday 26 January 2009 at 10.00 hours to Thursday 29 January 2009

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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5.	Project document for regional standards for dough	CX/NEA 09/5/8
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8.	Project document for a regional standard for harissa	CX/NEA 09/5/11
9.	Project document for a regional standard for halawa with tehena	CX/NEA 09/5/12
10.	National Food Control Systems and Consumer Participation in Food Standard Setting (CL 2008/20-NEA, Part A)	CX/NEA 09/5/13
11.	Use of Codex Standards at National and Regional Level (CL 2008/20-NEA, Part B)	CX/NEA 09/5/14
	Discussion paper on the acceptance of Codex standards in the region	CX/NEA 09/5/15
12.	Nutritional Issues within the Region (CL 2008/20-NEA, Part D)	CX/NEA 09/5/16

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13.	Nomination of Coordinator	CX/NEA 09/5/17
14.	Other Business and Future Work Translation of GSFA online into Arabic	CX/NEA 09/15/18
15.	Date and Place of the Next Session	
16.	Adoption of the Report	

ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

- Item 1 Adoption of the Agenda (CX/NEA 09/5/1).** In accordance with Rule VII.2 of the Rules of Procedure, the first item on the Provisional Agenda shall be the adoption of the Agenda.
- Item 2 Matters Arising from the Codex Alimentarius Commission and other Codex Committees (CX/NEA 09/5/2).** This item includes matters related to the Region arising from recent sessions of the Commission and other Codex Committees and Task Forces.
- Under item 2.1(CX/NEA 09/5/3), the Committee will review replies to CL 2008/20-NEA, Part C on the implementation of Activities 4.5 and 5.5 of the Codex Strategic Plan 2008 -2013.
- Item 3 FAO/WHO Activities Complementary to the Work of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CX/NEA 09/5/4).** The Representatives of FAO and WHO will report on activities complementary to the work of Codex Alimentarius Commission.
- Under item 3.1 (CX/NEA 09/5/5), the Secretariat of the Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF) will inform the Committee on activities of the facility in the CCNEA region.
- Item 4 Proposed Draft Code of Practice for Street Vended Foods (CX/NEA 09/5/6).** The Committee at its last session had agreed to return the proposed draft Code to Step 2 for redrafting by an electronic working group taking into account oral and written comments. The working document contains the revised version of the text. Comments at Step 3 have been collected in CX/NEA 09/5/7
- Item 5 Project document for regional standards for doogh (CX/NEA 09/5/8).** The Delegation of Iran will present a project document to develop a regional standard for doogh.
- Item 6 Project document for regional standard for pomegranate (CX/NEA 09/5/9).** The Delegation of Iran will present a project document to develop a regional standard for pomegranate.
- Item 7 Project document for a regional code of practice for the packaging and transport of fresh fish (CX/NEA 09/5/10).** The Delegation of Iran will present a project document to develop a regional code of practice for the packaging and transport of fresh fish.
- Item 8 Project document for a regional standard for harissa (CX/NEA 09/5/11).** The Delegation of Tunisia will present a project document to develop a regional standard for harissa
- Item 9 Project document for a regional standard for halawa with tehena (CX/NEA 09/5/12).** The delegation of Saudi Arabia will present a project document to develop a regional standard for halawa with tehena.
- Item 10 National Food Control Systems and Consumer Participation in Food Standard Setting (CX/NEA 09/5/13):** The Committee will discuss information submitted in response to CL 2008/20-NEA, Part A.
- Item 11 Use of Codex Standards at National and Regional Level (CX/NEA 09/5/14):** Discussion on information submitted in response to CL 2008/20-NEA, Part B. The Delegation of Lebanon will present a discussion paper on the acceptance of Codex standards in the region (CX/NEA 09/5/15).
- Item 12 Nutritional Issues within the Region (CX/NEA 09/5/16):** At its last session, the Committee had agreed to discuss nutritional issues within the region such as obesity, nutritional profiles, nutritional labelling and claims. The Committee will discuss information submitted in response to CL 2008/20-NEA, Part D
- Item 13 Nomination of the Coordinator (CX/NEA 09/5/17).** In accordance with Rule IV.2 of the Rules of Procedure of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, the Committee is invited to nominate a

Coordinator for NEA for appointment by the 32nd Session of the Commission.

Item 14 Other Business, Future Work. In accordance with Rule VII.5 of the Rules of Procedure, any Member of the Commission may propose the inclusion of specific items of an urgent matter. However, it is strongly recommended to submit the item, if any, in a written form well in advance of the session.

The Secretariat will inform the Committee on experiences made with the translation of the GSFA online into Chinese language. The Committee is invited to consider whether a similar approach could be taken for Arabic.

Item 15 Date and Place of the Next Session: The Committee will be advised of the tentative dates of its next session.

Item 16 Adoption of the Report: In accordance with Rule X.1 of the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the Committee shall adopt the report of the Session, based on a draft provided by the Secretariat.