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Agenda Item 1

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Twelfth Session

Chiang Mai, Thailand, 23 - 26 November 1999

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

To be held in the Westin Riverside Plaza Chiang May Hotel, 318/1 Chiang Mai – Lumphun Road, Tambol Wat Kate, Amphur Muang, Chiang Mai, Thailand, from Tuesday 23 November at 09.30 hours to Friday 26 November 1999.

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	Opening of the Session	
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	(a) Report of the 23rd Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission	CX/ASIA 99/2
	(b) Feasibility of Elaborating a Codex Standard for Instant Noodles	CX/ASIA 99/3
4.	Proposed Draft Standard for Aqueous Coconut Products at Step 4	CX/ASIA 99/4
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6.	Elaboration of a Standard for Products in Which Milk Components Are Substituted by Non-Milk Components	CX/ASIA 99/6
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	(a) Reports on FAO and WHO Activities in the Region	CX/ASIA 99/7
	(b) Reports by Member Countries	CX/ASIA 99/8 Oral Reports
8.	Implementation of Risk Analysis in the Region	CX/ASIA 99/9
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10.	Consumer Participation in Food Standards Setting at the Codex and National Level	CX/ASIA 99/11

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11.	Nomination of the Coordinator	CX/ASIA 99/12
12.	Other Business and Future Work	
13.	Date and Place of Next Session	
14.	Adoption of the Report	

NB: Delegates are kindly requested to bring with them to the meeting all documents which have been distributed, as the number of additional copies which can be made available at the meeting is limited.

**ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA
for the Twelfth Session of the Coordinating Committee for Asia
Chiang Mai, Thailand, 23-26 November 1999**

- Item 1 **Adoption of the Agenda:** In accordance with Rule V.1 of the Rules of Procedure, the first item on the Provisional Agenda shall be the adoption of the Agenda.
- Item 2 **Election of Vice-Chairperson:** The Committee is invited to elect a vice-chairperson for this Session.
- Item 3 **Matters Arising from the 23rd Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission:**
- (a) **Report of the 23rd Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission:** This item includes matters related to the Region arising from the 23rd Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission but not covered under other agenda items.
- (b) **Feasibility of Elaborating a Codex Standard for Instant Noodles:** In relation to the inquiry by the Delegations of Indonesia and Japan about the possibility of reopening the Codex Committee on Cereals, Pulses and Legumes to develop a standard for instant noodles, the Commission at its 23rd Session agreed that this Committee should first examine the feasibility of such a Standard.
- Item 4 **Proposed Draft Standard for Aqueous Coconut Products at Step 4:** The Executive Committee at its 43rd Session approved this work. After briefly considering the Proposed Draft Standard prepared by Malaysia at Step 4, the Committee at its 11th Session decided to return the Proposed Draft to Step 3. Malaysia is currently redrafting the Proposed Draft.
- Item 5 **Elaboration of Code of Hygienic Practice for Aqueous Coconut Products:** The Executive Committee at its 43rd Session approved this work with the understanding that this approval was subject to consideration by the Codex Committee on Food Hygiene (CCFH) for advice on whether a specific code is required. The Committee at its 11th decided to circulate the discussion paper prepared by Malaysia to seek opinions of Member countries on whether a specific code was necessary for aqueous coconut products. It agreed to discuss at the 12th Session to decide whether to refer the said discussion paper, with amendments if necessary, to the CCFH, or to recommend discontinuation of the work.
- Item 6 **Elaboration of a Standard for Products in Which Milk Components Are Substituted by Non-Milk Components:** At the 23rd Session, the Codex Alimentarius Commission noted the reservations of Malaysia and other countries in Southeast Asia on the Draft General Standard for the Use of Dairy Terms in relation to restriction of the use of dairy terms for those products in which the milk components had been wholly or partially substituted with non-milk components. The Commission agreed to request the Committee on Milk and Milk Products to consider, as a matter of urgency, the necessity to elaborate a standard for these products, such as filled milk and derived products. Since these products appeared to be widespread in Asia, it also requested this Committee to consider this issue in parallel to the Committee on Milk and Milk Products.
- Item 7 **Information and Reports on Food Control and Food Safety Issues Including Acceptance of Codex Standards:** This is a standing item on the Committee's agenda. There will be written and verbal reports on food control and food safety issues, including matters related to the implementation of HACCP, by Member countries and a written report from FAO and WHO. There will also be a report on the International food Trade beyond 200 being organized by FAO in cooperation with WHO and WTO to be held in Melbourne, Australia, from 11-15 October 1999.

- Item 8 **Implementation of Risk Analysis in the Region:** The Commission has been considering risk analysis matters since its 20th Session in 1993. The Commission at its 23rd Session considered principles of risk analysis and adopted a number of recommendations addressed to the Codex Alimentarius Commission and its subsidiary bodies, governments, and FAO and WHO. This Committee has had this item on its agenda since its 10th Session. At its 11th Session an opinion was expressed that the exchange of information, experiences in implementing risk analysis as well as information on technical assistance in this area among Member countries should continue. There will be a workshop on risk analysis planned to be held immediately prior to the 12th Session of this Committee.
- Item 9 **Matters Regarding Mutual Recognition:** The Committee at its last Session considered the paper on this issue and exchanged views and information related to mutual recognition. The Committee agreed that this item should be maintained on its agenda as a standing item for exchanging information and experiences on mutual recognition and related subjects.
- Item 10 **Consumer Participation in Food Standards Setting at the Codex and National Level:** The Commission at its 23rd Session considered consumers' involvement in the work of the Codex Alimentarius Commission. The Commission proposed that Regional Coordinating Committees continue to take the opportunity to provide a forum for the exchange of experiences on the ways and means of developing consumer input into National Codex Committees and Contact Points.
- Item 11 **Nomination of the Coordinator:** In accordance with Rule II.4 of the Rules of Procedure of the Codex Alimentarius Commission the Committee is invited to nominate a Coordinator for Asia for appointment by the 24th Session of the Commission.
- Item 12 **Other Business and Future Work:** In accordance with Rule V.5 of the Rules of Procedure, any Member of the Commission may propose the inclusion of specific items of an urgent matter. The Committee may propose to undertake new work which shall be in compliance with the Medium Term Objectives and subject to the approval by the Commission or its Executive Committee.
- Item 14 **Adoption of the Report:** In accordance with Paragraph 7(c) of the Guidelines for Codex Committees, the Committee shall adopt the report of its 10th Session, based on a draft provided by the Secretariat.