



JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME
CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD ADDITIVES
Fifty-third Session

MATTERS REFERRED BY THE 45TH SESSION OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION

Matters for information

Application of the Statements of Principle Concerning the Role of Science in the Codex Decision-Making Process and the extent to which other factors are taken into account (SoP)¹

1. CAC45 agreed to refer the draft Guidance for Codex Chairpersons and Members on the application of the Statements of Principle (SoP) to the chairpersons of Codex subsidiary bodies to facilitate deliberations on matters that fell within the scope of the SoP and urged members to take account of the draft guidance as appropriate during standards development and advancement, and requested that the Codex Secretariat issue a Circular Letter (CL) inviting Members and Observers to provide specific suggestions to improve the draft guidance for consideration by CAC46.

New Food Sources and Production Systems (NFPS)²

2. CAC45 recognized the importance of Codex working in a flexible and timely manner to consider NFPS, encouraged Members to submit proposals related to NFPS using existing Codex mechanisms, and requested that the Codex Secretariat send a CL to Members and Observers to identify possible issues related to NFPS that the current structure and procedures could not address and options to address them for consideration by CAC46.

Future of Codex³

3. CAC45 noted that the future of Codex was a work in progress and that there would be an opportunity in 2023 for all Members and Observers to engage on this topic. CAC45 also noted the need to review the Procedural Manual to ensure that its provisions enabled and facilitated continued virtual and hybrid meetings and requested the Codex Secretariat to consult with the FAO and WHO Legal Offices on a possible amendment to the rules of procedure allowing the Commission to take place virtually if needed and to prepare a paper on this specific issue for consideration by CCGP33, which in turn should advise CAC46.

60th Anniversary of Codex⁴

4. CAC45 encouraged Members and Observers to fully engage in the celebrations and to share information on their plans and activities directly and through the Codex Secretariat ([Codex@fao.org](mailto:codex@fao.org)), and urged Members to commit to advocacy at all levels to ensure both the widest possible participation in the celebrations and the widest possible promotion of the work of Codex.

¹ REP22/CAC para 27

² REP22/CAC, para. 31

³ REP22/CAC, para 41

⁴ REP22/CAC para. 228