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ELECTION OF THE CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSONS

BACKGROUND

1. The following notes on this subject are an explanatory guide, and reference should be made to the Rules of Procedure of the Codex Alimentarius Commission and the General Rules of FAO as contained in Volume I of the FAO Basic Texts (2017 edition)¹. The Rules of Procedure of the Commission can be found in the Procedural Manual of the Codex Alimentarius Commission.

ELECTIONS

Officers of the Codex Alimentarius Commission

2. In accordance with Rule III.1 of the Rules of Procedure of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, the 41st Session of the Commission (CAC41) will elect a Chairperson and three Vice-Chairpersons to hold office from the end of CAC41 to the end of the next regular session of the Commission (normally CAC42 (2019)).

Chairperson

3. The present Chairperson, **Mr Guilherme Antonio da Costa (Brazil)** is **eligible** for re-election as Chairperson of the Commission, having been elected at CAC40 and having served for one term.

Vice-Chairpersons

4. The present Vice-Chairpersons, Ms Mariam Eid (Lebanon), Mr Purwiyatno Hariyadi (Indonesia), and Mr Steve Wearne (United Kingdom), are **eligible** for re-election as Vice-Chairpersons, all having been elected at CAC40 Session and having served for one term. The Vice-Chairpersons are, nevertheless, eligible for the position of Chairperson of the Codex Alimentarius Commission.

Nomination Periods and Order of Elections

5. The nomination periods for the election of Chair and Vice-Chairpersons are only open at the Commission session in accordance with the following table. The table also gives the times for elections by secret ballot if there is more than one candidate per elective position.

Position	Nomination period opens	Nomination period closes	Election by secret ballot (if needed)
Chairperson	2 July 2018, 13h	3 July 2018, 18h	3 July 2018, 18h
Vice-Chairpersons	4 July 2018; 9:30h	4 July 2018, 18h	4 July 2018, 18h

6. The Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of the Commission are, respectively, the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of the Executive Committee. Rule V.1 of the Rules of Procedure of the Codex Alimentarius Commission further prescribes that not more than one delegate from any one country shall be a member of the Executive Committee. The sequence of elections outlined above is established in order to give effect to Rule V.1.

¹ Available at http://www.fao.org/3/a-mp046e.pdf#P6_2

Note on procedure and voting.

7. The complete list of Codex Rules on procedure and voting can be found on the Codex Alimentarius website under Elections and Appointments².

Officers of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, Members of the Executive Committee

8. The complete list of the Officers of the Commission and members of the Executive Committee from 1963 to the present can be found on the Codex Alimentarius website³.

Members of the Codex Alimentarius Commission

9. The complete list of the Members of the Codex Alimentarius Commission as of April 2018 can be found on the Codex Alimentarius website⁴.

² <http://www.codexalimentarius.org/committees/executive-committee/ccexec-elections/en/>

³ <http://www.codexalimentarius.org/committees/executive-committee/history/en/>

⁴ <http://www.codexalimentarius.org/about-codex/members/pt/>