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Agenda Item 2

CX/FFP 09/30/2

**JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME**  
**CODEX COMMITTEE ON FISH AND FISHERY PRODUCTS**  
**Thirtieth Session**

**Agadir, Morocco, 28 September – 2 October 2009**

**MATTERS REFERRED BY THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION AND/OR OTHER  
CODEX COMMITTEES TO THE COMMITTEE ON FISH AND FISHERY PRODUCTS**

**PART 1: MATTERS ARISING FROM CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION**

**A MATTERS FOR INFORMATION**

**31<sup>st</sup> Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Geneva, Switzerland, 30 June – 4 July 2008)<sup>1</sup>**

**Draft Standards and Related Texts Adopted at Step 8**

1. The 31<sup>st</sup> Session of the Commission adopted at **Step 8** the following texts elaborated by the Committee on Fish and Fishery Products (ALINORM 08/31/REP, para. 21 and Appendix VII):

- Code of Practice for Fish and Fishery Products (Live and Raw Bivalve Molluscs and relevant Definitions); and
- Standard for Raw and Live Bivalve Molluscs.

***Draft Code of Practice for Fish and Fishery Products (Lobsters and relevant Definition)***  
**(ALINORM 08/31/REP paras 31 – 35)**

2. In view of the opposing views on Section 13.1.2 Hygiene Control Programme, the Commission agreed to return Section 13 Lobsters and its relevant definitions to Step 6 for comments and consideration by the next session of the Committee on Fish and Fishery Products.

**Revocation of Existing Codex Standards and Related Texts**

3. The 31<sup>st</sup> Session of the Commission agreed to revoke the Recommended International Code of Hygienic Practice for Molluscan Shellfish (CAC/RCP 18-1978) (ALINORM 08/31/REP, Appendix IX).

**Amendments to the Procedural Manual: “Format for Codex Commodity Standards” and “Relations between Commodity Committees and General Subject Committees”<sup>2</sup>**

4. The 31<sup>st</sup> Session of the Commission adopted the amendments to the “Format for the Codex Commodity Standards” and to the “Relations between Commodity Committees and General Subject Committees.” The amendments to these sections have been included in the 18<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Procedural Manual.

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<sup>1</sup> Full report of the 31<sup>st</sup> Session of the Commission is available from:  
<http://www.codexalimentarius.net/web/archives.jsp?lang=en>

<sup>2</sup> ALINORM 08/31/REP, paras 13 - 18

**32<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Rome, Italy, 29 June – 4 July 2009)**<sup>3</sup>**Amendments to the section on contaminants of certain commodity standards<sup>4</sup>**

5. The 32<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Commission agreed that the Secretariat would replace the provisions for contaminants (including pesticides) with the standardized provision as set out in the Procedural Manual for consistency throughout Codex standards and refer the matter to the committee concerned when specific technical issues arose that required more than editorial changes to the section on contaminants.

**Food additive provisions in commodity standards<sup>5</sup>**

6. The 32<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Commission also endorsed the recommendation of the Committee on Food Additives to encourage commodity committees to include a reference to the Codex *Guideline for the Use of Flavourings* (CAC/GL 66-2—8) in the section on flavourings in commodity standards, as appropriate.

**B MATTERS FOR ACTION****32<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Rome, Italy, 29 June – 4 July 2009)*****Model Certificate for Fish and Fishery Products***

7. In view of the adoption of the Proposed Draft Generic Model Official Certificate<sup>6</sup> developed by the Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems, the Commission agreed to request the Committee on Fish and Fishery Products to revise the Model Certificate for Fish and Fishery Products (CAC/GL 48-2004) to ensure consistency with the Generic Model Official Certificate (ALINORM 09/32/REP, para. 195).

8. The Committee is **invited** to consider the revision of the Model Certificate for Fish and Fishery Products as new work.

**PART 2: MATTERS ARISING FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE****Sixty-second Session (Rome, Italy, 23 – 26 June 2009)****Monitoring Progress of Standards Development**

9. The Committee recommended that the Committee on Fish and Fishery Products should expedite its work on the following items that had been substantially delayed: Draft Standard for Sturgeon Caviar, Proposed Draft Standard for Smoked Fish, and Proposed Draft Standard for Quick Frozen Scallop Adductor Muscle Meat; and agreed that it would monitor the developments closely to determine at its next session whether any corrective action was needed.

10. The Committee is **invited** to take into account the recommendation from the Executive Committee when discussing the aforementioned draft and proposed draft standards under the relevant agenda items.

**PART 3: MATTERS ARISING FROM OTHER COMMITTEES****COMMITTEE ON FOOD ADDITIVES (CCFA)<sup>7</sup>****Codex Standard for Quick Frozen Fish Stick (Fish Fingers), Fish Portions and Fish Fillets – Breaded or in Batter**

11. The Committee agreed to inform the CCFFP of its current work on the provisions for annatto extracts (bixin-based and norbixin-based) in the GSFA<sup>8</sup>. It also agreed to suggest the CCFFP to take these provisions into account when providing the clarification, as requested at its 39<sup>th</sup> Session, on the types of annatto extracts and the basis (bixin or norbixin) in Codex standards for fish and fishery products.

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<sup>3</sup> Full report of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Commission is available from: <http://www.codexalimentarius.net/web/>

<sup>4</sup> ALINORM 09/32/REP, para. 112

<sup>5</sup> ALINORM 09/32/REP, para. 197

<sup>6</sup> ALINORM 09/32/REP, para. 195

<sup>7</sup> ALINORM 08/31/12, para. 13

<sup>8</sup> ALINORM 08/31/12, Appendix V)

12. The Committee is **invited** to consider this matter under the discussion on food additives (Item 14).

#### **COMMITTEE ON CONTAMINANTS IN FOODS (CCCF)<sup>9</sup>**

##### ***Standard for Live and Raw Bivalve Molluscs***

13. The Committee on Contaminants in Foods agreed to provisionally endorse the proposed levels for marine biotoxins, with the recommendation that the levels would require complete review in the coming years with the view to revising these levels where necessary, when more data became available.

#### **PART 4: MATTERS ARISING FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS**

##### **OIE**

##### **Update on OIE standard-setting activities relevant to aquatic animal issues**

14. At the OIE 77<sup>th</sup> General Session in May 2009, the World Assembly of OIE Delegates endorsed the expanded mandate of the Aquatic Animal Health Standards Commission to include animal production food safety issues associated with aquatic animals.

15. The Aquatic Animal Health Code Chapter 5.10. Model health certificates for international trade in live aquatic animals and products of aquatic animal origin was adopted at the 77<sup>th</sup> OIE General Session in May 2009. The two new model health certificates that replaced the five previous certificates are: (i) Model aquatic animal health certificate for international trade in live aquatic animals including gametes; and (ii) Model aquatic animal health certificate for international trade in aquatic animal products. The chapter also included an Article on Notes for guidance. These model certificates were developed in harmonisation with the revised Terrestrial Animal Health Code model certificates adopted in May 2008.

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<sup>9</sup> ALINORM 08/31/41, paras 28 - 31