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#### ACTIVITIES OF CODEX CONTACT POINTS AND NATIONAL CODEX COMMITTEES IN THE REGION

##### **BOLIVIA**

Bolivia's Codex Contact Point is the IBNORCA (Bolivian Institute of Standardization and Quality) which acts as technical secretariat of the National Codex Alimentarius Committee - CNCA.

The National Codex Alimentarius Committee - CNCA - was created by SUPREME DECREE D.S. 24645 of 4 June 1997 as a permanent multisectoral, multi-institutional and multidisciplinary scientific and technical body charged with examining standards and mechanisms that will facilitate food trade, protect consumer health and ensure that ethical and fair commercial practices are applied in all food-related areas.

The CNCA presently has 21 active technical subcommittees whose main task is to analyse and accept or reject Codex documents, harmonizing concepts and standards that have a tangible impact on food safety and quality, and that can be used as the basis for food regulations.

The CNCA has government and non-governmental (private) institutions and consumer protection associations as its basic members, and also includes special and permanent guests.

##### **PARAGUAY**

As was reported at the 11<sup>th</sup> Session of the CCLAC, Paraguay's National Codex Committee (CONACAP) was established by Executive Branch Decree Nº 17.487 of 11 June 1997. This Committee is made up of a representative and an alternate from the Ministries of Public Health and Social Welfare, Industry and Trade, Agriculture and Livestock and External Affairs. It also includes representatives of the National Institute of Technology and Standardization, the Institute of Municipal Development, the Municipality of Asunción, the Universities Council, the Federation of Production, Industry and Trade (FEPRINCO), Paraguayan Industrial Union (UIP) and the Rural Association of Paraguay. The Chair is held in rotation for one year each in the above order, with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs currently acting as interim Chair. The Codex Focal Point, the National Institute of Technology and Standardization (INTN), serves as the Permanent Executive Secretariat of the Committee. CONACAP has 25 Technical Sub-Committees, of which 14 are active, coinciding with those active at world level. It should be mentioned that the creation of the National Committee was strengthened by FAO's TCP/PAR/6611 project.

Also of note is the fact that the Committee's activities are being directed towards the dissemination of information to all interested sectors. However, despite the initial achievements, there are now several problems of form and substance for which urgent technical assistance is required from FAO to strengthen the National Committee and the Focal Point.