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**TO:** Codex Contact Points (CCNE Region)  
Interested International Organizations

**FROM:** Secretariat,  
Codex Alimentarius Commission,  
Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme  
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**SUBJECT:** Request for comments and information on (i) national food control systems; (ii) Codex at national level; and (iii) Codex standards national priorities and interest (8<sup>th</sup> Session of the FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for the Near East, Beirut, Lebanon, 18 - 22 May 2015)

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**COMMENTS:**

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**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**

Countries of the CCNE region are invited to reply to the attached questionnaire and to provide this information, as directed above.

### Questionnaire

**In completing these questions, countries are encouraged to provide information on changes and new initiatives since the last session of CCNE.**

#### ***Question 1: Strengthening National Food Control Systems***

Please describe any significant developments/actions taken in your country to improve national food control systems.

These may include actions relating to: National food law and regulations; food control management e.g. food administration structures, initiatives to improve multi-sectoral collaboration; inspection services; laboratory infrastructure and activities; information dissemination; training. Please also describe priority food safety issues to be addressed nationally and regionally.

#### ***Question 2: Strengthening Codex at the national level***

Please describe:

- i) Any significant actions that your country has taken to strengthen Codex at the national level and to promote more effective participation in Codex;
- ii) Any specific actions aimed at strengthening the Codex Contact Point, i.e. consultative structures and processes on Codex matters, including promoting increased involvement and participation of consumers and other stakeholders.

#### ***Question 3: Codex Standards national priorities and interests***

Please describe:

- i) Which specific Codex standards and related texts (currently under development or already in existence) are of most importance and interest to your country;
- ii) What are the current priority areas for setting national standards; and
- iii) Use and relevance of Codex standards at national level.