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Agenda Item 2

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JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME CODEX COMMITTEE ON CONTAMINANTS IN FOODS

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MATTERS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE BY THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION AND/OR OTHER CODEX COMMITTEES/TASK FORCES

A. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE 32nd SESSION OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION

Matters for information

Amendments to the section on contaminants of certain commodity standards¹

1. The 32nd 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.

Standards and Related Texts adopted at Steps 8 and 5/8²

2. The Commission adopted the following standards and related texts:
 - Revision to the Preamble of the GSCTF;
 - Code of Practice for the Reduction of Acrylamide in Foods;
 - Code of Practice for the Reduction of Contamination of Food with Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAH) from Smoking and Direct Drying Processes;
 - Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Ochratoxin A Contamination in Coffee.

Approval of new work for the elaboration of new standards and related texts³

3. The Commission approved the following new work by CCCF:
 - Maximum Levels for Fumonisin in Maize and Maize Products and associated Sampling Plans (N10-2009);
 - Code of Practice for the Reduction of Ethyl Carbamate in Stone Fruit Distillates (N11-2009);
 - Revision of the Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Aflatoxins in Tree Nuts (CAC/RCP 59-2005): Additional Measures for Brazil Nuts (N12-2009);
 - Maximum Levels for Melamine in Foods and Feed (N13-2009).

¹ ALINORM 09/32/REP, para. 112

² ALINORM 09/32/REP, paras 23 – 63 and Appendix III

³ ALINORM 09/31/REP, paras 113, Appendix VI

B. MATTERS ARISING FROM OTHER CODEX COMMITTEES AND TASK FORCES**Matters for action****Section on Contaminants in Standards for milk and milk products⁴**

4. The Committee on Milk and Milk Products agreed to forward the following wording to the 33rd Session of the Commission for adoption and inclusion in standards for milk and milk products, subject to endorsement by the relevant Codex Committees:

For inclusion in Section 5 of the milk product standards:

The products covered by this Standard shall comply with the Maximum Levels for contaminants that are specified for the product in the Codex General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in Foods (CODEX STAN 193-1995).

The milk used in the manufacture of the products covered by this Standard shall comply with the Maximum Levels for contaminants and toxins specified for milk by the Codex General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in Foods (CODEX STAN 193-1995) and with the maximum residue limits for veterinary drug residues and pesticides established for milk by the CAC.

For inclusion in Section 5 of CODEX STAN 250-2006, 251-2006 and 252-2006

The products covered by this Standard shall comply with the Maximum Levels for contaminants that are specified for the product in the Codex Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in Foods (CODEX STAN 193-1995).

The milk used in the manufacture of the products covered by this Standard shall comply with the Maximum Levels for contaminants and toxins specified for milk by the Codex General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in Foods (CODEX STAN 193-1995) and with the maximum residue limits for veterinary drug residues and pesticides established for milk by the CAC.

The vegetable oils/fat used in the manufacture of the products covered by this Standard shall comply with the Maximum Levels for contaminants and toxins specified for the oils/fats by the Codex General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in Foods (CODEX STAN 193-1995) and with the maximum residue limits for pesticides established for the oils/fats by the CAC.

5. The Committee is **invited** to consider and endorse the above-mentioned sections on Contaminants.

⁴ ALINORM 10/33/11, para. 105