



JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME

FAO/WHO COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

Twentieth Session

Viña del Mar, Chile, 21-25 November 2016

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION AND OTHER CODEX COMMITTEES

38th and 39th Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC38/39)

Matters for Information

1. The Committee is invited to note the following matters:

Member and Coordinator for Latin America and the Caribbean¹

2. CAC38 elected Mexico as member of the Executive Committee for Latin America and the Caribbean for the period from the end of the current session to the end of the second succeeding regular session of the Commission, which is scheduled for CAC40 (2017).

3. CAC38 appointed Chile as coordinator for Latin America and the Caribbean to hold office from the end of CAC38 until the end of the first regular session of the Commission, which is scheduled for CAC40 (2017) which follows the next session of the relevant Coordinating Committee.

Amendments to the Procedural Manual²

4. CAC39 agreed to adopt the amendment proposed by CCMAS and endorsed by CCGP30 to the section on methods of analysis and sampling of the Format for Codex Commodity Standards (Section II: Elaboration of Codex Commodity Standards). The revised section requires that commodity standards includes the following wording: "*For checking the compliance with this standard, the methods of analysis and sampling contained in the Recommended Methods of Analysis and Sampling (CODEX STAN 234-1999) relevant to the provisions in this standard, shall be used*".

5. The amendment would not imply the automatic removal of methods of analysis and sampling currently contained in Codex standards. The removal of methods of analysis and sampling from commodity standards would be done as the review and updating of CODEX STAN 234-1999 progress and inconsistencies and other pending issues are resolved.

70th and 71st Session of the Executive Committee (CCEXEC70/71)

Matters for action

Monitoring of Standards Development³

6. CCEXEC70 agreed to recommend all Committees to consider the need to develop an approach for the management of their work similar to that used by CCFH (while recognizing the differences in topics, working procedures, etc. among various committees).

7. The Committee **is invited to consider** this recommendation.

¹ REP15/CAC paras 184 and 185.

² REP16/CAC Appendix II, REP16/MAS Appendix III

³ REP15/EXEC, para. 22.

Preparation of the Codex Strategic Plan 2020-2025⁴

8. CCEXEC71 recommended the Commission to request the Secretariat to start the process of developing a new Strategic Plan for Codex.

9. This matter **will be considered** under Agenda Item 7 “Monitoring of the Implementation of the Codex Strategic Plan”.

⁴ REP16/EXEC, para. 88