



**JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME**  
**FAO/WHO COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR NORTH AMERICA AND**  
**THE SOUTH WEST PACIFIC**

14<sup>th</sup> Session

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**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION AND**  
**OTHER CODEX COMMITTEES**

(Prepared by the Codex Secretariat)

**38<sup>th</sup> and 39<sup>th</sup> Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC38/39)**

***Matters for information***

*Member and Coordinator for North America and South-West Pacific*<sup>1</sup>

1. CAC38 re-elected Canada and New Zealand as member of the Executive Committee for North America and South-West Pacific respectively 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).
2. CAC38 appointed Vanuatu as coordinator for North America and South-West Pacific to hold office from the end of CAC38 until the end of the first regular session of the Commission, which is scheduled for CAC40 (CAC2017) which follows the next session of the relevant Coordinating Committee.

*Amendments to the Procedural Manual<sup>2</sup>*

3. 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 11: Elaboration of Codex Commodity Standards). The revised section requires that commodity standards include 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”*.
4. 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.

**70<sup>th</sup> and 71<sup>st</sup> Session of the Executive Committee (CCEXEC70/71)**

***Matters for action***

*Monitoring of Standards Development<sup>3</sup>*

5. 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).
6. The Committee **is invited to consider** this recommendation.

<sup>1</sup> REP15/CAC paras 184 and 185.

<sup>2</sup> REP16/CAC, Appendix II, REP16/MAS Appendix II

<sup>3</sup> REP15/EXEC, para. 22.

*Preparation of the Codex Strategic Plan 2020-2025<sup>4</sup>*

7. CCEXEC71 recommended to the Commission to request the Secretariat to start the process of developing a new Strategic Plan for Codex.
8. This matter **will be considered** under Agenda Item 7 “Monitoring of the Implementation of the Codex Strategic Plan”.

**9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods (CCCF9/10)*****Matters for action****Priority List of Contaminants and Naturally Occurring Toxicants Proposed for Evaluation by JECFA<sup>5</sup>*

9. CCCF9 endorsed the priority list of contaminants and naturally occurring toxicants for JECFA evaluation with the inclusion of new proposal on “Scopoletin - full risk assessment with a view to advise CCNASWP in their development of a standard for noni juice”.
10. CCCF10 endorsed the priority list with noting that scopoletin remains on the list. CCNASWP is consulted on the status of the standard for noni juice and data availability.
11. This matter **will be considered** under Agenda Item 8 “Proposed draft Regional Standard for Fermented Noni Juice”.

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<sup>4</sup> REP15/EXEC, para. 88

<sup>5</sup> REP15/CF, para.147 and Appendix IX, REP16/CF Appendix VI