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## JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME

### CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION

*Twenty-Eighth Session, FAO Headquarters, Rome, 4 – 9 July 2005*

#### PROVISIONAL AGENDA

#### **PART I: INTRODUCTION**

1. Adoption of the Agenda and Arrangements for the Session
2. Report by the Chairperson on the 55<sup>th</sup> and 56<sup>th</sup> Sessions of the Executive Committee
3. Reports of FAO/WHO Regional Coordinating Committees

#### **PART II: PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

4. Amendments to the Procedural Manual
  - a) Amendments to the Rules of Procedure
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#### **PART III: CODEX STANDARDS AND RELATED TEXTS**

5. Draft Standards and Related Texts at Step 8 of the Procedure (including those submitted at Step 5 with a recommendation to omit Steps 6 and 7 and those submitted at Step 5 of the Accelerated Procedure)
6. Proposed Draft Standards and Related Texts at Step 5
7. Withdrawal or Revocation of existing Codex Standards and Related Texts
8. Proposals for the Elaboration of new Standards and Related Texts and for the Discontinuation of Work

#### **PART IV: PROGRAMME AND BUDGETARY MATTERS**

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10. Strategic Planning of the Codex Alimentarius Commission
11. Proposed Schedule of Codex Meetings 2005-2007

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**PART V: POLICY AND GENERAL MATTERS**

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  - a) General Implementation Status
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14. Relations between the Codex Alimentarius Commission and other International Organizations
15. FAO/WHO Project and Trust Fund for Enhanced Participation in Codex
16. Other Matters arising from FAO and WHO

**PART VI: ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**

17. Appointment of Regional Coordinators
18. Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons and Election of Members of the Executive Committee
19. Designation of Countries responsible for Appointing the Chairpersons of Codex Committees and Task Forces

**PART VII: OTHER MATTERS**

20. Other Business
21. Adoption of the Report

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**DRAFT TIMETABLE FOR AGENDA ITEMS  
PART I – PART VII**

DAY	ITEMS
Monday, 4 July	1-3, 17, 18, 4-7
Tuesday, 5 July	8-12
Wednesday, 6 July	12 (continued)-14
Thursday, 7 July	15, 16, 19, 20
Friday, 8 July (a.m.)	(if necessary)
Saturday, 9 July	21 (Adoption of report)

## NOTES ON THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

**General Note:** The 55<sup>th</sup> Session of the Executive Committee (Rome, February 2005) recommended for the 28<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission a six working day meeting to allow for the business on the agenda to be completed. With the exception of Agenda Item 17 to be completed on the opening day of the session and Agenda Item 18, for which the election process will begin on the opening day and continue through the week, it is recommended that all items be taken in the order in which they appear.

### **PART I: INTRODUCTION (Items 1-3)**

In accordance with Rule VI.2 of the Rules of Procedure, the first item on the Agenda is the Adoption of the Agenda. In accordance with Rule IV.5 of the Rules of the Procedure the Executive Committee shall report to the Commission on the sessions of the Executive Committee held since the previous Regular Session of the Commission. The Commission at its 23<sup>rd</sup> Session (Rome, 1999) agreed that sessions of FAO/WHO (Codex) Regional Coordinating Committees should also report to the Commission.

### **PART II: PROCEDURAL MATTERS (Item 4)**

The Commission is invited to consider amendments to the Rules of Procedure transmitted to it by the Codex Committee on General Principles. The quorum required for the purpose of adopting amendments to the Rules of Procedure is the majority of the Members of the Commission, and such amendments require a two-thirds majority of votes cast for their adoption (Rule V.6 and Rule XIV.1).<sup>1</sup> Such amendments come into force only upon the approval of the Directors-General of FAO and WHO (Rule XIV.1). The Commission is also invited to consider other amendments to the Procedural Manual transmitted to it by the Codex Committee on General Principles. The quorum required for such amendments is the normal quorum required for the transaction of business (Rule V.6). They take effect upon the adoption of the report of the present session of the Commission.

### **PART III: CODEX STANDARDS AND RELATED TEXTS (Items 5-8)**

The Commission is invited to consider draft standards and related texts submitted to it for adoption by subsidiary Codex Committees and Task Forces; these include drafts submitted at Step 8 of the Uniform Procedure for the Elaboration of Codex Standards, drafts submitted at Step 5 with the recommendation to omit Steps 6 and 7, and drafts submitted at Step 5 of the Accelerated Procedure. The Commission is also invited to confirm the withdrawal or revocation of existing Codex standards and related texts, as recommended by Codex Committees and Task Forces. It is also invited to approve proposals to undertake the elaboration of new standards and texts (including the amendment or revision of existing texts) and proposals to discontinue work, taking into consideration the advice of the Executive Committee in the framework of the Critical Review.

### **PART IV: PROGRAMME AND BUDGETARY MATTERS (Items 9-11)**

The Directors-General of FAO and WHO prepare an estimate of expenditure based on the proposed programme of work of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies. This estimate, with such modifications as may be considered appropriate by the Directors-General in the light of recommendations made by the Commission, shall subsequently be incorporated in the Regular Budgets of the two Organizations for approval by the appropriate governing bodies (Rule XII.1). The Commission will be invited to endorse the decisions and recommendations of the Executive Committee concerning the preparation of the Strategic Plan 2008-2013. The Commission will also be requested to endorse the proposed schedule of Codex meetings for the forthcoming biennium.

### **PART V: POLICY AND GENERAL MATTERS (Items 12-16)**

The 26<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission (Rome, 2003) approved a number of proposals to implement the recommendations of the Joint FAO/WHO Evaluation of the Codex Alimentarius and Other FAO and WHO Work on Food Standards<sup>2</sup>. The Commission will be invited to note the progress made in this regard and consider the Final Report of the consultants on the review of Codex committee structure and mandates of subsidiary

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<sup>1</sup> The current Membership of the Commission being 171 countries, the quorum for this purpose is 86 Members.

<sup>2</sup> Report of the 26<sup>th</sup> Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, ALINORM 03/41, paras. 149-183.

bodies. The Commission will be invited to consider matters referred to it from its previous session and by its subsidiary bodies. The Commission will be informed of the status of the relations between the Commission and other international governmental and non-governmental organizations. In accordance with the Principles Concerning the Participation of International Non-governmental Organizations in the Work of the Codex Alimentarius Commission<sup>3</sup>, a list of organizations granted Observer Status will be presented to the Commission. The 25<sup>th</sup> (Extraordinary) Session of the Commission requested to be kept informed of the progress and operations of the FAO/WHO Project and Trust Fund for Enhanced Participation in Codex. A Progress Report will be presented to the Commission in this regard. The Commission will be invited to consider matters arising from FAO and WHO, including the Consultative Process on Provision of Scientific Advice to Codex and to Member States as well as the World Health Assembly Resolution on the Global Strategy on Diet, Physical Activity and Health.

## **PART VI: ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS (Items 17-19)**

Regional Coordinators are appointed by the Commission in accordance with Rules III.4(a) and (b). The election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons and the election, on a regional basis, of Members of the Executive Committee is governed by Rules III.1 and IV.1 respectively. Because of the sequential nature of the election process a specific timetable is followed. A detailed explanatory note on the election procedure and voting is provided in document ALINORM 05/28/2. In accordance with Rule X.10 of the Rules of Procedure, the Commission is also required to designate those countries responsible for appointing the chairpersons of Codex Committees and Task Forces (“Host Countries”).

## **PART VII: OTHER MATTERS (Items 20-21)**

In accordance with Rule VI.5 of the Rules of Procedure, any Member of the Commission, and the Directors-General of FAO and WHO, may, after the dispatch of the Provisional Agenda, propose the inclusion of specific items in the Agenda with respect to matters of an urgent nature. In accordance with Rule IX.1 of the Commission’s Rules of Procedure and established practice, the Commission shall adopt the report of its 28<sup>th</sup> Session, based on a draft provided by the Secretariat.

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### **DRAFT TIMETABLE FOR THE ELECTION OF THE OFFICERS OF THE COMMISSION AND MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

	OPENING OF NOMINATIONS	CLOSURE OF NOMINATIONS	SECRET BALLOT (IF REQUIRED)
<b>Chairperson:</b>	Monday 13:00	Tuesday 12:00	Tuesday 17:30
<b>Vice-Chairpersons:</b>	Wednesday 09:30	Wednesday 15:00	Wednesday 17:30
<b>Members of the Executive Committee elected on a regional basis:</b>	Thursday 09:30	Thursday 15:00	Thursday 17:30

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<sup>3</sup> Procedural Manual of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, 14<sup>th</sup> Edition.