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Agenda Item 2

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

Matters for action

Standard for Natural Mineral Waters (CODEX STAN 108-1981)

1. When the Commission (2008) adopted the revised Standard for Natural Mineral Waters, it was noted that the section on methods of analysis was incomplete especially in relation to the chemical substances mentioned in Section 3.2.17 (surface active agents), 3.2.18 (pesticides and PCBs), 3.2.19 (mineral oil) and 3.2.20 (polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons). The Commission requested the Committees on Contaminants in Foods, on Pesticide Residues and Methods of Analysis and Sampling to review the issue of methods of analysis for these substances¹.
2. At the 3rd Session of the CCCF (2009), the Committee agreed that the question of methods of analysis and sampling should be considered by CCMAS and did not require further discussion in CCCF².
3. The 31st Session of CCMAS (March 2010) identified methods for the substances in sections 3.2.17 to 3.2.20 for adoption by the 33rd Session of the Commission³.
4. In view of this decision, the Committee is **invited** to consider and endorse the above-mentioned sections in the Standard for Natural Mineral Waters since the levels were original temporarily endorsed pending the finalization of the section on methods of analysis and sampling. The applicable section of the Standard for Natural Mineral Waters is provided in the Annex to this document⁴.

¹ ALINORM 08/31/REP, para. 106

² ALINORM 09/32/41, para. 8

³ ALINORM 10/33/23, para.109 and Appendix II

⁴ The Standard on Natural Mineral Waters can be downloaded from the Codex website www.codexalimentarius.net

Annex I**3. COMPOSITION AND QUALITY FACTORS****3.2 Health-related limits for certain substances**

The following substances shall be below the limit of quantification² when tested, in accordance with the methods prescribed in Section 7:

- 3.2.17 Surface active agents³
- 3.2.18 Pesticides and PCBs³
- 3.2.19 Mineral oil³
- 3.2.20 Polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons³

2. As stated in relevant ISO methods.

3. Temporarily endorsed pending the elaboration of appropriate method(s) of analysis.