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CRITICAL REVIEW FOR THE ELABORATION OF CODEX STANDARDS AND RELATED TEXTS
MONITORING OF STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT

BACKGROUND

1. In the framework of the Critical Review, the present document considers all items of work which are in the process of elaboration in Codex Committees. Draft Standards and Related Texts submitted to the Commission for Adoption are presented under Agenda Item 2 (a). New work items are presented under Agenda Item 2 (c).
2. The CCEXEC63 (2009) agreed that a list of discussion papers should be included in the document on monitoring for information purposes only, in order to present a complete view of the workload of each Committee, but would not be discussed as such. A list of discussion papers related to potential new work was therefore included, when applicable.
3. When recommendations have been made by previous sessions of the Executive Committee for specific items of work, they are also mentioned in the notes.
4. In accordance with Rule V.2 of the Rules of Procedure and with Paragraphs 5-8 in Part 2 "Critical Review" of the Procedures for the Elaboration of Codex Standards and Related Texts, the Executive Committee is invited to review the status of development of draft standards against the timeframe agreed by the Commission. In particular, the Executive Committee may propose an extension of the time frame; cancellation of work; or propose that the work be undertaken by a Committee other than the one to which it was originally entrusted.
5. To facilitate the conduct of monitoring progress of standards development, the CCEXEC58 (2006) agreed on the following criteria to be applied:
 - When progress on a standard is delayed due to the need for scientific advice, the Executive Committee could encourage FAO and WHO to schedule an expert consultation to provide such advice in a timely manner, and recommend suspension of work until such time as scientific advice became available;
 - When scientific advice has been provided and a standard has been under consideration for more than five years, the Executive Committee should urge the Committee concerned to take action within a specified timeframe;
 - When an item has been considered for several sessions without any progress and there is no prospect of reaching consensus, the Executive Committee could propose suspension of work at a particular Step in the Elaboration Procedure for a specified period of time or discontinuation of work, or corrective action to be taken to achieve progress, fully taking into consideration the information provided by the subsidiary body concerned.¹
6. This document only contains work carried out by Committees that have met since the CAC37 (2014).

¹ ALINORM 06/29/3A, para. 47. The criteria were endorsed by the CAC 29 (2006) (Ref. ALINORM 06/29/41, para. 13).

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

7. Overall the work of the Committees is progressing according to their respective schedules. However, work on 5 out of 19 standards has gone beyond the original schedule. Among the reasons for delays in completing work are: the interval between committee meetings; the complexity of the topics under discussion; the need for additional scientific advice, and inadequate timeframe/schedule for the nature of the task. Approaches in order to respect the planned timeframe include: through the increased use of PWGs prior to Committee sessions; by holding longer meetings and by reducing intervals between meetings. Workload has also been reduced through the discontinuation of certain work items.

8. Workload varies between Committees: some with a more extensive agenda than others; in this regard, CCFH has adopted a Forward Workplan which helps the Committee to ensure a continuous flow for a sustainable and more manageable agenda.

9. Therefore, it is proposed that the **CCEXEC recommends:**

- **CCPFV:** to give priority to the completion of the work on: (i) Proposed draft Annex on Canned Pineapples and (ii) Proposed draft Annexes on Quick Frozen Vegetables (including methods of analysis for quick frozen vegetables) in order to complete the review of the remaining standards for processed fruits and vegetables.
- **CCFL:** to give priority to the completion of the work on the Revision of the *Guidelines for the Production, Processing, Labelling and Marketing of Organically Produced Foods: Organic Aquaculture*.
- **CCCF:** to revise the schedule for completion of work on the Proposed draft maximum levels for lead in the *General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in Food and Feed* (GSCTFF) and encourage countries to timely submit data to GEM Food.
- **CCPR:** to revise the schedule for the completion of work on the revision of the *Classification of Food and Feed* taking into account the remaining/new commodity groups.
- **All Committees:** to consider the need to develop an approach for the management of their work similar to that used by CCFH (while recognising the difference in the topics dealt, working procedures, etc. among various committees).
- **CAC38:** to approve discontinuation of work on (i) Proposed draft Regional Standard for Ayran; and (ii) Annex on statistical and mathematical considerations to the *Principles and Guidelines for the Establishment and Application of Microbiological Criteria Related to Foods* (CAC/GL 21-1997), as proposed by CCEURO and CCFH respectively.

STATUS OF DEVELOPMENT OF DRAFT STANDARDS (OTHER THAN THOSE SUBMITTED FOR ADOPTION)²

Committee on Processed Fruits and Vegetables (27 th Session, 8-12 September 2014)	Timeframe		Current Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
	Job ID or year	Target Year				
Proposed draft Annex on Canned Pineapples	N20-2011	2015	3/2/3	1.2		Further consideration and finalization is expected at CCPFV28 (2016).
Proposed draft Annexes on Quick Frozen Vegetables (including methods of analysis for quick frozen vegetables)	N19-2011	2015	2/3	1.2		Further consideration and finalization is expected at CCPFV28 (2016).
<u>Discussion papers:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion paper on Standardisation of dry and dried produce - Status of work on the Review / revision of Codex standards for processed fruits and vegetables (ongoing report prepared by the Codex Secretariat) 						
<u>Comments by the Chairperson/host country:</u> As indicated in the comments by the Chairperson/host country under Part 1 of this Critical Review, the CCPFV has taken a two track approach to its work: (1) revision of existing standards and (2) elaborating new standards. In consideration of the status of its revision work and the current absence of proposals for elaborating new standards, the Chair of the Committee recognizes that a possible scenario for the CCPFV could be that it completes its work in the near future and, at that point, could consider adjourning <i>sine die</i> .						

FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for North America and the South West Pacific (13 th Session, 23-26 September 2014)	Timeframe		Current Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
	Job ID or year	Target Year				
Proposed Draft Standard for Fermented Noni Juice	N01-2013	2017	2/3	1.2		Work is continuing through EWG. Progress on the standard is expected at CCNASWP14 (2016). Scientific advice has been requested through CCCF to JECFA on a safe ML for scopoletin.
<u>Discussion papers:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion paper on Kava - Implementation status of the Strategic Plan for the CCNASWP 2014-2019 - Areas for new work of interest to the Region 						
<u>Comments by the Chairperson/host country:</u> Continue the Discussion paper on kava through EWG; Adoption and Implementation Status of the Strategic Plan for the CCNASWP 2014-2019 is expected by 2016; Areas for new work of interest to the Region include issues such as Non Communicable Diseases (NCDs).						

² “**Job Identification Number**”: Job Identification Number, or the year when new work was approved, or the year when work actually started, as applicable.

“**Target Year**”: the year by which the text is to be adopted at Step 8, as agreed by the Commission on the basis of the project document (from 2004 onwards), or the date specified by the Committee, where applicable.

“**Output Codes**”: the following codes are used: 1.1: Review and develop Codex standards and related texts for food safety; 1.2: Review and develop Codex standards and related texts for food quality; 1.3: Review and develop Codex standards and related texts for food labelling and nutrition; 1.4: Review and develop Codex standards and related texts for food inspection and certification, and methods of sampling and analysis.

Explanatory Notes: includes specific issues only for relevant provisions and the status of endorsement when applicable. There are no comments when no specific problems exist as regards the criteria mentioned in the Critical Review or other related issues.

FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Europe (29th Session, 30 September - 3 October 2014)	Timeframe		Current Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
	Job ID or year	Target Year				
Proposed draft Regional Standard for Ayran	N03-2011	2015	discontinued	1.2	-	No amenability to agree on method of production of ayran among different countries in the Region.
<u>Other documents:</u>						
- Regional Strategic Plan for CCEURO (for consideration and agreement at CCEURO30 (2016))						
<u>Comments by the Chairperson/host country:</u>						

Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems (21 st Session, 13-17 October 2014)	Timeframe		Current Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
	Job ID or year	Target Year				
<u>Discussion papers:</u>						
- Discussion paper on System comparability/equivalence						
- Discussion paper on the Possibilities of the use of electronic certificates by competent authorities as well as the migration to paperless certification						
<u>Comments by the Chairperson/host country:</u>						
At its 21 st session in October 2014 the Committee considered a discussion paper on consideration of emerging issues and future directions for the work of the Committee. The paper was a result of discussions held in the margins of CCFICS 20 as part of the 50 th anniversary celebrations for Codex, the discussions recognised the need for the committee to keep a standing item on its agenda that would facilitate discussion on its future strategy and work plan. The committee noted among other things that the committee would develop discussion papers on system comparability/equivalence and on electronic certificates in international food trade. The papers are being prepared through informal exchanges among members of the committee with the work being led by New Zealand and the Netherlands respectively. The discussion papers will facilitate further consideration of the priority and need to undertake work in these two areas at the next session of CCFICS in February 2016.						

Committee on Food Labelling (42 nd Session, 21-24 October 2014)	Timeframe		Current Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
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Revision of the <i>Guidelines for the Production, Processing, Labelling and Marketing of Organically Produced Foods: Organic Aquaculture</i>	N13-2010	2014	3	1.3		The proposed draft was extensively discussed in CCFL42, but due to time constraints, the Committee could not consider the entire document. Considerable work is still required to improve the text. Advancing the text will be facilitated by the holding of a PWG immediately prior to CCFL43.
Revision of the <i>General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods: Date marking</i>	N10-2013	2016/2017	3	1.3		Due to the extensive changes made by CCFL42 and the need to address some unresolved issues, the proposed draft revision was returned to Step 3.
<u>Discussion papers:</u>						
- Discussion paper on the Labelling of non-retail containers						
- Discussion paper on Issues related to internet sales of food						
- Proposal to revise the <i>General Guidelines for the Use of the Term "Halal"</i> (CAC/GL 24-1997)						

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<u>Comments by the Chairperson/host country:</u>						
<p>Revision of the <i>Guidelines for the Production, Processing, Labelling and Marketing of Organically Produced Foods: Organic Aquaculture</i> : Due to time constraints resulting from extensive discussion and changes made to the proposed draft text, the Committee agreed to return the text to Step 3 for circulation for comments, and in preparation for the 43rd Session, that a physical working (PWG) would be convened with the goal of seeking to resolve differences and prepare proposals for consideration at the next session. The European Union agreed to lead the PWG. It is expected that this work may progress to Step 5 following the 43rd Session.</p> <p>Revision of the <i>General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods: Date marking</i>: Due to the extensive changes made and some unresolved issues which need further discussion, the Committee agreed to return the proposed draft revision to Step 3 for further comments and consideration at the 43rd Session. It is expected that this work will progress to Step 5 following the next session.</p> <p>Discussion papers: Due to time constraints the discussion papers noted above were not discussed and it is expected that they will be taken up at the next session of the Committee.</p> <p>Length and Frequency: In order to allow for enough time to foster good discussion on all the agenda items, a 3 day meeting is being planned for the upcoming 43rd Session. If necessary, a shorter interval between sessions (12 months instead of 18 months cycle) may be considered following the 43rd Session.</p>						

FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Asia (19 th Session, 3 -7 November 2014)	Timeframe		Current Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
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Proposed Draft Standard for Laver Products	N14-2011	2017 (initially 2015)	2/3	1.2	-	CCASIA19 reached agreement on name of the standard, sections "Scope" and "Contaminants" and made substantial progress on Section "Description" where only the definition of 2.2.3.1 Fried Laver Treated with Edible Oil required some discussion. Due to time constraint CCASIA could not address other sections agreed to return to Step 2/3 for redrafting by a EWG. Advancing the text will be facilitated by the holding of a PWG immediately prior to CCASIA20.
Proposed Draft Regional Code of Hygienic Practice for Street-Vended Foods	N05-2013	2015/2017	2/3	1.1	-	CCASIA19 had a general discussion on the scope, objective and structure and agreed to return it to Step 2/3 for redrafting. Advancing the text will be facilitated by the holding of a PWG immediately prior to CCASIA20.

Discussion papers:

- Discussion paper on Makgeolli
- Discussion paper on Natto
- Discussion paper on Dried Longan

Discontinued topics:

- Discussion paper on Edible Crickets and their Products
- Discussion paper on Samgyetang
- Draft Strategic Plan for CCASIA 2015-2020

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<p><u>Comments by the Chairperson/host country:</u></p> <p>Standard for Laver Products: The proposed draft standard is redrafting by the EWG with possible PWG immediately prior to the next CCASIA. Further works needed to get to final agreement on product description, types and styles and on product compositions/quality factors and food additives in order to advance to next Step. The 19th CCASIA also agreed that the GSCTFF should be at least referred in the Standard and that, based on the results of preliminary exposure assessment, specific ML/GLs or other risk management measures of arsenic, cadmium or lead for laver products would not be necessary. Members were requested to submit occurrence and consumption data to GEMS/Food for more robust exposure assessment of arsenic, cadmium and lead in laver products. Members interested in the development of MLs for heavy metals in laver products are requested to prepare a discussion paper for consideration by the Committee on Contaminants in Foods (CCCF).</p> <p>Code of Hygienic Practice for Street-Vended Foods: Due to the length of the document and the limited time available, CCASIA only had a general discussion on scope, objectives and structure of the document. The proposed draft Code is redrafting by the EWG with possible PWG immediately prior to the next CCASIA. The proposed draft Code will be considered in details by the 20th CCASIA in order to advance it to next Step.</p> <p>Draft Strategic Plan for CCASIA 2015-2020: The 19th CCASIA was of the opinion that regional Strategic Plans might not be necessary as RCCs have a role to provide feedback and support to the global Codex Strategic Plan. It noted that specific activities of the draft regional Strategic Plan not addressed in the global Strategic Plan could be documented as a list of priority activities or Action Plan without the burden of developing, implementing and monitoring a regional Strategic Plan.</p>						

FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Latin America and the Caribbean (19 th Session, 10 -14 November 2014)	Timeframe		Current Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
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Proposed draft Regional Standard for Yacon	N11-2013	2017	2/3	1.2		
<p><u>Comments by the Chairperson/host country:</u></p> <p>The standard for yacon is expected to be completed at CCLAC20 (2016).</p>						

Committee on Food Hygiene (46 th Session, 17-21 November 2014)	Timeframe		Current Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
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Proposed Draft Guidelines for the Control of Nontyphoidal <i>Salmonella</i> spp. in Beef and Pork Meat	N02-2014	2018	2/3	1.1	FAO/WHO	Progress on this work is dependent on scientific advice from FAO/WHO. Work being undertaken in PWG (May), EWG and PWG prior to the CCFH47. Initial report from FAO/WHO has been submitted to PWG. An expert meeting is scheduled for September 2015.
Proposed Draft Guidelines on the Application of General Principles of Food Hygiene to the Control of Foodborne Parasites	N03-2014	2019	2/3	1.1	FAO/WHO	Work is taking into account the FAO/WHO scientific advice. Work continuing in EWG and will be further discussed in PWG prior to CCFH47
Annex on statistical and mathematical considerations to the <i>Principles and Guidelines for the Establishment and Application of Microbiological Criteria Related to Foods</i> (CAC/GL 21-1997)	N06-2010	2012	discontinued	1.1	FAO/WHO	The revision to the main document was adopted in 2013, while consideration was given to whether to include an annex on statistical and mathematical considerations. Work discontinued because the FAO/WHO: Risk Managers Guide to the Statistical Aspects of

Committee on Food Hygiene (46 th Session, 17-21 November 2014)	Timeframe		Current Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
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						Microbiological Criteria Related to Foods” provides the necessary guidance to understand statistical and mathematical considerations for establishment and application of microbiological criteria.
<u>Discussion papers:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion paper on the Need to revise the <i>Code of Hygienic Practice for Fresh Fruits and Vegetables</i> (CAC/RCP 53-2003) - Discussion paper on the Revision of the <i>General Principles of Food Hygiene</i> (CAC/RCP 1-1969) and its HACCP annex - New work proposals / Forward Workplan 						
<u>Comments by the Chairperson/host country:</u> CCFH continues to operate with efficiency in mind. As such, we have minimized the number of intersession meeting and favour holding physical workgroup meetings before the plenary sessions of the annual CCFH meeting. We have requested, and received, continuous support from FAO/WHO on workgroups and consultations. Much collaborative discussions have been conducted regarding the work on <i>Salmonella</i> in beef and pork. The workgroup meeting in May, hosted by the EU, together with the expert consultation that will be held ahead of the next meeting, should produce a very mature document for the full committee to discuss at its next session in November. We expect this work to progress expeditiously. All other work is progressing as scheduled and the proposals for new work keep coming in.						

Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses (36 th Session, 24-28 November 2014)	Timeframe		Current Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
	Job ID or year	Target Year				
Proposed Draft Additional or Revised Nutrient Reference Values for Labelling Purposes in the Guidelines on Nutrition Labelling (Vitamin A, D, E, Magnesium, Phosphorus, Chromium, Copper, Chloride and Iron)	N06-2008	2016	2/3	1.3		Several additional or revised NRVs were forwarded for adoption at Step 5/8. Work is ongoing on other nutrients. See also the comments by the Chairperson in CX/EXEC 15/70/2.
Review of the <i>Standard for Follow-Up Formula</i> (CODEX STAN 156-1987)	N07-2013	2017	2/3	1.2 / 1.3		Work is ongoing through EWG and PWG to meet prior CCNFSDU37.
<u>Discussion papers:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion Paper on Claim for “Free” of Trans Fatty Acids - Discussion paper on a Standard for ready-to-use foods (RUF) 						
<u>Comments by the Chairperson/host country:</u> At its 36 th session CCNFSDU had extensive and controversial discussions on the agenda item “Review of the Standard for Follow-Up Formula” particularly on the necessity of follow-up formula and a Codex standard for these products. Finally the Committee agreed to continue the revision of the standard through a EWG (chaired by New Zealand and co-chaired by France and Indonesia) and a subsequent PWG prior to the next CCNFSDU session. On the basis of a revised discussion paper including a project document on a standard for ready-to-use foods (RUF) CCNFSDU will discuss the proposal presented by UNICEF at the last session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission in 2014 for the development of a Codex standard for RUF for the management of acutely malnourished children.						

Committee on Fats and Oils (24 th Session, 9-13 February 2015)	Timeframe		Current Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
	Job ID or year	Target Year				
<u>Discussion papers:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion Papers on Amendments of the <i>Standard for Named Vegetable Oils</i> (CODEX STAN 210-1999) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revision of Limits of Oleic and Linoleic Acids in Sunflower Seed Oils • Inclusion of Provisions for Walnut Oil, Almond Oil, Hazelnut Oil, Pistachio Oil, Flaxseed Oil and Avocado Oil • Replacement of Acid Value with Free Fatty Acids for Virgin Palm Oils • Inclusion of Quality Parameters for Crude Rice Bran Oil - Discussion Paper on the Amendment of the <i>Standard for Named Animal Fats</i> (CODEX STAN 211-1999): Inclusion of Unrefined Edible Tallow 						
<u>Discontinued topics:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion Papers on Revision of the <i>Standard for Named Vegetable Oils</i> (CODEX STAN 210-1999) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inclusion of Provisions for High Oleic Soybean Oil • Inclusion of Provisions for High Stearic High Oleic Acids of Sunflower Seed Oils - Discussion Paper on Revision of the <i>Standard for Olive Oils and Olive Pomace Oils Fats</i> (CODEX STAN 33-1981) - Content of delta-7-stigmastenol - Discussion paper on Revision of the <i>Code of Practice for the Storage and Transport of Edible Fats and Oils in Bulk</i> (CAC/RCP 36-1987) 						
<u>Comments by the Chairperson/host country:</u> Comments received after 20 May will be compiled in CX/EXEC 15/70/3 Add.1.						

Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling (36 th Session, 23-27 February 2015)	Timeframe		Current Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
	Job ID or year	Target Year				
Endorsement of methods of analysis and sampling			ongoing	1.4		
<u>Discussion papers:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Criteria for endorsement of biological methods to detect chemicals of concern - Procedures for determining uncertainty of measurement results - Procedures / guidelines for determining equivalency to Type I methods - Criteria approach for methods which use 'sum of components' - Sampling in Codex standards - Review and update of Codex methods in CODEX STAN 234 – 1999 Information document: Practical Examples to support the <i>Principles for the Use of Sampling and Testing in International Food Trade</i>						
<u>Comments by the Chairperson/host country:</u> The plenary session decided to establish electronic working groups to further elaborate the topics of the above discussion papers. The need for holding physical working group meetings before the plenary session will be decided depending on the progress made by the working groups and the comments of member states related to the recommendations of the working groups.						

Committee on Contaminants in Foods (9 th Session, 16-20 March 2015)	Timeframe		Current Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
	Job ID or year	Target Year				
Proposed draft maximum levels for lead in selected fruits and vegetables (fresh and processed)	N04-2012	2015	2/3	1.1	73 rd JECFA	It is foreseen that completion of the review of the MLs will take 2-3 additional sessions of CCCF. Part of the delay is the late/lack submission of countries data to GEMS Food to assist the Committee in the review.
Proposed draft maximum level for cadmium in chocolate and cocoa-derived products	N15-2014	2017	2/3	1.1	73 rd JECFA	
Proposed draft maximum level for total mycotoxins in peanuts, ready-to-eat	N14-2014	2017	4	1.1	69 th and future JECFA	CCCF8 requested JECFA to conduct an exposure assessment for health impact and calculate violation rates based on hypothetical MLs for total aflatoxins in RTE peanuts. Work will be resumed when the results of the JECFA impact assessment becomes available. Aflatoxins and other mycotoxins are currently in the Priority list of contaminants and naturally occurring toxicants for evaluation by JECFA.
Proposed draft Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Arsenic Contamination in Rice	N12-2014	2017	2/3	1.1	-	
Proposed draft Annexes to the <i>Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Mycotoxin Contamination in Cereals</i> (CAC/RCP 51-2003)	N13-2014	2017	2/3	1.1	-	
Priority list of contaminants and naturally occurring toxicants proposed for evaluation by JECFA	-	-	-	1.1	JECFA ongoing	
<u>Discussion papers:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ergot alkaloids (for inclusion as an Annex to the <i>Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Mycotoxin Contamination in Cereals</i>) - Maximum levels for methylmercury in fish - Maximum levels for mycotoxins in spices 						
<u>Comments by the Chairperson/host country:</u> Comments received after 20 May will be compiled in CX/EXEC 15/70/3 Add.1.						

Committee on Food Additives (47 th Session, 23-27 March 2015)	Timeframe		Current Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
	Job ID or year	Target Year				
Food additive provisions in Table 1 and 2 in food categories 01.2 through 08.4, with the exclusion of food categories 04.1.2.4, 04.2.2.4, 04.2.2.5, 04.2.2.6, 05.1.1, 05.1.3 and 05.1.4	ongoing	-	various steps			To facilitate progress on the GSFA, CCFA holds a 2-day PWG meeting immediately prior to each session of the Committee to prepare recommendations for the plenary on the work (see TOR of the PWG in

Committee on Food Additives (47 th Session, 23-27 March 2015)	Timeframe		Current Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
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Provisions for nisin (INS 234) in food category 08.3.2	-	-	various steps			
Provisions for quillaia extracts (INS 999(i)(ii)) in food category 14.1.4 "Water-based flavoured drinks, including "sport", "energy "or "electrolyte" drink and particulated drinks"	-	-	3			
Alignment of the food additive provisions of commodity standards and relevant provisions of the GSFA	ongoing	-	-			CCFA has completed work on alignment of the five commodity standards for meat and <i>Standard for bouillons and consommés</i> (CODEX STAN 117-1981) (sent for adoption at CAC38). For doing this work the CCFA has developed a decision tree approach that will continue to be used for the alignment of the food additive provisions of commodity standards developed by non-active committees. The CCFA48 (2016) will continue consideration of the alignment of the food additive provisions of the standards for chocolate and cocoa products.
Revision of to the <i>International Numbering System for Food Additives</i> (CAC/GL 36-1989)	ongoing	-	1/2/3			
Specifications for the Identity and Purity of Food Additives (CAC/MISC 6)	ongoing	-	1/2/3		80 th JECFA (June 2015)	
<u>Discussion papers:</u>						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion paper of the Use of specific food additives in the production of wine - Discussion paper on Secondary additives 						
<u>Comments by the Chairperson/host country:</u>						
Comments received after 20 May will be compiled in CX/EXEC 15/70/3 Add.1.						

Committee on Pesticide Residues (47 th Session, 13-18 April 2015)	Timeframe		Current Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
	Job ID or year	Target Year				
Maximum residue limits for pesticides (proposed draft and draft)	Ongoing	N/A	4 and 7	1.1	JMPR ongoing	Finalisation of these MRLs depend on re-evaluation / periodic review by JMPR according to the Schedules and Priority Lists of Pesticides
Draft revision of the Classification of Food and Feed: Selected vegetable commodity groups (Group 015 – Pulses)	N11-2004 N09-2006	2012	7	1.1	-	This is part of the ongoing revision of the <i>Classification of Food and Feed</i> currently applying to vegetable commodity groups and cereal grains. Several vegetable commodity groups are now retained at Step 7 awaiting the completion of the
Proposed draft revision of the Classification of Food and Feed: Selected vegetable commodity groups (Group 011 – Fruiting vegetables,		2012	2/3 (Fruiting vegetables)	1.1	-	

Committee on Pesticide Residues (47 th Session, 13-18 April 2015)	Timeframe		Current Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
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cucurbits and Group 014 – Legume vegetables)			other than cucurbits) 4 (legume vegetables)			revision of the vegetable commodity groups by 2016. The approach to the revision of the Classification as per the vegetable commodity groups follows the approach taken for the revision of the fruit commodity groups namely commodity groups should not be adopted at Step 8 until the revision for the whole group has been completed in order to avoid problems with the transfer of commodities from one group to the other when finalising the whole group for final adoption by CAC. CCPR45 noted that, following the same approach taken for the completion of the fruit commodity groups, finalization of the vegetable commodity groups for final adoption by the Commission should take 2-3 sessions of the Committee i.e. completion of the vegetable groups are expected in 2016.
Proposed draft revision of the Classification of Food and Feed: Selected vegetable commodity groups (Group020 – Cereal grains)		2012	2/3	1.1	-	
Proposed draft Table 2 – Examples of selection of representative commodities (vegetable commodity groups) and Table 3 (cereal grains) (for inclusion in the Principles and guidance for the selection of representative commodities for the extrapolation of maximum residue limits for pesticides to commodity groups)		2012	2/3	1.1	-	
Guidance on performance criteria for methods of analysis for the determination of pesticide residues	N09-2013	2016	2/3	1.2 / 1.4	-	
<u>Discussion papers:</u>						
- Impact of the Relocation of <i>Vigna</i> spp. under the Beans (dry) on the CXLs for Peas (dry)						
<u>Comments by the Chairperson/host country:</u>						
Support.						

Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods (22 nd Session, 27 April – 1 May 2015)	Timeframe		Current Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
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Draft RMR for gentian violet	ongoing	-	3		78 th JECFA (2013)	The 78 th JECFA noted the structural similarity to malachite green and, based on a literature review, concluded that it was not appropriate to establish an ADI and recommend MRLs due to the toxicological mode of action, which is carcinogenic acting by a genotoxic mechanism. Based on this conclusion CCRVDF22 circulated for comments at Step 3 RMR for gentian violet which will be considered at CCRVDF23 (October 2016).
Proposed draft MRLs for ivermectin (cattle muscle) and lasalocid sodium (chicken, turkey, quail and pheasant tissues)	ongoing	-	4		81 st JECFA (2015)	<u>Ivermectin</u> CCRVDF22 included ivermectin (re-evaluation of the ADI and establishment of an MRL) in the priority list for JECFA evaluation. As the re-evaluation might

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						lead to the establishment of new MRLs, CCRVDF22 agreed to hold the current proposed MRL at Step 4 for consideration at a future session (consideration will take account JECFA re-evaluation). <u>Lasalocid sodium</u> A concern form was submitted by the European Union on the approach used to estimate consumer short term exposure and Canada also expressed concern that the proposed MRLs might expose consumers to residues of lasalocid higher than the ADI. Noting the need to address these concerns, CCRVDF22 agreed to hold the MRL for lasalocid sodium at Step 4 for consideration at its next Session based on the recommendations of the 81 st JECFA.
<p><u>Discussion papers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion paper on the Establishment of a rating system to establish priority for CCRVDF work - Discussion paper on Unintended presence of residues of veterinary drugs in food commodities resulting from the carry-over of drug residues into feed - Global survey to provide information to the CCRVDF to move compounds from the database on countries' needs for MRLs to the JECFA Priority List - Database on countries' needs for MRLs 						
<p><u>Comments by the Chairperson/host country:</u></p> <p>We have broad support for the items noted above. The discussion paper on the unintended presence of residues resulting from carry-over is important to ensure that we bound the scope of when we would consider drug residues in feed and ensure that we do not drift into the purview of the contaminants committee. The discussion paper on the establishment of a rating system is an opportunity for CCRVDF to consider and harvest best practices from other committees who have already implemented a rating system. Lastly, the Global survey is important work for CCRVDF to ensure that we are establishing MRLs, particularly for developing countries where the need is great, drawing attention to prioritized needs to secure dossiers to submit to JEFCA. All three actions are proactive work on the part of the CCRVDF to enhance its performance in meeting its terms of reference.</p>						