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Agenda Item 1

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JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD IMPORT AND EXPORT INSPECTION AND CERTIFICATION SYSTEMS

Sixteenth Session

Surfers Paradise, Queensland, Australia, 26-30 November 2007

To be held at the Surfers Paradise Marriott Resort and Spa, 158 Ferny Avenue, Surfers Paradise,
Queensland, Australia from Monday, 26 November at 10:00 to Friday, 30 November 2007

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Agenda Item	Subject Matter	Document Identification
1.	Adoption of the Agenda	CX/FICS 07/16/1
2.	Matters Referred to the Committee by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and Other Codex Committees and Task Forces	CX/FICS 07/16/2
3.	Proposed draft Appendix to the Guidelines on the Judgement of Equivalence of Sanitary Measures Associated with Food Inspection and Certification at Step 4 (N04-2004)	CX/FICS 07/16/3
	- Comments at Step 3	CX/FICS 07/16/3-Add.1
4.	Discussion Paper on the Need to revise CAC/GL 20-1995 and CAC/GL 26-1997	CX/FICS 07/16/4
5.	Discussion Paper on the Need for Guidance for National Food Inspection Systems	CX/FICS 07/16/5
6.	Discussion Paper on the Development of Guidelines for the Conduct of Foreign Audit Team Inspections	CX/FICS 07/16/6
7.	Discussion Paper on the Need for further Guidance on Traceability/Product Tracing	CX/FICS 07/16/7
8.	Consistency of the draft <i>Model Export Certificate for Milk and Milk Products</i> with CAC/GL 38-2001	CX/FICS 07/16/8
9.	Other Business and Future Work	
	Discussion Paper on the Development of a Generic Template for Health Certificates	CX/FICS 07/16/9
10.	Date and Place of Next Session	
11.	Adoption of the Report	

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NOTES ON THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Agenda Item 1 – Adoption of the Agenda (CX/FICS 07/16/1): The Committee will be invited to adopt the Provisional Agenda as the Agenda for the Session.

Agenda Item 2 – Matters Referred to the Committee by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and Other Codex Committees and Task Forces (CX/FICS 07/16/2): The document is an information paper prepared by the Codex Secretariat concerning matters referred by the 30th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission and other Codex Committees and Task Forces.

Agenda Item 3 – Proposed draft Appendix to the Guidelines on the Judgement of Equivalence of Sanitary Measures Associated with Food Inspection and Certification at Step 4 (N04-2004) (CX/FICS 07/16/3): The 15th Session of the Committee agreed to return the *Proposed draft Appendix to the Guidelines on the Judgement of Equivalence of Sanitary Measures Associated with Food Inspection and Certification* to Step 2 for redrafting by a physical Working Group, led by the United States, comments at Step 3 (see CX/FICS 07/16/3-Add.1) and consideration by its 16th Session (see ALINORM 07/30/30, para.59).

Agenda Item 4 – Discussion Paper on the Need to revise CAC/GL 20-1995 and CAC/GL 26-1997 (CX/FICS 07/16/4): The 15th Session of the Committee agreed to request the Delegation of New Zealand to prepare a comprehensive discussion paper, to justify the need for the revision of the *Principles for Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification* (CAC/GL 20-1995) and the *Guidelines for the Design, Operation, Assessment and Accreditation of Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems* (CAC/GL 26-1997) and to identify the elements of the two documents to be revised, for consideration at its next session, including project proposals for new work if appropriate. It was also agreed that the discussion paper could address the discussion on the Code of Ethics (see ALINORM 07/30/30, para.70).

Agenda Item 5 – Discussion Paper on the Need for Guidance for National Food Inspection Systems (CX/FICS 07/16/5): The 15th Session of the Committee agreed to request the Delegation of Australia to prepare a comprehensive discussion paper identifying areas where guidance for national food inspection systems was needed and providing scope, justification and rationale for new work and, if necessary, including a project document, for consideration at its next session (see ALINORM 07/30/30, para.73).

Agenda Item 6 – Discussion Paper on the Development of Guidelines for the Conduct of Foreign Audit Team Inspections (CX/FICS 07/16/6): The 15th Session of the Committee agreed to establish an electronic Working Group, led by Australia¹, to prepare a comprehensive discussion paper on the scope, justification and rationale for new work. It was also agreed that the discussion paper should include an outline of the Guidelines and a project document, for consideration at its next session (see ALINORM 07/30/30, para.75).

Agenda Item 7 – Discussion Paper on the Need for further Guidance on Traceability/ Product Tracing (CX/FICS 07/16/7): The 15th Session of the Committee agreed to the proposal of the Delegation of Norway to prepare a discussion paper on the need for further guidance on traceability/product tracing (see ALINORM 07/30/30, para.76).

Agenda Item 8 – Consistency of the draft *Model Export Certificate for Milk and Milk Products* with CAC/GL 38-2001 (CX/FICS 07/16/8): The 15th Session of the Committee agreed that the Australian Secretariat prepare a working document on the consistency of the draft *Model Export Certificate for Milk and Milk Products* with the *Codex Guidelines for Generic Official Certificate Formats and the Production and Issuance of Certificates* (CAC/GL 38-2001) for its next session (see ALINORM 07/30/30, para.7).

Agenda Item 9 – Other Business and Future Work: Other business and proposals for future work will be considered and among those:

- **Discussion Paper on the Development of a Generic Template for Health Certificates (CX/FICS 07/16/9):** The Delegation of the European Community proposes developing an annex to the *Guidelines for Design, Production, Issuance and Use of Generic Official Certificates* (CAC/GL 38-2001) containing a model certificate applicable to all food products.

¹ With the assistance of Argentina, Brazil, Canada, China, Czech Republic, European Community, Germany, Kenya, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Norway, Philippines, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand and United States.

Agenda Item 10 – Date and Place of Next Session: The Chairperson will propose the tentative date and place of the next meeting, subject to discussions by the Codex and Australian Secretariats.

Agenda Item 11 – Adoption of the Report: The Committee shall adopt a report of its 16th Session based on a draft provided by the Secretariat.