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Agenda Item 1

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CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD IMPORT AND EXPORT INSPECTION
AND CERTIFICATION SYSTEMS

Thirteenth Session

Melbourne, Australia, 6 – 10 December 2004

*To be held at the Hilton on the Park, Melbourne, 192 Wellington Parade, East Melbourne, Victoria,
Australia, from Monday, 6 December at 10:00 to Friday 10 December 2004*

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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10. Adoption of the Report

NOTES ON THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Agenda Item 1 – Adoption of the Agenda (CX/FICS 04/13/1): The Committee will be invited to adopt the Provisional Agenda as the Agenda for the Session.

Agenda Item 2 – Matters Referred and/or of Interest from the Codex Alimentarius Commission and Other Codex Committees and Task Forces (CX/FICS 04/13/2): The document is an information paper prepared by the Codex Secretariat concerning matters referred and/or of interest from the Codex Alimentarius Commission and other Codex Committees.

Agenda Item 3 – Proposed draft Standards and Related Texts at Step 4: The 12th Session of the Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems (CCFICS) agreed to forward to the Codex Alimentarius Commission three new work items for approval as new work (ALINORM 04/27/30, para. 88).

Agenda Item 3 (a) – Proposed draft Appendices to the Guidelines on the Judgement of Equivalence of Sanitary Measures Associated with Food Inspection and Certification (CX/FICS 04/13/3): The document was prepared by a drafting group led by the United States. The 12th Session of the CCFICS noted that the appendices would take account of the request of the 26th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission in relation to the need for more information to enable the implementation of the Guidelines (ALINORM 04/27/30, para. 90). The 27th Session of the Commission approved the elaboration of the Appendices to the Guidelines on the Judgement of Equivalence of Sanitary Measures Associated with Food Inspection and Certification as new work for the Committee (ALINORM 04/27/41, Appendix VI). Comments at Step 3 are presented in document CX/FICS 04/13/3-Add.1.

Agenda Item 3 (b) – Proposed draft Principles for Electronic Certification (CX/FICS 04/13/4): The document was prepared by a drafting group led by Australia. The 27th Session of the Commission approved the elaboration of the Principles for Electronic Certification as new work for the Committee (ALINORM 04/27/41, Appendix VI). Comments at Step 3 are presented in document CX/FICS 04/13/4-Add.1.

Agenda Item 3 (c) – Proposed draft Guidelines for Risk-based Inspection of Imported Foods (CX/FICS 04/13/5): The document was prepared by a drafting group led by the United States. The 27th Session of the Commission approved the elaboration of the Guidelines for Risk-based Inspection of Imported Foods as new work for the Committee (ALINORM 04/27/41, Appendix VI). Comments at Step 3 are presented in document CX/FICS 04/13/5-Add.1.

Agenda Item 4 – Discussion Paper on Traceability/Product Tracing in the Context of Food Inspection and Certification Systems (CX/FICS 04/13/6):

The 12th Session of the CCFICS agreed to continue its discussion on traceability/product tracing in the context of food inspection and certification systems at its next meeting. It was agreed that the Australian Secretariat would prepare a document containing a preliminary set of “principles on traceability/product tracing”, based on the discussion that has occurred over the past two years in the Regional Coordinating Committees, and this document would be circulated for comment through a Circular Letter (CL 2004/6-FICS). Furthermore, the Committee agreed that the Australian Secretariat would prepare a discussion paper, based on the above document, together with the comments received, the outputs and recommendations from seminars and workshops (as appropriate), discussions in the Codex Committee on General Principles and other relevant Codex Committees and Regional Coordinating Committees, and other relevant documents, for circulation and discussion at its next meeting (ALINORM 04/27/30, paras 72 and 74).

Agenda Item 5 – Discussion Paper on the Revision of the Guidelines for the Exchange of Information Between Countries on Rejection of Imported Foods (CX/FICS 04/13/7):

The 12th Session of the CCFICS agreed that a drafting group led by India would prepare this discussion paper for consideration at its 13th Session (ALINORM 04/27/30, para. 88).

Agenda Item 6 – Discussion Paper on the Revision of the Guidelines for Generic Official Certificate Formats and the Production and Issuance of Certificates (CX/FICS 04/13/8):

The 12th Session of the CCFICS agreed that a drafting group led by the United States would prepare this discussion paper for consideration at its 13th Session. It noted that the discussion paper would specifically involve revision of Section 5, para. 6 regarding the appropriate use of export certificate and would also envisage the preparation of a standard format for the presentation of the import requirements (ALINORM 04/27/30, paras 88 and 91).

Agenda Item 7 – Discussion Paper on Clarification of the Reference “a reasonable interval” in the Guidelines for Import Control Systems (CX/FICS 04/13/9):

The 12th Session of the CCFICS agreed that the Australia and Paraguay would prepare this discussion paper for consideration at its 13th Session (ALINORM 04/27/30, para. 88).

Agenda Item 8 – Other Business and Future Work: Other business and proposals for future work will be considered.

Agenda Item 9 – 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 10 – Adoption of the Report: the Committee shall adopt a report of its 13th Session based on a draft provided by the Secretariat.