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Agenda Item 1

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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3 (a)	Proposed draft Appendices to the Guidelines on the Judgement of Equivalence of Sanitary Measures Associated with Food Inspection and Certification	CX/FICS 05/14/3 CX/FICS 05/14/3-Add.2
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3 (c)	Proposed draft Principles for the Application of Traceability/Product Tracing in the context of Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems	CX/FICS 05/14/5 CX/FICS 05/14/5-Add.2
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3 (d)	Proposed draft Revision of the Guidelines for Generic Official Certificate Formats and the Production and Issuance of Certificates	CX/FICS 05/14/6
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5.	Discussion Paper on the development of an Appendix on “Information relating to the need for technical assistance and cooperation between the importing countries to exporting countries” to the Codex Guidelines on the Judgement of Equivalence of Sanitary Measures Associated with Food Inspection and Certification	CX/FICS 05/14/8
6.	Other Business and Future Work	
7.	Date and Place of Next Session	
8.	Adoption of the Report	

NOTES ON THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Agenda Item 1 – Adoption of the Agenda (CX/FICS 05/14/1): The Committee will be invited to adopt the Provisional Agenda as the Agenda for the Session.

Agenda Item 2 – Matters Referred by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and Other Codex Committees and Task Forces (CX/FICS 05/14/2): The document is an information paper prepared by the Codex Secretariat concerning matters referred by the 28th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission and other Codex Committees and Task Forces.

Agenda Item 3 – Proposed draft Standards and Related Texts at Step 4:

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 05/14/3): The 13th Session of the Committee agreed that work on items (2) Documentation for evaluation of submissions of requests for equivalence determinations; (4) Determining an “objective basis of comparison”; and (5) More details on the process of judging equivalence should be given priority. In order to carry out this task, the Committee decided to reconvene the Working Group under the leadership of the United States. The Committee further agreed that, when elaborating the appendices, the Working Group should also take into account the written comments submitted and the comments made at this Session. The Appendices would then be circulated for comments at Step 3 and consideration by the next Session of the Committee (ALINORM 05/13/30, para. 23). Comments at Step 3 are presented in document CX/FICS 05/14/3-Add.1.

Agenda Item 3 (b) – Proposed draft Principles and Guidelines for Risk-based Inspection of Imported Foods (CX/FICS 05/14/4): The 13th Session of the Committee agreed to return the renamed proposed draft “Principles and Guidelines for Risk-Based Inspection of Imported Foods” to Step 3 for circulation and comments. It further agreed that a Working Group led by the United States would revise the proposed draft Principles and Guidelines on the basis of the written comments requested at Step 3 and its discussion, for circulation, comments at Step 3 and further discussion at its 14th Session (ALINORM 05/13/30, para. 79). Comments at Step 3 are presented in document CX/FICS 05/14/4-Add.1.

Agenda Item 3 (c) – Proposed draft Principles for the Application of Traceability/Product Tracing in the context of Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems (CX/FICS 05/14/5): The 28th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission approved as new work the proposal to elaborate Principles for the Application of Traceability/Product Tracing in the context of Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems, presented by the 13th Session of the Committee (ALINORM 05/28/41, para. 93 and Appendix VIII). Comments at Step 3 on the proposed draft Principles prepared by a Working Group led by Australia, Argentina and Norway are presented in document CX/FICS 05/14/5-Add.1.

Agenda Item 3 (d) – Proposed draft Revision of the Guidelines for Generic Official Certificate Formats and the Production and Issuance of Certificates (CX/FICS 05/14/6): The 28th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission approved as new work the proposal on the revision of Codex *Guidelines for Generic Certificate Formats and the Production and Issuance of Certificates* (CAC/GL 38-2001) presented by the 13th Session of the Committee (ALINORM 05/28/41, para.93 and Appendix VIII). Comments at Step 3 on the proposed draft revision of the Guidelines, prepared by a Working Group led by the United States are presented in document CX/FICS 05/14/6-Add.1.

Agenda Item 4 – Discussion Paper on the Revision of the Guidelines for the Exchange of Information Between Countries on Rejections of Imported Foods (CX/FICS 05/14/7): The 13th Session of the Committee agreed that a Working Group led by India would revise the discussion paper clearly justify a need for a Revision of the Guidelines for the Exchange of Information Between Countries on Rejections of Imported Foods taking into account its discussion and written comments submitted at the meeting, so that the Committee at its 14th Session could decide on whether to initiate this new work (ALINORM 05/28/30, para. 102).

Agenda Item 5 – Discussion Paper on the development of an Appendix on “Information relating to the need for technical assistance and cooperation between the importing countries to exporting countries” to the Codex Guidelines on the Judgement of Equivalence of Sanitary Measures Associated with Food Inspection and Certification (CX/FICS 05/14/8): The 13th Session of the Committee agreed that the Delegation of the United States would prepare a discussion paper on the development of an Appendix on “Information relating to the need for technical assistance and cooperation between the importing countries to exporting countries” based on the recommendation of the Executive Committee and the need for technical assistance and cooperation referenced in other Codex texts on inspection and certification with a view to identifying which requirements could be developed by the Committee in this regard for consideration at its next Session (ALINORM 05/28/30, para. 25)..

Agenda Item 6 – Other Business and Future Work: Other business and proposals for future work will be considered.

Agenda Item 7 – 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 8 – Adoption of the Report: the Committee shall adopt a report of its 14th Session based on a draft provided by the Secretariat.

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