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Agenda Item 1

JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME FAO/WHO COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR ASIA

15th Session, Seoul, Republic of Korea

To be held at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel from Tuesday 21 at 10:00 hours to Friday 24 November 2006

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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1.	Adoption of the Agenda	CX/ASIA 06/15/1
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3(a)	Proposed Draft Standard for Gochujang (N03-2004)	ALINORM 05/28/15 , App III
	Comments at Step 3 on Sections 3.1.2, 4.3 and 8.2	CL 2006/23-ASIA
		CX/ASIA 06/15/3
3(b)	Proposed Draft Standard for Ginseng Products (N01-2004)	CL 2006/3-ASIA
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3(c)	Proposed Draft Regional Standard for Fermented Soybean Paste (N02-2004)	CL 2006/23-ASIA
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3(d)	Proposed Draft Regional Standard for Non Fermented Soybean Products (N06-2005)	CL 2006/24-ASIA
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4.	Activities of FAO and WHO Complementary to the Work of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, Including Capacity Building	CX/ASIA 06/15/7-Part 1 CX/ASIA 06/15/7-Part 2
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10.	Adoption of the Report	

ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

- Item 1. Adoption of the Agenda:** In accordance with Rule VII.2 of the Rules of Procedure, the first item on the Provisional Agenda shall be the adoption of the Agenda.
- Item 2. Matters Arising from the Codex Alimentarius Commission and other Codex Committees and Task Forces:** This item includes matters related to the Region arising from recent sessions of the Commission and other Codex Committees and Task Forces.
- Item 3. Consideration of Proposed Draft Codex Standards at Step 4**
- Item 3(a) Proposed Draft Standard for Gochujang (Section 3.1.2, Section 4.3 and Section 8.2, at Step 3) (N03-2004):** The 14th Session of the Committee agreed to hold the proposed draft Standard at Step 4 until its next session, with the exception of Section 3.1.2 (Optional Ingredients) and Section 4.3 (Flavour Enhancing Agents), which were circulated for comments at Step 3 under CL 2004/47-ASIA. The Committee agreed that Section 8.2 (Methods of Analysis) would be developed by the Republic of Korea and be circulated for comments at Step 3, prior to the next session of the Committee (ALINORM 04/28/15, para. 50). Section 8.2 Methods of Analysis is circulated for comments at Step 3 under CL 2006/23-ASIA. Comments at Step 3 on Section 3.1.2 (Optional Ingredients), Section 4.3 (Flavour Enhancing Agents) and Section 8.2 (Methods of Analysis) submitted in response to CL 2004/47-ASIA and CL 2006/23-ASIA are summarised in working document CX/ASIA 06/15/3.
- Item 3(b) Proposed Draft Standard for Ginseng Products (N01-2004):** The 28th Session of the Commission agreed to return the Proposed Draft Standard for comments at Step 3 and requested that the Coordinating Committee for Asia address the issues raised at the Commission (ALINORM 05/29/41, paras 73-74). Comments at Step 3 submitted in response to CL 2006/3-Asia are summarised in working document CX/ASIA 06/15/4.
- Item 3(c) Proposed Draft Regional Standard for Fermented Soybean Paste (N02-2004):** The 14th session of the Committee decided to return the Proposed Draft Standard to Step 2 for redrafting by an electronic working group chaired by the Republic of Korea (ALINORM 04/28/15, para. 32). The proposed draft regional Standard is circulated for comments at Step 3 under reference CL 2006/23-ASIA. Comments at Step 3 are summarised in working document CX/ASIA 06/15/5.
- Item 3(d) Proposed Draft Regional Standard for Non Fermented Soybean Products (N06-2005):** The 28th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission approved the elaboration of a proposed draft regional Standard for Non Fermented Soybean Products as new work for the Committee (ALINORM 05/28/41, para. 93 and App. VIII). The proposed draft regional Standard is circulated for comments at Step 3 under reference CL 2006/24-ASIA. Comments at Step 3 are summarised in working document CX/ASIA 06/15/6.
- Item 4. Activities of FAO and WHO Complementary to the Work of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, Including Capacity Building:** The Representatives of FAO and WHO will provide a **report** on the activities of FAO and WHO complementary to the work of the Codex Alimentarius Commission and the capacity building programmes for developing countries.
- Item 5. Information on National Food Control System and Consumer Participation in Food Standard Setting:** The 57th Session of the Executive Committee agreed to combine all issues related to food legislation, food control, national Codex structures and consumer participation, which had been discussed under two different agenda items, into one single item in order to facilitate reporting by member countries and to rationalize discussion in the Coordinating Committees (ALINORM 06/29/3, para 103). Working document CX/ASIA 06/15/8 collates information submitted in response to CL 2006/16-ASIA, Part A.

- Item 6. Information on Use of Codex Standard and Related Texts at National and Regional Level:** The 57th Session of the Executive Committee agreed to add a separate agenda item to regional coordinating committees regarding the use of Codex standards and related texts at the national and regional levels, in particular following the abolition of the acceptance procedure. Pursuant to this decision, it has recommended that members of the Coordinating Committee submit information on the use of Codex standards and related texts including difficulties encountered in their application (ALINORM 06/29/3, paras 104-105). Working document CX/ASIA 06/15/9 collates information submitted in response to CL 2006/16-ASIA, Part B.
- Item 7. Nomination of the Coordinator:** In accordance with Rule IV.2 of the Rules of Procedure of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, the Committee is invited to nominate a Coordinator for Asia for appointment by the 30th Session of the Commission.
- Item 8. Other Business, Future Work:** In accordance Rule VII.5 of the Rules of Procedure, any Member of the Commission may propose the inclusion of specific items of an urgent matter. However, it is strongly recommended to submit the item, if any, in a written form well in advance of the session.
- Item 9. Date and Place of the Next Session:** The Committee will be advised of the tentative dates of the next session.
- Item 10. Adoption of the Report:** In accordance with Rule X.1 of the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the Committee shall adopt the report of its 15th Session, based on a draft provided by the Secretariat.