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Agenda Item 1

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JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME

CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD HYGIENE

Thirty-eighth Session

The Intercontinental Hotel, 2222 West Loop South, Houston, TX 77027, Texas, United States of America, beginning at 9.30 hrs on Monday 4 December through Saturday 9 December 2006

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Agenda Item	Subject Matter	Doc. Reference
	Opening of the Session	
1.	Adoption of the Agenda	CX/FH 06/38/1
2.	Matters Referred by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and/or Other Codex Committees to the Food Hygiene Committee	CX/FH 06/38/2
3.	Progress Report on the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Meetings on Microbiological Risk Assessment (JEMRA) and Related Matters	CX/FH 06/38/3
4 (a).	Draft Principles and Guidelines for the Conduct of Microbiological Risk Management at Step 7	CL 2005/42-FH ALINORM 05/28/13; Appendix III CX/FH 06/38/4
	- <i>Comments at Step 6</i>	
4 (b).	Annex III: Examples of the Use of Food Safety Objectives, Performance Objectives, Process and Product Criteria at Step 4	CX/FH 06/38/4-Add.1
	- <i>Comments at Step 3</i>	CX/FH 06/38/4-Add.2
5 (a).	Draft Revision of the Code of Hygienic Practice for Egg Products (CAC/RCP 15-1976) at Step 7	CL 2005/42-FH; ALINORM 05/28/13, Appendix IV
	- <i>Comments at Step 6</i>	CX/FH 06/38/5
5 (b)	Annex: Microbiocidal Treatment and the Application of the Food Safety Objectives, Performance Objectives and Performance Criteria at Step 4	CX/FH 06/38/5-Add.1
	- <i>Comments at Step 3</i>	CX/FH 06/38/5-Add.2

- 6 (a). Draft Guidelines on the Application of General Principles of Food Hygiene to the Control of *Listeria monocytogenes* in Ready-to-Eat Foods at Step 7
 - Comments at Step 6
[CL 2005/42-FH](#);
[ALINORM 05/28/13](#),
[Appendix II](#)
[CX/FH 05/37/6](#)
- 6 (b). **Annex:** Deriving Microbiological Limits and Sampling Plans in Microbiological Criteria from Food Safety Objectives; Example: *Listeria monocytogenes* in ready-to-Eat Foods at Step 4
 - Comments at Step 3
 CX/FH 06/38/6-Add.1
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7. Proposed Draft Code of Hygienic Practice for Powdered Formulae for Infants and Young Children at Step 4
 - Comments at Step 3
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[CX/FH 06/38/7-Add.1](#)
8. Proposed Draft Guidelines for the Validation of Food Hygiene Control Measures at Step 4
 - Comments at Step 3
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[CX/FH 06/38/8-Add.1](#)
9. Management of the Work of the Codex Committee on Food Hygiene
[ALINORM 06/29/33](#),
[Appendix V](#)
10. Other Business and Future Work:
- (a) Elaboration of Risk-based Standards for Microbiological Hazards: Enhancing the Process
[CX/FH 06/38/9](#)
[CX/FH 06/38/9-Add.1](#)
- (b) The Use of the Lactoperoxidase System for Milk and Milk Products in International Trade
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- (c) Discussion of the Report of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group for Establishment of CCFH Work Priorities
 CRD 1; [CX/FH 06/38/10](#);
[CL 2005/40-FH](#)
11. Date and Place of the Next Session
12. Adoption of the Report

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NOTES ON THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Opening of the Session: The Session will be opened by the Host Government.

Agenda Item 1. Adoption of the Agenda (Doc. Ref. CX/FH 06/38/1). In accordance with Rule V.1 of the Rules of Procedure, the first item on the Provisional Agenda shall be the adoption of the Agenda.

Agenda Item 2. Matters Referred by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and/or Other Codex Committees to the Food Hygiene Committee (Doc. Ref. CX/FH 06/38/2). The document is based on the information prepared by the Codex Secretariat. The Committee is invited to consider matters

referred to it by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and/or other Committees and to take actions, if necessary.

Agenda Item 3. Progress Report on the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Meetings on Microbiological Risk Assessment (JEMRA) and Related Matters (Doc. Ref. CX/FH 06/38/3). The paper prepared by the FAO/WHO summarises microbiological risk assessment activities conducted last year in support of the Committee activities.

Agenda Item 4. Draft Principles and Guidelines for the Conduct of Microbiological Risk Management (Doc. Ref. CL 2005/42-FH and ALINORM 05/28/13, Appendix III). The Committee is invited to finalize the above document which was adopted at Step 5 and advanced to Step 6 by the 28th Session of the Commission; and progress with the consideration of Annex to be prepared by the United States. Comments on the document at Step 6 are presented in CX/FH 06/38/4 and comments on Annex at Step 4 are presented in CX/FH 06/38/4-Add.2.

Agenda Item 5. Draft Revision of the Code of Hygienic Practice for Egg Products (CAC/RCP 15-1976) (Doc. Ref. CL 2005/42-FH and ALINORM 05/28/13, Appendix IV). The Committee is invited to finalize the draft revision of the Code which was adopted at Step 5 and advanced to Step 6 by the 28th Session of the Commission; and progress with the consideration of Annex to be prepared by the United States. Comments on the Code at Step 6 are presented in CX/FH 06/38/5 and comments on Annex at Step 4 are presented in CX/FH 06/38/4-Add.2.

Agenda Item 6. Draft Guidelines on the Application of General Principles of Food Hygiene to the Control of *Listeria monocytogenes* in Ready-to-Eat Foods (Doc. Ref. CL 2005/42-FH and ALINORM 05/28/13, Appendix II). The Committee is invited to finalize the Guidelines which were adopted at Step 5 and advanced to Step 6 by the 28th Session of the Commission; and progress with the consideration of Annex to be prepared by Germany. Comments on the Guidelines at Step 6 are presented in CX/FH 06/38/6 and comments on Annex at Step 4 are presented in CX/FH 06/38/6-Add.2.

Agenda Item 7. Proposed Draft Code of Hygienic Practice for Powdered Formulae for Infants and Young Children (Doc. Ref. CX/FH 06/38/7). The proposed draft code is prepared by Canada with assistance of their drafting partners. The comments at Step 3 are presented in CX/FH 06/38/7-Add.1.

Agenda Item 8. Proposed Draft Guidelines for the Validation of Food Hygiene Control Measures (Doc. Ref. CX/FH 06/38/8). The Committee is invited to consider the proposed draft Guidelines as redrafted by the United States with their drafting partners. Comments at Step 3 are included in CX/FH 06/38/8-Add.1.

Agenda Item 9. Management of the Work of the Codex Committee on Food Hygiene (Doc. Ref. ALINORM 06/29/33, Appendix V). The 23rd Session of the Codex Committee on General Principles (CCGP) had returned the above document, as amended during the session, to the CCFH for further consideration. The CCGP noted that there was no impediment for CCFH to start implementing an appropriate process for prioritization of new work proposals as far as such process was consistent with the Codex procedures in place. The Committee is invited to take into account the comments provided by the CCGP and finalize the document.

Agenda Item 10. Other Business and Future Work. In accordance with Rule V.5 of the Rules of Procedure, any Member of the Commission may propose the inclusion of specific items of an urgent matter. The Committee may propose to undertake new work which shall be in compliance with the Medium Term Objectives and subject to approval by the Commission or its Executive Committee.

- (a) **Elaboration of Risk-based Standards for Microbiological hazards: Enhancing the Process** (Doc. Ref. CX/FH 06/38/9). Following the decision of the 56th Session of the Executive Committee (ALINORM 05/28/3, para.92), the CCFH is invited to consider a paper prepared by New Zealand on the need and approach for enhanced elaboration of risk-based microbiological standards by the CCFH.
- (b) **The Use of the Lactoperoxidase System for Milk and Milk Products in International Trade.** While adopting the Draft Code of Hygienic Practice for Milk and Milk Products (CAC/RCP 57-2004), the 29th Session of the Commission agreed that the issue of the use of the

lactoperoxidase system for milk and milk products in international trade will be re-examined by the CCFH in 2006 after completion of an expert review by FAO and WHO (see FAO/WHO Report on Benefits and Potential Risks of the Lactoperoxidase System of Raw Milk Preservation, FAO, Rome, 2006).

- (c) **Discussion of the Report of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group for Establishment of CCFH Work Priorities.** The Committee would be invited to consider the report of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group (CRD 1) and comments received in response to document CX/FH 06/38/10, which would contain collated proposals for new work submitted by Member Governments in response to CL 2005/40-FH. The document CX/FH 06/38/10 to be prepared by Australia.

Agenda Item 11. Date and Place of the Next Session. The Committee will be advised of the tentative dates and the venue of the next meeting.

Agenda Item 12. Adoption of the Report. In accordance with Rule VIII of the Rules of Procedure, the Committee shall adopt the report of its 38th Session based on a draft provided by the Secretariat.