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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**

Fifteenth Session

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Mar del Plata (CP 7600), Argentina
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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Agenda Item	Subject Matter	Document Identification
1.	Adoption of the Agenda	CX/FICS 06/15/1
2.	Matters Referred by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and Other Codex Committees and Task Forces	CX/FICS 06/15/2
3.	Proposed draft Standards and Related Texts at Step 4	
3 (a)	Proposed draft Revision of the Guidelines for Generic Official Certificate Formats and the Production and Issuance of Certificates - Comments at Step 3	CX/FICS 06/15/3 CX/FICS 06/15/3-Add.1 CX/FICS 06/15/3-Add.2
3 (b)	Proposed draft Appendix to the Codex Guidelines on the Judgement of Equivalence of Sanitary Measures Associated with Food Inspection and Certification Systems - Comments at Step 3	CX/FICS 06/15/4 CX/FICS 06/15/4-Add.1 CX/FICS 06/15/4-Add.2
4.	Discussion paper on questions related to the Codex Code of Ethics for International Trade of Foods	CX/FICS 06/15/5
5.	Other Business and Future Work	
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7.	Adoption of the Report	

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NOTES ON THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Agenda Item 1 – Adoption of the Agenda (CX/FICS 06/15/1): 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 06/15/2): The document is an information paper prepared by the Codex Secretariat concerning matters referred by the 29th 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 Revision of the Guidelines for Generic Official Certificate Formats and the Production and Issuance of Certificates (CX/FICS 06/15/3): The 14th Session of the Committee agreed to return the proposed draft revision of the renamed “Principles and Guidelines for Generic Official Certificate Formats and the Production and Issuance of Certificates” to Step 2 for redrafting by a physical Working Group, led by the United States (ALINORM 06/29/30, para. 86). The results of the physical Working Group are presented in document CX/FICS 06/15/3. Comments at Step 3 are presented in document CX/FICS 06/15/3-Add.1.

Agenda Item 3 (b) – Proposed draft Appendices to the Guidelines on the Judgement of Equivalence of Sanitary Measures Associated with Food Inspection and Certification (CX/FICS 06/15/4): The 14th Session of the Committee agreed to return the proposed draft Appendices to Step 2 for redrafting by a physical Working Group, led by the United States. The Committee agreed to progress work on all five appendices at the same time in a single appendix and to inform the 29th Session of the Commission through the Executive Committee of this decision (ALINORM 06/29/30, para. 15). The results of the physical Working Group are presented in document CX/FICS 06/15/4. Comments at Step 3 are presented in document CX/FICS 06/15/4-Add.1.

Agenda Item 4 – Discussion paper on questions related to the Codex Code of Ethics for International Trade of Foods (CX/FICS 06/15/5): The 14th Session of the Committee established an intra-session Working Group to consider matters referred by the 22nd Session of the Codex Committee on General Principles (CCGP) regarding the revision of the Codex *Code of Ethics for International Trade of Foods* (CAC/RCP 20-1979, Rev.1-1985) and to recommend an approach to reply to the questions posed. Noting the report of the intra-session Working Group the Committee agreed to establish an electronic Working Group, led by Canada to develop a discussion paper for consideration at its 15th Session (ALINORM 06/29/30, paras. 7 to 9). The results of the electronic Working Group are presented in document CX/FICS 06/15/5.

Agenda Item 5 – Other Business and Future Work: Other business and proposals for future work will be considered.

Agenda Item 6 – 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 7 – Adoption of the Report: The Committee shall adopt a report of its 15th Session based on a draft provided by the Secretariat.