

Report of the 34th Session of Codex Alimentarius Commission

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< Summary >

Thirty-fourth Session of CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION was held at International Conference Centre, Geneva, Switzerland, from 4th to 9th July, 2011. Six hundred twenty five delegates from 145 Member countries and 1 Member Organization and 34 international governmental and non-governmental organizations attended.

The Commission:

- a) Adopted an amendment to the Procedural Manual (terms of reference of the Committee on Processed Fruits and Vegetables);
- b) Adopted 31 new or revised Codex standards or related texts or amendments to these texts and many new or revised provisions for additives and MRLs for pesticides and veterinary drugs;
- c) Adopted 8 Codex draft standards or related texts and several MRLs for pesticides at Step 5;
- d) Approved several proposals for new work or discontinuation of work, and revoked several standards and related texts;
- e) Considered the matters referred by its subsidiary bodies or pending from earlier sessions;
- f) Noted the Codex budget and expenditures for 2010-2011 and the proposed budget for 2012-2013, including FAO/WHO related activities; expressed its thanks to FAO and WHO for their support to the Codex programme and related activities and to host governments for their contributions; and invited FAO, WHO and member countries to give high priority and provide support to scientific advice in food safety;
- g) Noted the status of the implementation of the Strategic Plan 2008-2013 and the preparation of the Strategic Plan 2014-2019;
- h) Made some recommendations on the proposals to respond to the Codex Trust Fund Mid-term Review;
- i) Supported continued cooperation and coordination with international governmental and nongovernmental organizations;
- j) Elected as Chairperson Mr. Sanjay Dave (India), as Vice-Chairpersons Mr. Samuel Godefroy (Canada), Mrs. Awilo Ochieng Pernet (Switzerland), and Professor Samuel Sefa Dedeh (Ghana); and as Members of the Executive Committee elected on a geographical basis: Australia, China, France, Jamaica, Kenya, Tunisia, and United States of America;
- k) Appointed the following regional Coordinators: Cameroon (Africa), Japan (Asia), Poland

(Europe), Costa Rica (Latin America and the Caribbean), Lebanon (Near East), Papua New Guinea (North America and South-West Pacific); and

- l) Designated the host governments of Codex subsidiary bodies and agreed to dissolve the Ad hoc Task Force on Antimicrobial Resistance.

Eighteenth session of the FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Asia (CCASIA) will be held in Japan in 2012.