

Report of the 35th Session of the Codex Committee on Food Labelling

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The Codex Committee on Food Labelling held its Thirty-fifth Session in Ottawa (Ottawa Congress Centre), Canada from 30 April to 4 May, 2007. The session was attended by 315 delegates representing 81 Member Countries, one Member Organization, European Community (EC), and 27 international organizations. The summary and conclusions of the Session are as follows:

The Committee:

- agreed to advance to Step 8 the Draft Amendment to the Guidelines for the Production, Processing, Labelling and Marketing of Organically Produced Foods: Annex 2 – Permitted Substances: Table 3 (para.87, Appendix II);
- agreed to advance to Step 5 the Proposed Draft Amendment to the Guidelines for the Production, Processing, Labelling and Marketing of Organically Produced Foods: Annex 1 (inclusion of ethylene) (para.96, Appendix IV);
- agreed to advance to Step 5 the Proposed Draft Amendment to the General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods: Quantitative Declaration of Ingredients (para.133, Appendix V);
- agreed to advance to Step 5 the Proposed Draft Definition of Advertising in Relation to Nutrition and Health Claims (para.140, Appendix VI);
- agreed to discontinue work on the Proposed Draft Amendment to the *Guidelines for the Production, Processing, Labelling and Marketing of Organically Produced Foods: Annex 2 - Permitted Substances: Table 1 (Natural Sodium Nitrate) (para.92);*

Other Matters of Interest to the Commission

The Committee:

- endorsed the labelling provisions in several Draft Standards, thereby allowing their adoption by

the Commission (paras.16 and 66-81);

- agreed to return to Step 6 for further comments the Draft Amendment to the Guidelines for the Production, Processing, Labelling and Marketing of Organically Produced Foods: Annex 2 - Permitted Substances: Table 3 (other substances) (para.87, Appendix III);
- agreed to retain at Step 7 the Draft Amendment to the *General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods* (Draft Recommendations for the Labelling of Foods Obtained through Certain Techniques of Genetic Modification/Genetic Engineering): Definitions and at Step 4 the Proposed Draft Guidelines for the Labelling of Food and Food Ingredients Obtained through Certain Techniques of Genetic Modification/Genetic Engineering: Labelling Provisions for further consideration at the next session taking into account the outcome of the physical working group established at the session (paras.121-122);
- agreed to consider further the implementation of Global Strategy on Diet, Physical Activity and Health at its next session (paras.59-64).