

Report of the 36th Session of the Codex Committee on Food Labelling

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The Codex Committee on Food Labelling held its Thirty-sixth Session in Ottawa (Ottawa Congress Centre), Canada from 28th April to 2nd May, 2008. The session was attended by 286 delegates representing 71 Member Countries, one Member Organization, European Community (EC), and 29 international organizations. The summary and conclusions of the Session are as follows:

The Committee:

- advanced to Step 8 the Draft Amendment to the Guidelines for the Production, Processing, Labelling and Marketing of Organically Produced Foods: Annex 1 (inclusion of ethylene for kiwifruits and bananas) (para. 68, Appendix II);
- advanced to Step 8 the Draft Amendment to the General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods: Quantitative Declaration of Ingredients (para. 95, Appendix IV);
- advanced to Step 8 the Draft Definition of Advertising in Relation to Nutrition and Health Claims (Draft Amendment to the Guidelines for Use of both Nutrition and Health Claims) (para. 107, Appendix V);
- agreed to discontinue work on the Draft Amendment to the Guidelines for the Production, Processing, Labelling and Marketing of Organically Produced Foods: Annex 2 - Permitted Substances: (para. 61);
- agreed to undertake new work on an amendment to the Guidelines for the Production, Processing, Labelling and Marketing of Organically Produced Foods (rotenone) (para. 74, Appendix VIII) and on the revision of the Guidelines on Nutrition Labelling (implementation of the Global Strategy for Diet, Physical Activity and Health) (para. 46, Appendix IX).

Other Matters of Interest to the Commission

The Committee:

- endorsed the labelling provisions in several Draft Standards, thereby allowing their adoption by the Commission (para. 47 to 57);
- returned to Step 6 the Draft Amendment to the Guidelines for the Production, Processing, Labelling and Marketing of Organically Produced Foods: Annex 1 (inclusion of ethylene for

- other products) (para. 68, Appendix III);
- retained 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 (para. 92, Appendix VI) and returned to Step 3 the Proposed Draft Recommendations for the Labelling of Food and Food Ingredients Obtained through Certain Techniques of Genetic Modification/Genetic Engineering (para. 93, Appendix VII).