

Report of the 32nd Session of Codex Alimentarius Commission

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< EXECUTIVE SUMMARY >

The Commission:

- a) Adopted several amendments to the Procedural Manual;
- b) Adopted 28 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) Approved several new work proposals and proposals for discontinuation of work;
- d) Considered several matters referred by its subsidiary bodies or pending from earlier sessions; agreed to postpone the decision on possible new work on animal feeding until its 33rd Session; and addressed the use of the lactoperoxidase system for milk and milk products in international trade;
- e) Noted the Codex budget and expenditure for 2008-2009; was informed that the 2010-2011 budget would be maintained at the same level as in the 2008-2009 biennium; expressed its gratitude to FAO and WHO for these resources and to the host governments for their in-kind contributions; was informed that FAO, as part of its reform, was implementing results-based budgeting and management; and agreed that the use of Portuguese as a language of interpretation in the Coordinating Committee for Africa would be continued;
- f) Noted the status of implementation of the Strategic Plan 2008-2013; considered the Evaluation of the Capacity of the Codex Secretariat; did not support the recommendation to return to biennial sessions of the Commission; and agreed to refer all other recommendations to the 63rd Session of the Executive Committee and the 33rd Session of the Commission;
- g) Agreed to ask the Committee on Processed Fruits and Vegetables to consider the possibility of extending its mandate to cover fruit juices; and agreed to discontinue discussion on the merging or dissolving of committees until there was a need to do so in the future;
- h) Agreed on several recommendations intended to improve the participation of developing countries, especially as regards capacity building and the Codex Trust Fund;
- i) Supported continued cooperation and coordination with international governmental and nongovernmental organizations;
- j) Noted the FAO/WHO Budgets for Codex-related Activities 2008-09 and 2010-11 and expressed its appreciation to FAO and WHO for their ongoing activities in the areas of scientific advice

and capacity building in food safety and quality;

- k) Elected the following Officers of the Commission:
- **Chairperson:** Ms Karen HULEBAK (United States of America)
 - **Vice-Chairpersons:** Mr Sanjay DAVE (India), Mr Ben MANYINDO (Uganda), and Mr Knud ØSTERGAARD (Denmark)
 - **Members elected on a geographical basis:** Argentina, Australia, Japan, Jordan, Mali, United Kingdom, United States of America,
- l) Appointed the following members as **Regional Coordinators:** Ghana (Africa), Indonesia (Asia), Poland (Europe), Mexico (Latin America and the Caribbean), Tunisia (Near East), Tonga (North America and South-West Pacific); and
- m) Confirmed the host governments of Codex subsidiary bodies