

Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses

The Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses is responsible for studying nutritional problems referred by the Codex Alimentarius Commission. The Committee also drafts general provisions, as appropriate, on nutritional aspects of all foods and develops standards, guidelines, or related texts for foods for special dietary uses. A request for new work will be made to the 26th Session of the Commission in July 2003. The relevant documents are ALINORM 03/26 and ALINORM 03/26A.

The committee continues work on:

- Proposed Draft Revised Standard for Processed Cereal-Based Foods for Infants and Young Children
- Proposed Draft Revised Standard for Infant Formula
- Proposed Draft Guidelines for Vitamin and Mineral Supplements
- Proposed Draft Revision of the Advisory Lists of Nutrient Compounds for Use in Foods for Special Dietary Uses intended for use by Infants and Young Children

New Work:

- Proposed Draft Recommendations on the Scientific Basis of Health Claims

When new scientific information becomes available, the committee plans to resume work on:

- Guidelines for Use of Nutrition Claims—Draft Table of Conditions for Nutrient Contents Claims (Part B containing Provisions on Dietary Fibre)
- Proposed Draft Revised Standards for Gluten-Free Foods
- Discussion Paper on Energy Conversion Factors

Responsible Agency: HHS/FDA.

U.S. Participation: Yes.

Codex Committee on Fish and Fishery Products

The Fish and Fishery Products Committee is responsible for elaborating standards for fresh, frozen and otherwise processed fish, crustaceans and mollusks. The following will be considered by the 26th Session of the Commission when it meets in July 2003. The relevant document is ALINORM 03/18.

To be considered at Step 8:

- Draft Standard for Dried Salted Anchovies
- Draft Code of Practice for Fish and Fishery Products (specific sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, and 16)

To be considered at Step 5/8:

- Draft Code of Practice for Fish and Fishery Products (section 9, Surimi)

To be considered at Step 5:

- Proposed Draft Model Certificate for Fish and Fishery Products (sanitary certificate)

- Proposed Draft Amendment to the Standard for Quick Frozen Lobsters (inclusion of the species *Pleuroconcondes monodon* and *Cervimundia johnei*)

New Work:

- Proposed Draft Standard for Sturgeon Caviar
- Proposed Draft Amendment to the Standard for Salted Fish and Dried Salted Fish of the *Gadidae* family (Determination of water and salt by selecting certain sections of the fish)

The Committee continues work on the following:

- Proposed Draft Standard for Salted Atlantic Herring and Salted Sprats at Step 6
- Proposed Draft Code of Practice for Fish and Fishery Products (other sections 2, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, and 18) at Step 3
- Proposed Draft Standard for Live and Processed Bivalve Mollusks
- Proposed Draft Standard for Smoked Fish
- Proposed Draft Standard for Quick Frozen Scallop Adductor Muscle Meat
- Fish Content Definition and its Method of Determination in Fish Sticks
- Revision of the Procedure for the Inclusion of Species
- Proposed Draft Model Certificate for Fish and Fishery Products (other than sanitary)

Responsible Agency: HHS/FDA; USDC/NOAA/NMFS.

U.S. Participation: Yes.

Codex Committee on Milk and Milk Products

The Codex Committee on Milk and Milk Products is responsible for establishing international codes and standards for milk and milk products. The following will be considered by the 26th Session of the Commission when it meets in July 2003. The relevant document is ALINORM 03/11.

To be considered at Step 8:

- Proposed Draft Revised Standard for Cream and Prepared Creams
- Proposed Draft Revised Standard for Fermented Milk Products
- Proposed Draft Revised Standard for Whey Powders

To be considered at Steps 5/8:

- Proposed Draft Amendment to the Codex General Standard for Cheese (Appendix on cheese rind, surface, and coating)

The Committee continues work on:

- Proposed Draft Standard for Products in Which Milk Components are Substituted by Non-Milk Components

- Evaporated Skimmed Milk with Vegetable Fat
- Sweetened Condensed Skimmed Milk with Vegetable Fat
- Skimmed Milk Powder with Vegetable Fat
- Proposed Draft Amendment to Section 3.3 (Composition) of the Codex General Standard for Cheese
- Proposed Draft Model Export Certificate for Milk and Milk Products
- Methods of Analysis and Sampling for Milk Products
- Draft Revised Standards for Individual Cheeses
- Draft Revised Standard for Processed Cheese
- Draft Revised Standard for Dairy Spreads
- Proposed Draft Revised Standard for Whey Cheese

Responsible Agency: USDA/AMS; HHS/FDA.

U.S. Participation: Yes.

Codex Committee on Fats and Oils

The Codex Committee on Fats and Oils is responsible for elaborating standards for fats and oils of animal, vegetable, and marine origin. The relevant document is ALINORM 03/17. The following will be considered by the Commission at its 26th Session in July 2003.

To be considered at Step 8:

- Draft Revised Standard for Olive Oils and Olive Pomace Oils
- Draft Amendment to the Standard for Named Vegetable Oils
- Palm superolein
- Mid-oleic sunflower oil
- Inclusion of new desmethysterol data and tocopherol and tocotrienol data for palm oil, palm stearin

New Work:

- Amendment to the Standard for Named Vegetable Oils: Rice Bran Oil
- The Committee continues work on:
- Draft Standard for Fat Spreads and Blended Spreads
 - Proposed Draft Amendments to the List of Acceptable Previous Cargoes
- Responsible Agency:* HHS/FDA; USDA/ARS.

U.S. Participation: Yes.

Codex Committee on Cocoa Products and Chocolate

The Codex Committee on Cocoa Products and Chocolate is responsible for elaborating world-wide standards for cocoa products and chocolate. The following standard will be considered by the 26th Session of the Commission in July 2003. The relevant document is ALINORM 03/14.

To be considered at Step 8:

- Draft Revised Standard for Chocolate and Chocolate Products