

The Committee agreed to adjourn *sine die* as it had completed its program of work.

*Responsible Agency:* HHS/FDA.

*U.S. Participation:* Yes.

#### *Codex Committee on Processed Fruits and Vegetables*

The Codex Committee on Processed Fruits and Vegetables is responsible for elaborating standards for Processed Fruits and Vegetables. After having been adjourned *sine die*, the Committee reconvened in Washington, DC, in March 1998 to begin work revising the standards. The following standards will be considered by the 26th Session of the Commission in July 2003. The relevant document is ALINORM 03/27.

To be considered at step 8:

- Draft Standard for Bamboo Shoots
- Draft Revised Standard for Canned Stone Fruits
- Draft Codex Guidelines for Packing Media for Canned Fruit
- Draft Codex Standard for Aqueous Coconut Products—Coconut Milk and Coconut Cream

The committee is continuing work on:

- Draft Codex Standard for Pickled Products
- Proposed Draft Revised Standards for:

- Processed Tomato Concentrates
- Canned Tomatoes
- Canned Vegetables including Guidelines for Packing Media for Canned Vegetables
- Jams, Jellies and Marmalades
- Soy Sauce
- Canned Citrus Fruits
- Other work:
- Methods of Analysis for Processed Fruits and Vegetables
- Proposed Draft Code of Practice for the Processing and Handling of Quick Frozen Foods
- Priority List for the Standardization of Processed Fruits and Vegetables

*Responsible Agency:* USDA/AMS; HHS/FDA.

*U.S. Participation:* Yes.

#### *Codex Committee on Meat and Poultry Hygiene*

The 24th Session of the Commission decided to reactivate the Codex Committee on Meat Hygiene and agreed to rename it the Codex Committee on Meat and Poultry Hygiene, with New Zealand as Host Government. The Terms of Reference were amended to reflect the inclusion of poultry in its mandate. The following, contained in ALINORM 03/16 and ALINORM 03/16A, will be considered by the Codex Alimentarius Commission at its 26th Session in July 2003.

To be considered at Step 8:

- Draft General Principles of Meat Hygiene
  - Other:
  - Request to change the name back to the Codex Committee on Meat Hygiene
  - To be considered at Step 5:
  - Proposed Draft Code of Hygienic Practice for Meat
  - Requested the Commission to change the name back to the Codex Committee on Meat Hygiene
  - The Committee continues to work on:
  - Proposed Draft Annex on Risk-Based Post-Mortem Examination Procedures for Meat
  - Proposed Draft Annex on Microbiological Verification of Process Control of Meat Hygiene
  - Discussion paper on Hygiene Provisions for Processed Meat
- Responsible Agency:* USDA/FSIS.  
*U.S. Participation:* Yes.

#### *Certain Codex Commodity Committees<sup>1</sup>*

Several Codex Alimentarius Commodity Committees have adjourned *sine die*. The following Committees fall into this category:

- *Cereals, Pulses and Legumes*  
*Responsible Agency:* HHS/FDA, USDA/GIPSA  
*U.S. Participation:* Yes
- *Natural Mineral Water*  
*Responsible Agency:* HHS/FDA  
*U.S. Participation:* Yes
- *Sugars*  
*Responsible Agency:* USDA/ARS; HHS/FDA  
*U.S. Participation:* Yes
- *Vegetable Proteins*  
*Responsible Agency:* USDA/ARS, HHS/FDA  
*U.S. Participation:* Yes.

#### *Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Task Force on Foods Derived from Biotechnology*

The Commission established this task force to develop standards, guidelines, or recommendations, as appropriate, for foods derived from biotechnology or traits introduced into foods by biotechnology, on the basis of scientific evidence, risk analysis and having regard, where appropriate, to other legitimate factors relevant to the health of consumers and the promotion of fair trade practices. The Task Force, established by the 23rd (1999) Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission for a four year period of time, has completed its work. The following, contained in ALINORM 03/34 and ALINORM 03/34A, will be considered by the Codex Alimentarius Commission at its 26th Session in July 2003.

<sup>1</sup> *Adjourned sine die*. The main tasks of these Committees are completed. However, the committees may be called to meet again if required.

To be considered at Step 8:

- Draft General Principles for the Risk Analysis of Foods Derived from Modern Biotechnology
  - Draft Guidelines for the Conduct of Safety Assessment of Foods Derived from Recombinant-DNA Plants
  - Draft Guidelines for the Conduct of Food Safety Assessment of Recombinant-DNA Microorganisms
- Responsible Agency:* HHS/FDA; USDA/APHIS.  
*U.S. Participation:* Yes.

#### *Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Task Force on Animal Feeding*

The Commission at its 23rd Session established the *Ad Hoc* Intergovernmental Task Force on Animal Feeding to develop guidelines or standards, as appropriate, on good animal feeding practices. An Interim Report of the work of the Task Force, as required under its Terms of Reference, was presented to the 24th Commission by Denmark, the host government. The Task Force held its 4th Session on March 25–28, 2003. The following will be considered by the Commission at its 26th Session in July 2003:

To be considered at Step 5/8:

- Revised Draft Code of Practice for Good Animal Feeding
- Responsible Agency:* HHS/FDA/CVM; USDA/APHIS.  
*U.S. Participation:* Yes.

#### *Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Task Force on Fruit and Vegetable Juices*

The Commission at its 23rd Session established this Task Force to revise and consolidate the existing Codex standards and guidelines for fruit and vegetable juices and related products, giving preference to general standards. These standards were originally developed by the Joint UNECE/Codex Group of Experts on the Standardization of Fruit Juices which had been abolished by its parent organizations. The Task Force held its third session in Brasilia, Brazil, on May 6–9, 2003. The reference documents are ALINORM 03/39 and 03/39A.

The committee is discussing:

- Proposed Draft Codex General Standard for Fruit Juices and Nectars
- Proposed Draft Revised Codex General Standard for Vegetable Juices
- Methods of Analysis and Sampling for Fruit and Vegetable Juices and Nectars

*Responsible Agency:* HHS/FDA; USDA/AMS.

*U.S. Participation:* Yes.

#### *FAO/WHO Regional Coordinating Committees*

The Codex Alimentarius Commission is made up of an Executive Committee,