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#### FOOD SAFETY AND QUALITY MANAGEMENT

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## **CODEX ALIMENTARIUS**

# **CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMISSION**

## INTRODUCTION

- Codex Alimentarius is a group of International Food Standards, adopted by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and uniformly presented
- The very term Codex Alimentarius is taken from the Latin term Codex Alimentarius, meaning Food Law or Legal Food Code
- The Codex Alimentarius standards cover all basic food types, raw, semi-processed and processed, that are intended for distribution to the costumers

### INTRODUCTION...

• The regulations of the Codex refer to Food Hygiene and

Quality, including Microbiological standards, Food additives, Pesticides and residues from Veterinary drugs, Contaminants, food Labeling and Marketing, methods for Sampling and Hazard analysis, food Import and **Export**, **Certification system**, etc.

### **CODEX ALEMENTRIUS**

Ensures that products complying with Codex standards

can be sold at the International Market without compromising health or interests of consumers

- Codex standards ensure that product is safe internationally
- Review of member laws based in *internationally accepted* scientific and technological standards

### **CODEX ALEMENTRIUS**

- Developed Codex in 1962
- Subsidiary of Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), United Nations (UN) and World Health Organization (WHO)
- Joint venture between FAO and WHO to formulate Internationally Accepted Food Safety Standards for protection of human health and to ensure fair trade practices

## CODEX ALEMENTRIUS COMISSION

- Coordination of all food standards
- Initiation and supervision of draft standards
- Finalization of food standards
- Publication of standards worldwide
- Amend standards in face of new technology

#### **STRUCTURE OF CODEX ALEMENTRIUS COMISSION**

- Inter- governmental body
- Open to all UN member nations
- Currently 165 members
- Executive Committee Oversees Commission activities (Chair, 3 Vice Chairs and 7 Others)
- Secretariat oversees Executive Committee
  - Located at FAO in Rome

### **PURPOSE OF CODEX COMISSION**

 To protect consumer health and economic interests and to secure fair trade practices in the food industry

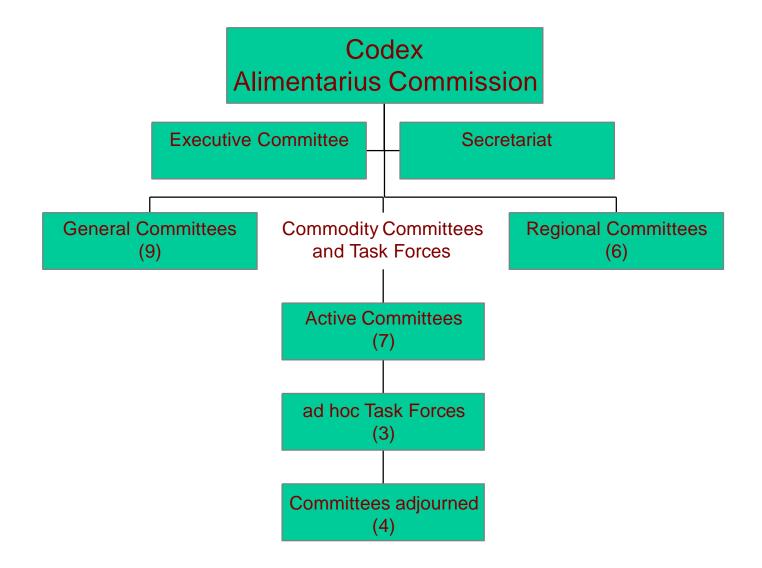
### **OBJECTIVES**

- To protect the **health** of consumers
- To ensure fair practices in the food trade
- To coordinate all work regarding food standards
- To determinate the **priorities**
- To initiate the **preparation** of standards
- To **publish** the standards

### SCOPE

- The Codex Alimentarius covers all foods, whether processed, semi-processed or raw
- In addition to standards for specific foods, the Codex Alimentarius contains general standards covering matters such as food labeling, food hygiene, food additives and pesticide residues, and procedures for assessing the safety of foods derived from modern biotechnology
- It also contains guidelines for the management of official i.e. governmental import and export inspection and certification systems for foods

#### STRUCTURE OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION



#### CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT

#### 1 The Executive Committee

#### 2 The Regional Coordinating Committees

3 The Secretariat of the Commission

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

- Chairperson
- 3 Vice-Chairpersons
- 7 Regional Representatives
- 6 Regional Coordinators

### **REGIONAL COORDINATING COMMITTEES**

• 6 Regional Committees – for

Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America & Caribbean,

North America & Southwest Pacific, Near East.

• Responsible for defining the problems and needs

of the region

• Responsible for coordination of activities

## **SECRETARIAT OF THE COMMISSION**

Responsible for:

Formulation and development of FAO/ WHO

standards

- Administrative support to the Commission
- Relations with the National Codex Contact Point

## **CODEX COMMITTEES**

#### **Commodities Committees**

- -Fats and Oils
- **General Subject Committees** 
  - -Food Additives

**Regional Committees** 

-Intra-regional matters and trade

**Regional Coordinating Committees** 

—Africa, Europe, South West Pacific, Latin America, Caribbean, Near East, North America

## **CODEX COMMITTEES ON GENERAL ISSUES**

- 1. Codex Committee on General Principles:
- 2. Codex Committee on Food Labelling
- 3. Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling
- 4. Codex Committee on Food Hygiene
- 5. Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues
- 6. Codex Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants
- 7. Codex Committee on Import Export
- 8. Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses.
- Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods

## **"FOOD" UNDER THE CODEX**

• Any substance, whether processed, partly processed or

raw, which is intended for human consumption and includes drink, chewing gum and any substance which has been used in the manufacture, preparation or treatment of food but does not include cosmetics, tobacco or substances used solely as drugs

## **CODEX STANDARDS**

- Food requirements intended to provide consumers with a sound, wholesome food product free from adulteration, correctly labeled and presented
- International acceptance most importance consideration next to safety
- Prescribed format used to develop each standard
- Must include:
  - Name, scope, description, essential composition and quality factors, food additives, contaminants, hygiene, weights and measures, labeling and methods of analysis and sampling

## **CODES OF PRACTICE**

- Advisory text issued to all members.
- Designed to assist members in achieving purposes of Codex
- Individual members decide how to use code
- Typically describe "hygiene" requirements "Adequate"/"Acceptable"
- Considered "checklist" of requirements for enforcement authorities (Jurisdictional Prerequisites)

### **FOOD ADDITIVES UNDER THE CODEX**

Codex General Standard for Food Additives

"Any substance not normally consumed as a food on its own and normally constituting a typical food ingredient, whether or not it has any nutritional value, the intentional additional of which to food for a technological purpose in the manufacturing or may reasonably be expected to result in it or its byproducts becoming a component of or otherwise affecting the characteristics of such foods" 24

## FOOD LABELING UNDER THE CODEX

Codex General Standard for the Labeling of Prepackaged Foods

- Recognized labeling as important to both objectives of Codex
- Label = "Any tag, brand, mark, pictorial or other descriptive matter, written, printed, stenciled o f container of a food"

# FOOD LABELING REQUIREMENTS UNDER CODEX ALIMENTARIUS

- Name of the food
- List of ingredients (in descending order)
- Net content and drained weight
- Name and address of manufacturer
- Country of origin
- Lot identification
- Date marking and storage instructions
- Instructions for use