



Updates on Codex

The Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC) held its 33rd Plenary Session in Geneva, Switzerland, from 5-9 July 2010. The session was attended by 120 member countries, one member organisation and 37 international governmental and non-governmental organizations, including UN agencies. Twenty-five new or revised Codex standards or related texts or amendments to these texts and many new or revised provisions for additives and Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) for pesticides were adopted.

The report for the 33rd CAC Plenary Session is now available for downloading at the Codex website:

http://www.codexalimentarius.net/web/index_en.jsp.

The list of newly adopted standards and codes is appended as Appendix III of the report. These standards and codes will soon be made available for downloading from the following URL:

http://www.codexalimentarius.net/web/standard_list.do?lang=en

Importers and manufacturers are encouraged to download the following newly adopted codes for reference and application:

- Maximum Levels for Melamine in Food
- Standard for Drinks Based on Fermented Milk
- Code of Practice for Fish and Fishery Products (Inclusion of Lobsters and Crabs)
- Code of Hygienic Practice for Fresh Fruits and Vegetables (Inclusion of an Annex on Leafy Green Vegetables)
- Code of Hygienic Practice for Pathogenic *Vibrio* species in seafood (Inclusion of Annex on Control Measures for *Vibrio parahaemolyticus* and *Vibrio vulnificus* in Molluscan Shellfish)

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