



Updates on Codex

The Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC) held its 34th Plenary Session in Geneva, Switzerland, from 4-9 July 2011. The session was attended by 145 member countries, one member organisation and 34 international governmental and non-governmental organizations, including UN agencies. Thirty-one 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 34th CAC Plenary Session is 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 adopted standards or texts for reference:

- Regional Standard for Edible Sago Flour
- Standard for Fish Sauce
- Regional Standard for Chilli Sauce
- Amendment to the Standard for Named Vegetable Oils: Inclusion of Palm Kernel Olein and Palm Kernel Stearin
- Compilation of Codex Texts Relevant to Labelling of Foods Derived from Modern Biotechnology
- Revision of the Guidelines on Nutrition Labelling: List of Nutrients that are always declared on a Voluntary or Mandatory Basis
- Guideline for the Control of *Campylobacter* and *Salmonella* spp in Chicken Meat
- Code of Practice for the Storage and Transport of Edible Fats and Oils in Bulk: List of Acceptable Previous Cargoes
- Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Ethyl Carbamate Contamination in Stone Fruit Distillates

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