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Agenda Item 1

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CODEX *Ad HOC* INTERGOVERNMENTAL TASK FORCE ON FOODS DERIVED FROM BIOTECHNOLOGY

Seventh Session

Chiba, Japan, 24 – 28 September 2007

To be held in the International Conference Hall at “Makuhari Messe”
Nakase, Mihama-ku, Chiba, Japan

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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4.	Proposed Draft Guideline for the Conduct of Food Safety Assessment of Foods Derived from Recombinant-DNA Animals at Step 4	ALINORM07/30/34 Appendix III
	- Comments at Step 3 (Section on Use of Antibiotic Resistance Marker Genes)	CL 2006/54-FBT CX/FBT 07/7/4
5.	Proposed Draft Annex to the Guideline for the Conduct of Food Safety Assessment of Foods Derived from Recombinant-DNA Plants: Food Safety Assessment of Foods Derived from Recombinant-DNA Plants Modified for Nutritional or Health Benefits at Step 4	CL 2007/18 - FBT
	- Comments at Step 3	CX/FBT 07/7/5

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6.	Proposed Draft Annex to the Guideline for the Conduct of Food Safety Assessment of Foods Derived from Recombinant-DNA Plants on Low-level Presence of Recombinant-DNA Plant Material at Step 4 - Comments at Step 3	CL 2007/17 - FBT CX/FBT 07/7/6
7.	Other Business and Future Work	
8	Date and Place of the Next Session	
9.	Adoption of the Report	

ANNOTATION TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

- Item 1 **Adoption of the Agenda (Doc. Ref. CX/FBT 07/7/1):** In accordance with VII.2 of the Rules of Procedure, the first item on the Provisional Agenda shall be the adoption of the Agenda.
- Item 2 **Matters Referred to the Task Force by the Commission and Other Codex Committees (Doc. Ref. CX/FBT 07/7/2):** The item includes matters related to the Task Force arising from sessions of the Commission and other Codex Committees including the Executive Committee, if there is any matter.
- Item 3 **Review of the Work by International Intergovernmental Organizations Related to Foods Derived from Biotechnology (Doc. Refs. CX/FBT 07/7/3 and CX/FBT 07/7/3 Add.1):** The Task Force is invited to take note of the results of work done and/or being done by other relevant international fora and organizations in the field of the evaluation of foods derived from biotechnology.
- Item 4 **Proposed Draft Guideline for the Conduct of Food Safety Assessment of Foods Derived from Recombinant-DNA Animals (Doc. Refs. ALINORM 07/30/34 Appendix III, CL 2006/54-FBT and CX/FBT 07/7/4):** The Sixth Session of the Task Force agreed to return the section on “Use of Antibiotic Resistance Marker Genes” (paragraphs 64-67 of the proposed draft guideline) to Step 3 for comments while holding the remaining sections of the proposed draft guideline at Step 4 (ALINORM 07/30/34 para.50). The Sixth Session of the Task Force also agreed to forward questions regarding marker and reporter gene and non-heritable applications to FAO and WHO for scientific advice (ALINORM 06/30/34 para.45 and Appendix II).
- The Task Force is invited to have discussion at its 7th Session, focusing on: i) the section of the Use of Antibiotic Resistance Marker Genes (paragraphs 64-67); and ii) any other amendments necessary to accommodate non heritable applications, if possible and appropriate, fully taking into account the outcome of the expert consultation (CX/FBT 07/7/3 Add.1).
- The Proposed Draft Guideline is presented in ALINORM 07/30/34 Appendix III. Comments at Step 3 submitted by members and international organizations in response to CL 2006/54-FBT are contained in CX/FBT 07/7/4.
- Item 5 **Proposed Draft Annex to the Guideline for the Conduct of Food Safety Assessment of Foods Derived from Recombinant-DNA Plants: Food Safety Assessment of Foods Derived from Recombinant-DNA Plants Modified for Nutritional or Health Benefits (Doc. Refs. CL 2007/18-FBT and CX/FBT 07/7/5):** The Sixth Session of the Task Force agreed to return the proposed draft Annex to Step 2 for further drafting by a physical working group led by Canada, co-chaired by Argentina and New Zealand, and open to all the members and observers. The working group would prepare the proposed draft Annex to the Plant Guideline on the basis of the report of the previous electronic working group and the comments at Step 3 contained in documents CX/FBT 06/6/5 and CX/FBT 06/6/5-Add.1, as well as comments provided during the Sixth Session of the Task Force (ALINORM 07/30/34, para.59). The proposed draft Annex is contained in CL 2007/18-FBT and comments submitted by members and international organizations are contained in CX/FBT 07/7/5.

- Item 6 **Proposed Draft Annex to the Guideline for the Conduct of Food Safety Assessment of Foods Derived from Recombinant-DNA Plants on Low-level Presence of Recombinant-DNA Plant Material (Doc. Refs. CL 2007/17-FBT and CX/FBT 07/7/6):** The Sixth Session of the Task Force agreed to establish a physical working group on low-level presence of recombinant-DNA plant material, chaired by the United States and co-chaired by Germany and Thailand.(ALINORM 07/30/34 para.78). The Task Force agreed that the proposed draft annex to be elaborated by the working group at Step 2 would be circulated for comments at Step 3, prior to consideration by the Seventh Session of the Task Force at Step 4 (ALINORM 07/30/34 para.80). The proposed draft Annex is contained in CL2007/17-FBT and comments submitted by members and international organizations are contained in CX/FBT 07/7/6.
- Item 7 **Other Business and Future Work:** The Task Force will discuss issues raised under Item 1.
- Item 8 **Date and Place of the Next Session:** The Task Force will be advised of the tentative dates and place of the next Session.
- Item 9 **Adoption of the Report:** In accordance with Rule X.1 of the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the Task Force shall adopt a report of its Seventh Session based on a draft provided by the Codex Secretariat.
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