

*A Brief of The Thirty-fourth session of
Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC)
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Standards, CoP and GLs adopted, revoked or discontinued

- The thirty-fourth session of the *Codex Alimentarius Commission* (CAC) (4 July 2011 to 9 July 2011) in Geneva, Switzerland
- ~ 57 standards, Code of Practice (CoP) and Guidelines (GLs) adopted, revoked or discontinued



Food Additives, Pesticide Residues and Veterinary Drug Residues in Food

Food Additives

- Adopted many maximum levels (MLs) of about 10 food additives and revoked some MLs of 4 food additives

Pesticides Residues in Food

- Adopted about 320 new maximum residue limits (MRLs) of 25 pesticides and revoked about 80 existing MRLs of 13 pesticides

Veterinary Drugs Residues in Food

- Adopted 12 new MRLs of 2 veterinary drugs



Contaminants in Food

Newly Adopted CoP for the Reduction of Ethyl Carbamate in Stone Fruit Distillates

- Provide national and local authorities, manufacturers and other relevant bodies with guidance to prevent and/or reduce formation of ethyl carbamate in stone fruit distillates



Food Microbiological Safety

Newly Adopted Guidelines for the Control of Campylobacter and Salmonella spp. in Chicken Meat

- Provide guidance to governments and industry on the control of *Campylobacter* and *Salmonella* spp. in chicken meat
- Apply to all steps in a “primary production-to-consumption” food chain for chicken meat production

Food Microbiological Safety

Newly Adopted revision of the Recommended International Code of Hygiene Practice for Collecting, Processing and Marketing of Natural Mineral Waters

- Provide recommended **hygienic practices** for collecting natural mineral waters, their treatment, bottling, packaging, storage, transport, distribution and sale for direct consumption, to the government and industry
- **Important issue:** Revised microbiological criteria of the COP
- CFS is now working on revising the local microbiological guidelines for ready-to-eat food
- Consider to **make reference to this CoP** in the current revision of the local microbiological guidelines

Reference

- The full report of the thirty-fourth session is now available as ALINORM 11/34/REP in the official Codex Web site,
- <http://www.codexalimentarius.net/web/archives.jsp?year=11>
- **THANK YOU!**