

**CODEX COMMITTEE ON GENERAL PRINCIPLES
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European Union Comments on

Agenda item 6

Format and Structure of the Codex Procedural Manual

Member States Competence

Member States Vote

The Member States of the European Union (MSEU) would like to thank the Codex Secretariat for preparing the document on the format and structure of the Codex Procedural Manual. The MSEU note and welcome the proposed new format of the PM and agree that an improvement of the usability and searchability through the provision of a digital version of the PM is a necessary step in contribution to Goal 5 of the CAC Strategic Plan.

With regard to further revisions and the comprehensive review process started by the Codex Secretariat, the MSEU would like to underline that the PM can only serve its purpose to guide and assist if it covers all relevant guidance and decisions available.

Certain general decisions of the Codex Alimentarius Commission are currently not part of the PM and should be taken into account in the review process. Examples regard the

- criteria for conducting the critical review (CAC-29, report in ALINORM 06/29/41, para. 13);
 - composition of CCEXEC- role of the advisors;
 - criteria to be used by FAO and WHO for the prioritization of scientific advice;
 - use of information documents;
 - use of ad Ad hoc Codex Intergovernmental Task Forces;
 - number of Codex committees by biennium.
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