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Agenda Item 10

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### COMMENTS OF VIET NAM

**Question 1.1** Please describe the activities, which the Coordinator and/or the member countries need to do, to increase the participation of the informal meetings of CCASIA members prior to the plenary session of Codex Committees.

Vietnam joined in CAC since 1989 and suggests activities to increase the participation of informal meeting of CCASIA member as following:

- All countries who attend Codex meeting should participate in CCASIA informal meeting and provide their concerns and comments by written papers.
- Communication between the CCP and Codex delegation to discuss and agree on issues that addressed at the meeting;
- Countries need to be provided agenda items and concerns related to region.
- The Coordinator should send request and issues that need to be agreed on among regional countries prior to the plenary.

**Question 1.2** Please describe interests and/or concerns that you have related to the Codex work currently undertaken or you would like to discuss in the future. Please use the following table when providing answers:

No	Issue of Interest and/or concern	Subsidiary body	Reason	Status of work	Proposal for actions/collaboration
1	Maximum levels for lead in Fruit juices and nectars (ready to drink) canned fruits and canned vegetables	CCCF	Large trade volume and consumption within region/high health impact	Step 2/3	Support the work and participates in EWG
2	Maximum levels for inorganic arsenic in husked rice	CCCF	Large trade volume and consumption within region	Step 2/3	Submit comments and support the work
3	Maximum levels for Cadmium in Chocolate and cocoa products	CCCF	Impact to health consumers	Step 2/3	Submit data and participate in EWG, To support the work
4	Code of practice for the reduction of arsenic contamination in rice	CCCF	To increase trade volume within the region	Step 2/3	Support the work and submit comments
5	Methylmercury in fishery products	CCCF	Impact to trade volume in global and	Discussion paper	Support the work and participate in EWG
6	Maximum level of migration of metals from food contact material to food	CCCF	Currently Codex has a few standard for food contact material	Not yet in Codex process	Information and data sharing among country members
7	Revision the Code of practice for fresh fruits	CCFH	Appropriate for tropical countries with	Discussion paper	Support the new work and provide comments

	and vegetables		different products		
8	Draft Guideline on the Application of General Principles of Food Hygiene to the control of Foodborne Parasites	CCFH	Foodborne parasites is increasingly important concerns in global and to control this issue is very vital work because it is not only to impact on trade food but also on health consumers	Step 2/3	To participate in the EWG and provide comments
9	Histamine	CCFFP	Large trade volume and consumption within region/high health impact	Discussion paper	To consider the flexibility in the application and participate in the work
10	Proposed Draft Code of Practice for processing of fish sauce	CCFFP	To ensure and improve safety and quality of fish sauce in the region	Step 6	Vietnam with Thailand co-chaired the work and ask the member to submit comments and support the work for adoption by the next CAC Session at step 8
11	Proposed Draft revision of the General Standard for Prepackaged Foods: date marking	CCFL	To avoid the confusion of labeling by the consumers and have consistent way of date marking	Step 3	Provide comments and participate in the development of a format of date marking
12	Review Codex Standard of follow up formula	CCNFSDU	To regulate this products and help consumers made the right choice to buy products	Step 4	To support and participate in this work
13	Standard on Black, white and green pepers	CCSCH	Large trade volume and consumption in the region	Step 2/3	Support and participate in this work
14	Regional standard for Laver products	CCASIA	Large trade volume and consumption in the region	Step 2/3	Support this work