



Food and Agriculture Organization
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Development of National and Regional Positions

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ENHANCING EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION IN CODEX ACTIVITIES

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Overview

- I. Development of National Positions
 - How to Establish?
 - How to Express?
- II. Development of regional Positions

Development of National Positions

National Position: How to establish?

Preparation for establishing your national position:

1. Reading
2. Analysis & Discussion
3. Communication

1. Reading

- Working documents
- Comments to the documents from other countries
- Reports of the past sessions
- Relevant documents and comments submitted at the past sessions if necessary (discussion papers, project documents, CRD, etc.)
- Relevant section in Procedural Manual/ Standards

2. Analysis and Discussion

- Convincing/ agreeable/ acceptable to your country?
- Effect to relevant stakeholders in your country?
- Necessary to discuss with relevant stakeholders?
- Some changes/ amendments should be made?
- Review comments from other countries => support/agreeable/acceptable
- Consider for several scenarios, if possible

3. Communication

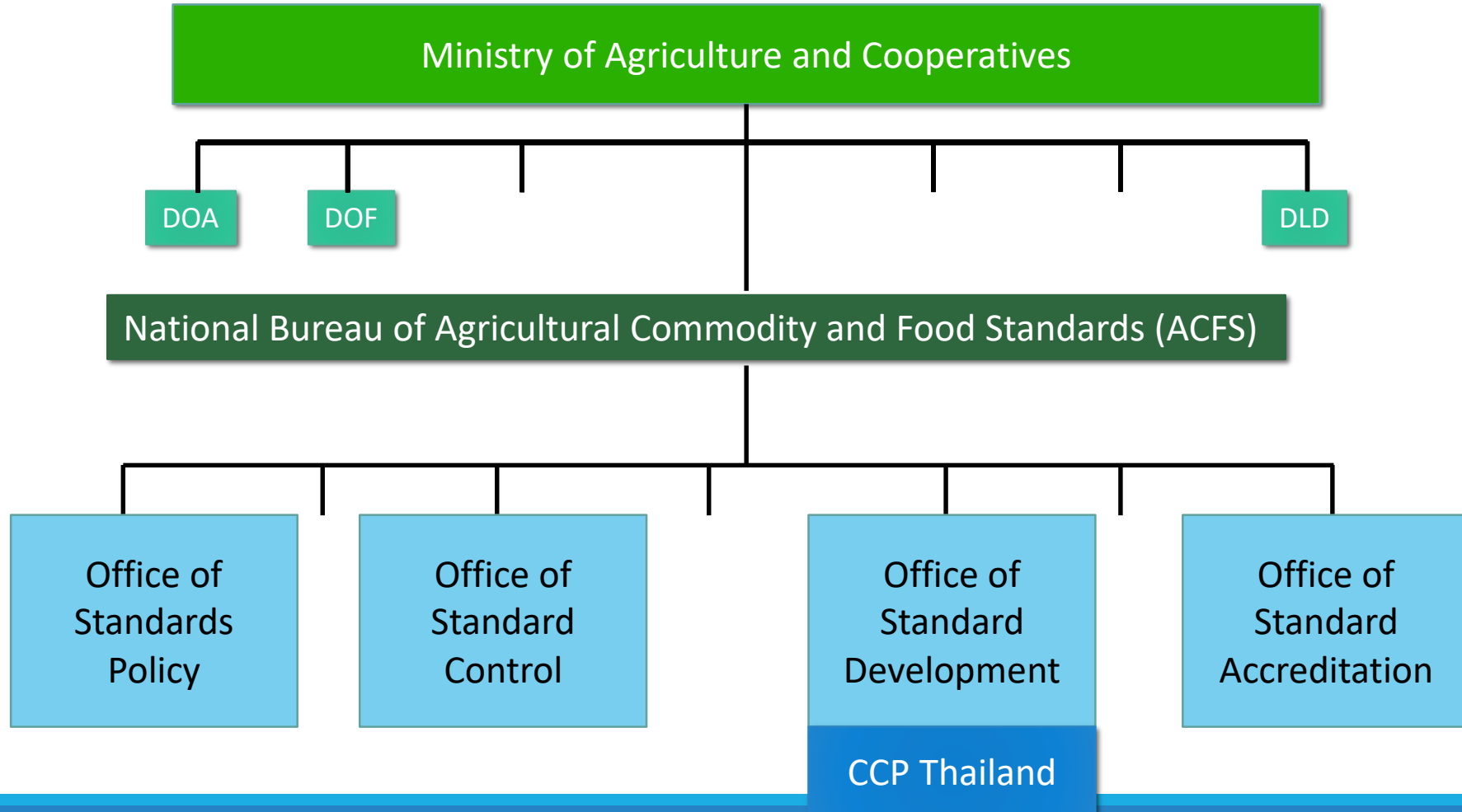
- With other departments/ministries/agencies
 - ✓ If they are relevant to the topic
 - ✓ For sharing issues of importance in the country
- With involved stakeholders
 - ✓ Discussion with relevant industry
 - ✓ Public meeting prior to the session

National Position: How to establish?

- Country may have different procedure to establish country position
- National Codex Contact Point and National Codex Committee take the important roles.
- Relevant stakeholders should participate in the process of establishment national position.

- **Case study : Thailand**

Codex Contact Point of Thailand



Working Process for Codex Standard Setting of Thai CCP

**National Agricultural Standard
Committee**

*Governing body
and policy
setting*

Sub-
committee on
Policy and
General
Principles

5 Sub-
Committees on
Commodity
Standards

10 Sub-
Committees on
General Subject
Standards

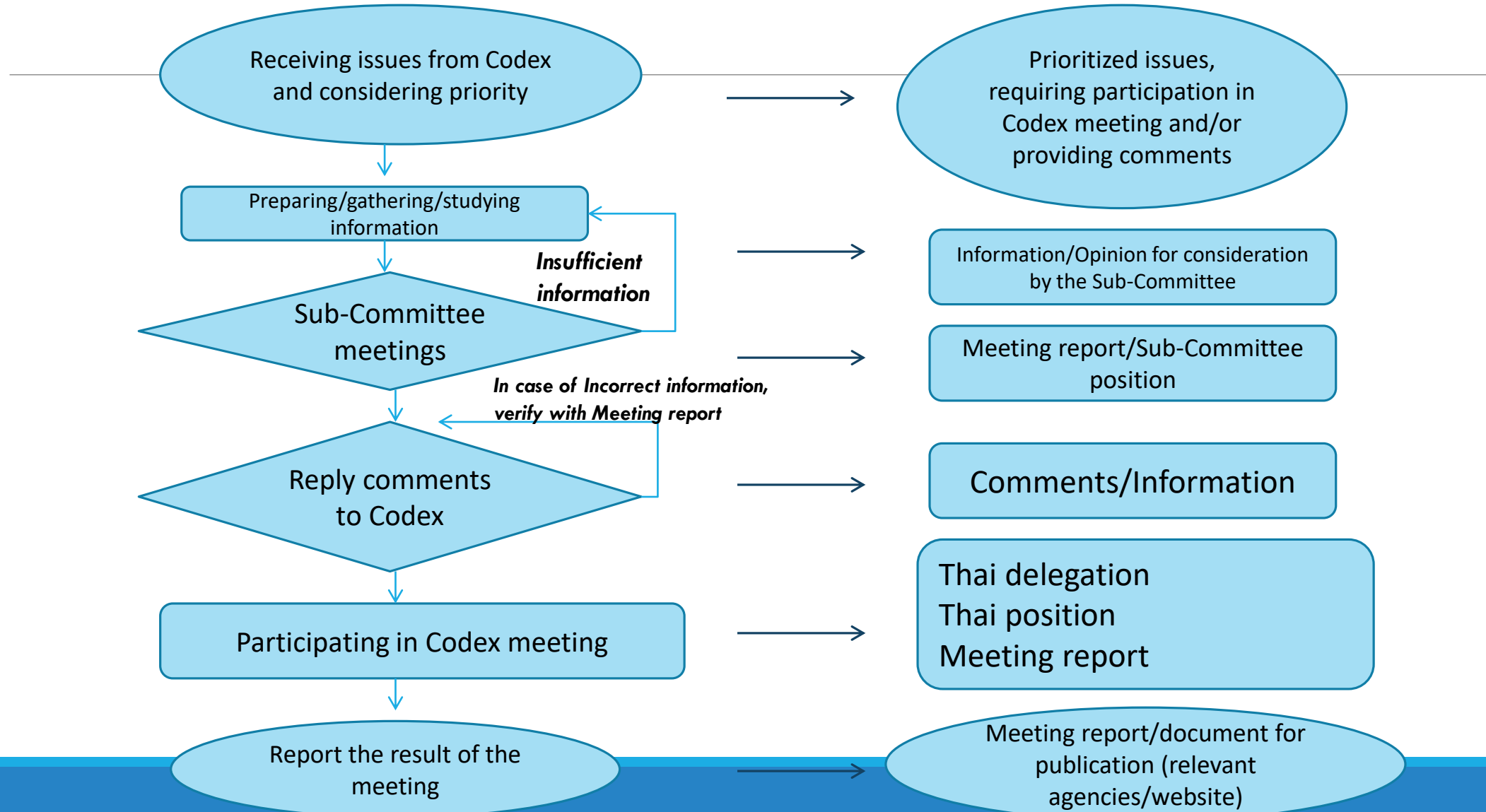
Members of Sub-Committees

- *Governments (Agriculture, Health, Trade, Consumer Protection)*
- *Academics/Experts*
- *Industries*
- *CCP Thailand as Secretariat*

Thailand Working Process for Consideration of Codex Draft Standard

Processes/contents

Outcomes



Case study: Japan & Philippines

National Position: How to express?

- Submit written comments
- Make a verbal intervention at the meeting

Written Comments

Can be either in the electronic working group or before plenary session.

- ✓ So that Chair, Secretariat and other delegations can understand your position more easily and correctly
- ✓ Would be distributed as working documents or CRDs

Written comments

- For amendments, accompanied by their related rationale
 - Preferably scientifically sound
 - In terms of Codex dual mandates
- As simple as possible
- Do not reproduce the complete document
- Comments should be made in line with “**General Guidance for the Provision of Comments**”

Written Comment: General Guidance for the Provision of Comments

- provide their comments under the following headings:
 - (i) General Comments
 - (ii) Specific Comments
- Specific comments should include a reference to the relevant section and/or paragraph of the document that the comments refer to.
- When changes are proposed to specific paragraphs, provide their proposal for amendments accompanied by the related rationale. New texts should be presented in **underlined/bold font** and deletion in ~~strikethrough font~~.
- refrain from using colour font/shading and from using track change mode,.
- do not to reproduce the complete document but only those parts of the texts for which any change and/or amendments is proposed.

Written comments: Example

Draft Guidance on performance criteria for methods of analysis for determination of pesticide residues (CX/PR 17/49/11)

Thailand would like to share some comments as follows:

1. Objective

We would like to propose **additional clause as a footnote in para 1** to be as follow;

“1. The purpose of this guidance document is to define and describe the performance criteria, which should be met by methods to analyse pesticide residues in foods*.”

* Term of “foods” in this Guideline includes foods and feeds.

Rationale: There are both CXLs of pesticides residue in foods and feeds. We are of the view that the scope of this draft Guidance should cover the performance criteria of methods of analysis for determination of pesticide residues in feeds as well.

Written comments: Example

Draft Guidance on performance criteria for methods of analysis for determination of pesticide residues (CX/PR 17/49/11)

2. Performance Parameters for Analytical Methods

We would like to propose an amendment to the **second last sentence of para 27** to be read as follow;

“When a CXL does not exist, the lowest level may be MRLs established by a national regulatory authority. If no CXL or MRL exists for a given analyte/matrix pair, then 0.01 mg/kg **or LOQ** generally serves as the desirable LVL. In MRMs, the typical analytical goal is to set the LVL (and reporting level) at 0.01 mg/kg in diverse, yet representative commodities.”

Rationale: Limit of Quantitation (LOQ) of some pesticide/commodity combination could not be at the 0.01 mg/kg. The desirable LVL of some pesticide/commodity combination, which there are no MRLs existing, can be LOQ.

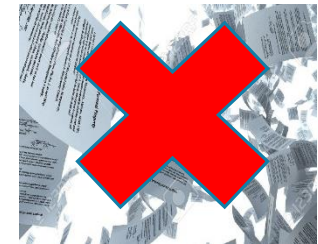
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- Implementing a standard commenting format
- Quicker and more accurate compilation process



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- **Deputy:** user delegated by CCP to perform all actions but user creation and final publishing (OCS role: Author).
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30 Nov 2018 23:45	CL 2018/67-CAC Request for Comments on the draft Codex Strategic Plan 2020-2025	Codex Alimentarius Secretariat	In Progress	In Progress	Select	Enter
30 Nov 2018 23:45	CL 2018/78-FO Request for Comments at Step 3 on the Proposed Draft Revision of the Standard for Named Vegetable Oils	Codex Alimentarius Secretariat	In Progress	Not Started	Select	Enter
25 Nov 2018 23:45	CL 2018/74-AMR Request for comments on the proposed draft revision of the Code of Practice (CXC 61-2005) (at Step 3)	Codex Alimentarius Secretariat	In Progress	Not Started	Select	Enter
25 Nov 2018 23:45	CL 2018/75-AMR Request for comments on the proposed draft Guidelines (at Step 3)	Codex Alimentarius Secretariat	In Progress	Not Started	Select	Enter
9 Nov 2018 23:45	CL 2018/57 SCH Request for Comments at Step 3 on the Proposed Draft Standard for Dried Chilli peppers and Paprika	Codex Alimentarius Secretariat	In Progress	In Progress	Select	Enter
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**CODEX ALIMENTARIUS
ONLINE COMMENTING SYSTEM
USER MANUAL**

Intervention as delegation

Intervention as delegation is essential for:

- Expression of your national position
 - ✓ At the Codex meetings, intervention is made on behalf of your country (NOT on behalf of your department/ministry/agency etc.)
 - ✓ Otherwise, your position will not be reflected in the report
 - ✓ No intervention means no reflection in the report
 - ✓ Prepare detailed texts for intervention, assuming for the worst case
- Contribution to discussion at the Codex meetings
 - Reaching consensus

national Position: How to express If no delegation can participate?

- No intervention at the meeting
- No communication with your “friends” who share the same concern at the meeting
- “Chairpersons should also ensure that the written comments, received in a timely manner, of members and observers not present at the session are considered by the Committee and that all issues are put clearly to the Committee.”(but no effect.....)
- You should look for other opportunities to express your national position, e.g CCASIA coordinator

Development of Regional Positions

Codex Coordinating Committee for Asia

Regional Position: Informal meetings of the CCASIA member countries

- Led by the Coordinator for Asia: India
- On the sidelines of Codex meetings
- To share member countries' positions
- With a not high attendance rate
- Little importance for the member countries?

The importance of participation in informal regional meetings for Codex

...NO, because

- Expression of your national position before the session
- Identification of common interests and concerns among the member countries (You can find “friends”)
- More challenging to formulate “one regional position”, but a step to reach consensus at the Codex meetings
- Face-to-face communication

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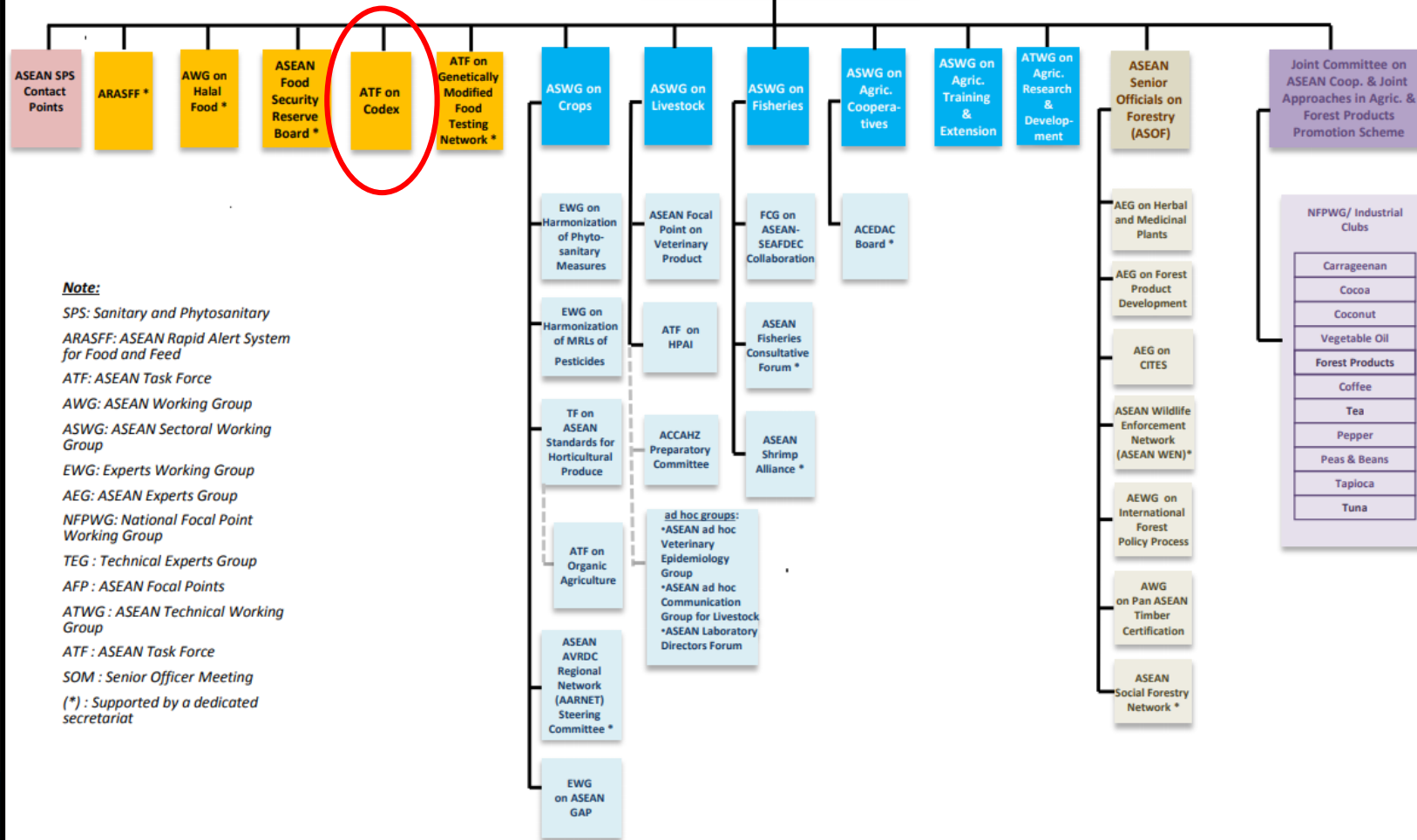
ASEAN Task Force on Codex

Structure of ASEAN Cooperation in Food, Agriculture and Forestry

ASEAN Ministers of Agriculture and Forestry (AMAF)

As of 19 February 2014

SOM-AMAF



Note:

- SPS: Sanitary and Phytosanitary
- ARASFF: ASEAN Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed
- ATF: ASEAN Task Force
- AWG: ASEAN Working Group
- ASWG: ASEAN Sectoral Working Group
- EWG: Experts Working Group
- AEG: ASEAN Experts Group
- NFPWG: National Focal Point Working Group
- TEG: Technical Experts Group
- AFP: ASEAN Focal Points
- ATWG: ASEAN Technical Working Group
- ATF: ASEAN Task Force
- SOM: Senior Officer Meeting
- (*) : Supported by a dedicated secretariat

ASEAN Task Force on Codex

Scope

- to discuss Codex issues of interest to ASEAN Countries and to promote information sharing and transparency in decision making
- to formulate common ASEAN positions in Codex Meeting
- to possibly harmonize standards and regulations in ASEAN by using Codex standards as references

ATFC Session

- The 1st meeting in Malaysia, 2001
- The 18th meeting in Lao PDR, 2018
- Annual meeting around May-June

Important Agenda Items:

- **Progress in the implementation of Policy Framework related to ASEAN Cooperation in Food Safety**
 - Matters Arising from the Special SOM-AMAF, AMAF Meeting
 - Matters Arising from other ASEAN meeting relevant to Food Safety (ASEN cluster 4, PFPWG)

ATFC Session

➤ Update of Activities by the Appointed ASEAN Focal Points for the Codex Committee

Indonesia

- i) Codex Committee on Food Additives (CCFA),
- ii) Codex Committee on Contaminants in Food (CCCF),
- iii) Codex Committee on Method Analysis and Sampling (CCMAS),
- iv) Codex Committee on Milk and Milk Products (CCMMP) and
- v) Codex Committee on Spice and Culinary Herbs (CCSCH)

Malaysia

- i) Codex Committee on General Principles (CCGP) and
- ii) Codex Committee on Fats and Oils (CCFO)

ATFC Session

Philippines

- i) Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR),
- ii) Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses (CCNFSDU),
- iii) Codex Committee on Processed Fruit and Vegetables,
- iv) Codex Committee on Sugar (CCS)

Singapore

- i) Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification System (CCFICS)

Thailand

- i) Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods (CCRVDF),
- ii) Codex Committee on Fresh Fruit and Vegetables (CCFFV), and
- iii) Codex Committee on Food Hygiene (CCFH)

Viet Nam

- i) Codex Committee on Fish and Fishery Products (CCFFP)

ATFC Session

➤ Joint ASEAN Position on Codex Issues Related to Trade in Commodities and Agriculture

○ *General Subject Committees*

- Draft Maximum Levels for Arsenic in Rice (CCCF) – Thailand
- Discussion Paper to Review Mycotoxins in Spices (CCCF) –Indonesia
- Proposals for Additional or Revised Nutrient Reference Values for Labeling Purposes (CCNFSDU) – Indonesia
- Discussion paper on the revision of the General Principle of Food Hygiene (CAC/RCP 1-1969) and Its HACCP Annex –Thailand

○ Commodity Committees

- A new work for the elaboration of a Code of Practice for Fish Sauce (CCFFP) – Thailand and Viet Nam
- Proposal Draft Annex on Canned Pineapple -Thailand

ATFC Session

- New Proposals for Joint ASEAN Position on Codex Issues Related to Trade in Commodities and Agriculture
 - Proposal for New Work on Codex Standard for Nutmeg
 - Proposal for New Work on Codex Standard for Shallots

Merci

¡Gracias

Thank You

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