

- fi Gari;
- fi Whole and Decorticated Pearl Millet Grains;
- fi Pearl Millet Flour; and
- fi Edible Cassava Flour;

The Committee also agreed to advance the following document:

Proposed Draft Guideline Level and Sampling Plan for Total Aflatoxins in Peanuts intended for further Processing (at Step 5).

The reference document containing the above information is ALINORM 95/29.

Responsible Agency: HHS/FDA and USDA/GIPSA

U.S. Participation: Yes

Codex Committee on Milk and Milk Products

The Codex Committee on Milk and Milk Products was established by the Codex Alimentarius Commission at its Twentieth session. The Committee was originally established by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO) in 1958. The Committee was integrated into the Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme in 1962. Until 1993, the Committee was named the Joint FAO/WHO Committee of Government Experts on the Code of Principles Concerning Milk and Milk Products. The Committee is responsible for establishing international codes and standards concerning milk and milk products. All of the standards listed below are contained in Alinorm 95/11.

The First session of the Milk and Milk Products Committee recommended that the following standards be considered by the Twenty-first session of the Commission in July, 1995 at Step 5:

- fi Butter;
- fi Milkfat Products;
- fi Evaporated Milks;
- fi Sweetened Condensed Milks;
- fi Milk and Cream Powders;
- fi Cheese; and
- fi Whey Cheese.

The Committee also recommended that the Twenty-first Commission adopt the Draft Standards for Whey Powders and Edible Casein Products at Step 8.

The Committee also recommended initiation or continuation of the following:

- fi Fermented Milk Products with Heat Treatment after Fermentation; (at Step 1)
- fi Fermented Milk Products without Heat Treatment; (at Step 1)
- fi Cheeses in Brine; (at Step 6)
- fi Unripened Cheeses; (at Step 6)
- fi Processed Cheese; (at Step 3)
- fi Cream; (at Step 3)
- fi Yoghurt; (at Step 3)

- fi Individual Cheeses; (at Step 3)
- fi Review of the Code of Principles concerning Milk and Milk Products; (at Step 1)
- fi Nutritional and Quality Descriptors; (at Step 1) and
- fi Definitions of Heat Treatment (at Step 1)

Agency Responsible: HHS/FDA

U.S. Participation: Yes

Codex Committee on Fats and Oils

The Fats and Oils Committee is responsible for elaborating standards for fats and oils of animal, vegetable, and marine origin.

The following Proposed Draft Code and Standards will be considered at the Twenty-first session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission in July, 1995, at Step 5:

- fi Proposed Draft Code of Practice for the Storage and Transport of Fats and Oils in Bulk;
- fi Proposed Draft Standard for Edible Fats and Oils not Covered by Individual Standards;
- fi Proposed Draft Standard for Products Sold as an Alternative to Ghee;
- fi Proposed Draft Standard for Named Animal Fats;
- fi Proposed Draft Standard for Named Vegetable Oils;
- fi Proposed Draft Standard for Fat Spreads;
- fi Proposed Draft Standard for Olive Oils and Olive-Pomace Oils; and
- fi Proposed Draft Standard for Mayonnaise.

The following two standards will be considered for adoption by the Commission at its Twenty-first session:

- fi Draft Standard for Palm Olein at Step 8; and
- fi Draft Standard Palm Stearin at Step 8

All of the above documents are contained in Alinorm 95/17.

Responsible Agency: HHS/FDA

U.S. Participation: Yes

Certain Codex Subject Committees

Several Codex Alimentarius General Subject Committees have adjourned *sine die*. The following Committees fall into this category:

- fi *Cocoa Products and Chocolate* *
Responsible Agency: HHS/FDA
U.S. Participation: Yes
- fi *Edible Ices*
- fi *Meat Hygiene* *
Responsible Agency: USDA/FSIS
U.S. Participation: Yes

* There has been no activity in these committees over the past year and none is expected in the next year.

- fi *Natural Mineral Waters* *
Responsible Agency: HHS/FDA
U.S. Participation: Yes

- fi *Processed Meat and Poultry Products* *

Responsible Agency: USDA/FSIS
U.S. Participation: Yes

- fi *Processed Fruits and Vegetables* *

Responsible Agency: HHS/FDA
U.S. Participation: Yes

- fi *Sugars*

- fi *Soups and Broths*

- fi *Vegetable Proteins* *

Responsible Agency: HHS/FDA
U.S. Participation: Yes

A brief report on activities of the Codex Committee on Edible Ices, the Codex Committee on Sugars, and the Codex Committee on Soups and Broths follows:

Edible Ices

The Committee on Edible Ices is responsible for elaborating standards for all types of edible ices, including mixes and powders used for their manufacture. The Committee has been adjourned since 1978. However, as directed by the Codex Alimentarius Commission, the Secretariat of the Host Country (Sweden) has prepared a Revised Codex Standard for Edible Ices and Ice Mixes (see CL 1995/7-EI). This Revised Standard was circulated to member governments for comments by May 15, 1995. The objective of the revision is to focus the standard only on public health, food safety, and consumer protection. Provisions in the existing standard that deal with quality factors and criteria typically used in commerce to define or describe the product are of an advisory nature and have been removed in the Revised Standard.

Agency Responsible: HHS/FDA

U.S. Participation: Yes

Sugars

The Codex Committee on Sugars is responsible for elaborating world-wide standards for all types of sugars and sugar products. The Committee has been adjourned since 1974. At the direction of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, the Secretariat of the Host Government (the United Kingdom) was asked to examine the existing Codex Standards relating to sugars and the Codex Standard for Honey. During the Nineteenth session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, the Commission agreed that existing Codex Standards should be reviewed in order to simplify them. Those documents were revised and circulated to member governments (see CL 1995/5-S) for comments by April 30, 1995. The