



Dairy's boundless potential: Advancing science and technology through the International Dairy Federation

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Standing Committee on Standards of Identity and Labelling



Purpose

To closely monitor the Codex committees' activities including those involved in the adoption of new standards relevant to the dairy sector, as well as the use of terms and labelling in dairy products, and to ensure that regional standards do not negatively impact the International Codex standard within the dairy sector.





Programme of work: SCSIL

Philosophical drive of the international food safety and quality arena is harmonization of standards to improve international trade and consumerism globally.

- Addressing labelling matters:
- Nutritional information relating to “front of pack labelling”
- Codex General Standards for the Use of Dairy Terms (GSUDT)
- Plant based foods
- Health claims
- Sustainability claims
- Allergen labelling
- Internet sales and
- Innovation-use of technology in food labelling.
- Bulletins



CODE OF GOOD PRACTICE FOR THE PREPARATION, ADOPTION AND APPLICATION OF STANDARDS



SA is a Member of the WTO as central government body including SABS as governmental standardizing body

Substantive provisions

- The standardizing body shall ensure that standards are not prepared, adopted or applied **with a view to, or with the effect of, creating unnecessary obstacles to international trade.**
- **Where international standards exist or their completion is imminent, the standardizing body shall use them, or the relevant parts of them, as a basis for the standards it develops, except where such international standards or relevant parts would be ineffective or inappropriate, for instance, because of an insufficient level of protection or fundamental climatic or geographical factors or fundamental technological problems.**



Role of Codex Alimentarius



- **The Codex Alimentarius (Latin for 'Food Code') - a collection of internationally recognized standards, codes of practice, guidelines, and other recommendations published by the FAO of the UN, relating to food, food production, food labeling, and food safety.**
- **Also to develop harmonised international food standards, which protect consumer health and promote fair practices in food trade**
- Codex is organized by committees. 10 Commodity committees work on all topics related to a particular food grouping. Horizontal committees work on issues that apply across all commodity committees.
- The Codex Committee on Milk and Milk Products (CCMP), for example, is a commodity committee that creates standards, regulations and guidelines for all internationally traded dairy products.
- The Codex Committee on Food Hygiene (CCFH) Codex Committee on Food Labelling (CCFL)



WTO and Codex

- The WTO's SPS Agreement states that “to harmonize sanitary and phytosanitary measures on as wide a basis as possible, Members shall base their sanitary or phytosanitary measures on international standards, guidelines or recommendations”.

- The Agreement names the joint FAO/WHO **Codex Alimentarius** as the relevant standard-setting organization for food safety.





- IDF is the platform for the **international dairy sector** to discuss standards for international trade and to achieve consensus on a common approach to issues discussed in Codex.



- IDF contributes to the work of the Codex Committee on Milk and Milk Products (CCMMP) by providing first drafts of standards and contributing expert input throughout the development of new standards until their final adoption. IDF also monitors all the other Codex Committees that influence the dairy sector.



Codex and the International Dairy Federation (IDF)

IDF and ISO, ARSO and SABS



- International Standards Organisation (ISO)
- African Organisation for Standardisation (ARSO)
- South African Bureau of Standards (SABS).





The role of Milk SA

Milk SA was established to deal with collective issues of the primary and secondary dairy industries;

- Five broadly strategic issues, in respect of which collective actions are required:
- Milk SA Regulation and Standards Project Management

SA Codex contact point



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Thank you
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