

40TH Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling (CCMAS40)
(Budapest, Hungary, 26th – 31st May 2019)



40th session of CCMAS was held between 26th - 31st May, 2019 in Budapest, Hungary. The Session was attended by 49 Member countries and 1 Member organization and 12 observer organizations. The meeting of the Physical Working Group (PWG) was held on 26th May, 2019 and the plenary session of CCMAS was held between 27th – 31st May, 2019.

The Committee had 10 agenda items for discussion. The agenda of the meeting is available at

<http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/it/?meeting=CCMAS&session=41>

The decisions on the important agenda items concerning to India, are as follows:-

Agenda Item No. 2: Matters Referred to the Committee by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and other Subsidiary Bodies-

CCMAS noted and welcomed the information under an item 'Matters of Interest arising from other international organizations' that CCFH would take into consideration of the revision of CXG 50-2004 when they consider the sampling plans of histamine in fish commodity.

Agenda Item No. 3: Endorsement of Methods of Analysis and Sampling Plans for Provisions in Codex Standards-

CCMAS endorsed the methods of analysis submitted by CCNFSDU and CCFO. However, CCMAS did not endorse the methods of analysis submitted by CCSCCH, and noted that several methods were submitted for endorsement as Type I methods, even though the

methods were not identical. Delegations to CCMAS were encouraged to liaise with their counterparts to CCSCCH on methods of analysis, India as the lead country on spices and culinary herbs in both Codex and ISO to better coordinate work on methods of analysis for these products, and that equally the Codex Secretariat should ensure that guidance is given to CCSCCH on how to present methods of analysis for endorsement taking into account the guidance provided in the Procedural Manual. CCMAS adopted a format for seeking methods from other Commodity Committees so as to maintain uniformity.

- India raised concern on the method of analysis for milk fat purity, ISO 17678 | IDF 202 that this method was not fit for purpose and not applicable to all milk products - The observer from IDF informed that while the method included some restrictions, it was still fit for purpose and that further consideration of the method could be done in the next round of discussions on the review of the remaining dairy package.
- India raised concern on inclusion of two methods AOCS Ca-5a-40 and AOCS Cd 3d-63 in the Methods of analysis for acid value and free fatty acids for virgin palm oil and crude palm kernel oil (Agenda Item No. 3) that AOCS Ca-5a-40 is applicable for FFA and is not fit for purpose method for acid value. Observer from AOCS explained that the three methods ISO 660 / AOCS Cd 3d-63 / AOCS Ca 5a-40 could be used to calculate both acid value and free fatty acids - CCMAS agreed to endorse the three methods for both acid value and free fatty acid.

Agenda Item No. 4: Guidance on Endorsement-

CCMAS agreed to publish the guidance on endorsement including the template for submission of information as an Information Document for internal use by CCMAS and that the document would be a living document that could be revised if issues arose during the use of the guidance on endorsement.

Agenda Item No. 5: Revision of the Codex General Standard for Methods of Analysis and Sampling (CXS 234 – 1999): Preamble and Structure-

CCMAS agreed to forward the Preamble and structure of CXS 234 to CAC42 for adoption at Step 5/8.

Agenda Item No. 6: Revision of the Guidelines on Measurement Uncertainty (CXG 54-2004)-

CCMAS agreed to forward the revised Guidelines on Measurement Uncertainty (CXG 54-2004) to CAC 42 for adoption at Step 5.
