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A year of virtual reality

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WITH**

**A VIRTUAL
YEAR OF REAL
ACHIEVEMENT**

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CODEX SCORE
ON VIRTUAL?**

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WHAT IS THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS?

The Codex Alimentarius, or “Food Code”, is a collection of standards, guidelines and codes of practice developed by consensus and based on the most robust up-to-date science available. Codex texts are not mandatory but governments frequently use them as the basis for national legislation to ensure food safety, quality and fair practices in food trade. Since 1963, Codex has developed hundreds of internationally recognized standards, guidelines and codes. It has defined thousands of permitted levels of additives, contaminants and chemical residues in food. The end goal: ensure food is safe for everyone, everywhere. Codex texts are an important reference point for the dispute settlement mechanism at the World Trade Organization.

The standards are adopted by the Codex Alimentarius Commission, which currently comprises 188 Member Countries and 1 Member Organization (The European Union) and 240 Observers of which 60 are intergovernmental organizations, 164 non-governmental organizations and 16 United Nations agencies. The Commission, also known as CAC, was established in 1963 by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO) to protect consumer health and promote fair practices in the food trade.

DID YOU KNOW?



The image shows the front cover of the book 'Understanding Codex'. The cover is colorful and features a variety of food items including fruits, vegetables, a fish, a shell, and a bowl. At the top left is the FAO logo and text 'Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations'. At the bottom right is the WHO logo and text 'World Health Organization'. The title 'UNDERSTANDING CODEX' is prominently displayed in the center, with 'FIFTH EDITION' written above it. On the right side, the words 'CODEX ALIMENTARIUS' are written vertically.

Understanding Codex is an excellent introduction to the world of Codex and international food safety standard setting for everyone. Currently available in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish.

CODEX ALIMENTARIUS MANDATE



PROTECT
the health
of consumers



ENSURE
fair practices
in food trade



PROMOTE
coordination of all
food standards work



A YEAR OF VIRTUAL REALITY

Welcome to our annual review highlighting what has happened in Codex since the last Commission which ended in November 2020.



The Codex Secretariat has revolutionized the way meetings are managed and introduced new ways to bring experts and Codex delegations together to exploit the additional time meeting cancellations gave us and prepare for the new virtual sessions. We report on the 12 bodies that did meet and the two that are still to convene.

Guilherme Da Costa, Chairperson of the Codex Alimentarius Commission and the Vice Chairpersons have been serving for over four years since their appointment at CAC40 in July 2017. Read their final reviews as they step down ahead of elections which will take place in Geneva during CAC44

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