

# GFSI & CODEX ALIMENTARIUS



## HOW WE COLLABORATE & WHAT WE ACHIEVED IN 2019

### ABOUT CODEX ALIMENTARIUS

The Codex Alimentarius, or "Food Code" is a collection of standards, guidelines and codes of practice adopted by the **Codex Alimentarius Commission**. The Commission, also known as CAC, is the central part of the Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme and was **established by FAO and WHO** to protect consumer health and promote fair practices in food trade. CODEX members are the members states of FAO and WHO and IGOs and other international standard- setting bodies.

### THE GFSI CODEX COMMITTEE

We collaborate with Codex through our dedicated **GFSI Codex Committee**, created in 2017 to contribute to all relevant Codex matters, bringing industry expertise in food safety management systems and regulatory science, advocating a science-based approach and collaborating with the Codex community to drive GFSI's strategic objectives around harmonisation, capacity building and public-private partnerships. By sharing its latest work and revisions with GFSI, Codex contributes to the development of the **GFSI Benchmarking Requirements**.

### World Food Safety Day

GFSI is proud to collaborate with Codex on the World Food Safety Day, the United Nations day celebrated on 7th June. The day serves to raise awareness and urge action to help prevent, detect and manage foodborne risks, contributing to food security, human health, economic prosperity, agriculture, market access, tourism and sustainable development.

### G2B Meetings

Codex is a valued partner in the organisation of the Government-to-Business (G2B) Meetings: a unique forum created by GFSI in which the private sector, government food safety officials and international governmental organisations focus on the role of public-private-partnerships in third-party certification within the global context of supply chains and international standards.

# CODEX COMMITTEES

The **GFSI Codex Committee** focuses on Codex horizontal committees, which span all food categories.



## CCFICS

Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems

- Draft Principles and Guidelines for the Assessment and Use of Voluntary Third-Party Assurance (vTPA) Programmes. **3 GFSI positions issued in 2019.**
- Food Authenticity & Integrity. **2 GFSI positions issued in 2019.**



## CCFH

Codex Committee on Food Hygiene

- Proposed Draft Code of Practice on Food Allergen Management for Food Business Operators.
- Draft General Principles on Food Hygiene GPFH and HACCP Annex. **3 GFSI positions issued in 2019.**
- Principles for the Safe Use of Water in Food Processing.



## TFAMR

Ad Hoc Codex Intergovernmental Task Force on Antimicrobial Resistance

- Proposed Revision to the Code of Practice to Minimise and Contain Foodborne Antimicrobial Resistance.
- Proposed Guidelines for the Integrated Monitoring and Surveillance of Foodborne Antimicrobial Resistance. **3 GFSI positions issued in 2019.**

**GFSI also participates** in the following committees:



## CCFL

Codex Committee on Food Labelling



## CCCF

Codex Committee on Contaminants in Food

# MEETINGS IN 2019



## Codex Meetings

- General Principles Meeting, **Bordeaux, France**
- CAC Meeting, **Rome, Italy**
- Asia Committee, **Goa, India**
- Africa Committee, **Nairobi, Kenya**
- CCFH, **Cleveland, United States**



## GFSI Codex Committee

**15** calls and physical meetings