

Codex Thematic Session: TBT: United States Comments

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Codex Mandate

- Protect the health of consumers
- *Science-based food safety and quality standards*
- Ensure fair practices in the food trade
- *Fosters harmonization of food standards worldwide*

Importance of Science Based Standards

- Codex documents are based on science
- WHO and FAO expert bodies and ad hoc consultations provide scientific advice to the Codex committees in a variety of areas:

JECFA: Food Additives, Contaminants, and Veterinary Drugs

JMPR: Pesticide Residues

JEMRA: Microbiological Risk Assessment

JEMNU: Nutrition



Codex Committee on Food Labelling (CCFL)

- Declaration of Allergens and Precautionary Advisory Labelling
 - FAO/WHO Scientific Advice (Global Experts, 4 Workshops)
 - Global List of Priority Allergens (Incidence, Severity)
 - PAL (Thresholds, Codex Committee on Food Hygiene, Hazard Management)
- Front of Package Nutrition Labelling
 - CCFL :General Principles
 - CCNFSDU: Nutrient Profiles/High In?



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