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## **The FAO Regional Training Workshop: “Enhancing effective participation in Codex activities in ASEAN countries”**

**“Support to Capacity Building and Implementation of International Food Safety  
Standards in ASEAN Countries” (GCP/RAS/280/JPN)  
8-11 September 2015, Tokyo, Japan**

### **PROVISIONAL CONCEPT NOTE**

#### **Background**

The FAO Regional project “Support to Capacity Building and Implementation of International Food Safety Standards in ASEAN Countries” (GCP/RAS/280/JPN) was launched on December 2011 for strengthening the capacities of ASEAN countries in contributing to Codex Standards-setting and implementing the adopted Codex Standards.

The project has already organized six regional/national training workshops/course:

- an inception workshop “Principles and further Activities for Codex Implementation” in September 2012, in Bangkok, Thailand
- a training workshop “Food Recall and Traceability -Application in National Food Safety Control” in February 2013, in Chiang Mai, Thailand
- a regional training course “Strengthening Capacity of Data Collection and Generation for Food Safety Risk Analysis” in June 2013, in Tokyo, Japan
- a regional training course “Establishment and Application of Microbiological Criteria” in November 2013, in Hanoi, Viet Nam
- a national training workshop “Strengthening Food Standard Setting and Participation in Codex Activities in Cambodia” in February 2014, in Phnom Penh, Cambodia
- a regional workshop “ Design and Evaluation of Mycotoxin Sampling Protocols” in September 2014, in Metropolitan Manila, Philippines

The 36<sup>th</sup> session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC) adopted the Strategic Plan 2014-2019 which would guide its activities for the period. One of goals of the plan is to facilitate the effective participation of all Codex Members. It is critical for ASEAN countries to promote effective contribution to the Codex standard setting process as well as to enhance capacity to arrive at consensus in the standards setting process.

Japan, a donor of the project, has promoted effective contribution to the Codex standard setting process as Coordinator for Asia from 2011 to 2014. The project will organize a training workshop for enhancing effective participation in Codex activities in collaboration with Japan as well as European Commission, which has fruitful experience and technical

knowledge for capacity building on this area by conducting several training courses for non-European countries within the framework of “Better Training for Safer Food Initiatives<sup>1</sup>.”

### **Objectives**

The main objectives of the regional training workshop are to provide participants with:

- 1) Enhanced knowledge of structure and functioning of CAC including its history and objectives, procedures for elaboration of Codex standards, Codex documentations and how to use the online tools
- 2) Enhanced understanding of the impact of Codex standards on international trade
- 3) Opportunity to share knowledge and experience on development of regional/national positions
- 4) Up-to-date information on the result of the 38<sup>th</sup> CAC
- 5) Enhanced capacity to contribute effectively to Codex work through the mock training session simulating a commodity committee

### **Training Course Methodology**

The training workshop methodology will consist of lectures, case study, group work (mock training session) and field trip.

### **Expected Outputs**

- 1) Report of the training workshop
- 2) Conducting national trainings by trained participants

### **Profile of Participants**

Participating ASEAN countries are requested to nominate two candidates from their different national department or agency responsible for food safety standards setting. Participants are expected to have attended the Codex meetings or have the potential to attend them in near future. Participants are also expected to be involved with the work of Codex and have basic knowledge of development of commodity standards. As the training workshop will be conducted in English, all those attending must be fluent in that language. Female candidates are encouraged.

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<sup>1</sup> [http://ec.europa.eu/food/training\\_strategy/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/food/training_strategy/index_en.htm)