



Codex Committee on Food Hygiene (CCFH)

Last Meeting: 54th Session, Nairobi, Kenya, 11–15 March 2024

Agenda and Full Report of the 54th Session – [CCFH54 meeting detail and reports](#)¹

Next Meeting: CCFH55 will be held in the USA in late 2025.

New Zealand Food Safety officials attended the 54th Codex Committee on Food Hygiene (CCFH54) in Nairobi, Kenya.

Key outcomes for New Zealand's priorities were advancement to step 5/8 for ratification by the Codex Alimentarius Commission 47th session (CAC47) in November 2024 of the:

- *Fresh Leafy Vegetables and Sprouts* annexes to the *Guidelines for the Control of Shiga Toxin-Producing Escherichia coli (STEC) in Raw Beef, Fresh Leafy Vegetables, Raw Milk and Raw Milk Cheeses, and Sprouts*. This completes a 10-year STEC work programme chaired by Chile and co-chaired by New Zealand, the United States and, in part, France and Kenya.
- *Guidelines for Food Hygiene Control Measures in Traditional Markets for Food*.
- The Dairy Products annex to the *Guidelines for the Safe Use and Reuse of Water in Food Production*. However, an annex on water use in fishery products with example decision trees was not agreed, and along with a proposed annex on technologies for recovery and treatment of water for reuse were retained at Step 2/3 for further development. Electronic working groups will be established to further develop these annexes for consideration at CCFH55.

The update to the *Guidelines on the Application of General Principles of Food Hygiene to the Control of Pathogenic Vibrio Species in Seafood* was advanced to Step 5 but cannot be completed until the water use in fishery products annex has been agreed.

CCFH54 also agreed to forward proposals for new work to update guidelines for: (a) viruses in foods, (b) *Salmonella* and *Campylobacter* in poultry meat, and (c) *Listeria monocytogenes* in ready-to-eat foods to CAC47 for ratification.

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¹ <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCFH&session=54>