European Community Comments on the Implementation of the WHO Global Strategy on Diet, Physical Activity and Health: Action that Could be Taken by Codex
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Mixed competence
Member States vote

The Member States of the European Community (MSEC) welcome the initiative of WHO to submit a discussion paper on the implementation of the Global Strategy and the corresponding action that could be taken by Codex.

The MSEC are convinced that clear and easily understandable nutrition labelling provides important information for the consumers and can help them to make healthier choices.

The MSEC note that nutrition issues are already currently covered in the Terms of Reference of the Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses and the Committee on Food Labelling, and are therefore of the opinion that these two committees should play a central role in the action taken by Codex regarding the implementation of the WHO Global Strategy on Diet, Physical Activity and Health.

However a more general reflection is needed as regards the global involvement of Codex in the field of nutrition and in that context the report that is mentioned in paragraph 14 of the discussion paper would be welcome. The MSEC support the view that general consideration should be given to how nutrition issues should be integrated into Codex work, while retaining the current mandate of Codex. The MSEC therefore favour the consideration at CAC level on this issue as proposed by the Executive Committee at its 55th Session.1

1 ALINORM 05/28/3, paragraphs 84 to 90.