TO: Codex Contact Points
   Interested International Organizations
FROM: Secretary, Codex Alimentarius Commission
SUBJECT: Request for comments and information on: Use and validity of certain old Codes
         standards and related texts
DEADLINE: 30 March 2009
COMMENTS:
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At its 31st Session, the Codex Alimentarius Commission discussed under the item “AMENDMENTS TO
CODEX STANDARDS AND RELATED TEXTS”, the use and validity of certain old standards and related texts
as follows:

CAC/RCP 7-1974: System for the Description of Carcasses of Bovine and Porcine Species;
CODEX STAN 88-1981: Corned Beef;
CODEX STAN 89-1981: Luncheon Meat;
CODEX STAN 96-1981: Cooked Cured Ham;
CODEX STAN 97-1981: Cooked Cured Pork Shoulder; and
CODEX STAN 98-1981: Cooked Cured Chopped Meat

The Commission noted the information given by the Secretariat that the above texts might require updating and
agreed with the recommendation of the Executive Committee to request the Secretariat to send a circular letter
inviting government comments on the use and validity of these texts before taking any further decision¹.

Governments and international organizations wishing to submit comments are invited to do so in writing to the
above address before 30 March 2009.

¹ ALINORM 08/31/REP, par 90.