## Code of Practice

### Code of Practice on Standards (COS)

- **Type:** Code of Practice
- **Version:** 2010
- **Language:** English
- **Publisher:** Codex Alimentarius Commission

**Summary:**

The Code of Practice on Standards (COS) provides guidance for the development and implementation of standards in the field of food and agricultural products. It aims to ensure that standards are developed in a transparent, participatory, and scientifically based manner.

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*Competence and right to vote to be determined in light of issues to be dealt with (document not yet available).*

14. **Date and Place of Next Session**

Member States competence.
Member States vote.

15. **Adoption of the Report**

Member States Competence.
Member States vote².

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² This is without prejudice to the substantive competence that the Community has for individual items of the Report.