

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE MICROBIOLOGICAL SAFETY OF FOOD
INFORMATION PAPER

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES : DEVELOPMENTS IN CODEX

1. At its meeting on the 5th December 2001 the Committee discussed fruit and vegetables and asked to be kept informed of developments in international fora such as Codex Alimentarius. The attached Draft Code of Hygienic Practice for Fresh Fruit and Vegetables has been taken from the report of the 34th Session of the Codex Committee on Food Hygiene (CCFH). Work on this Code began in 1997, being led by Canada with help from a number of countries, including the United Kingdom.
2. The Code has progressed extremely quickly and at the 34th Session of the CCFH, held in October 2001, was advanced to Step 8 of the CODEX procedure. It will now go forward for presentation to the CODEX Alimentarius Commission. Previous experience suggests that it is highly unlikely that there will be any substantive changes to the Code and it should be adopted by the Commission when it next meets.

Secretariat
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Food and Agriculture Organization. World Health Organization. Codex Alimentarius Commission. Report of the 34th Session of the Codex Committee on Food Hygiene. Bangkok, Thailand, 8-13 October 2001. pp. 45-71