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The Codex Alimentarius Commission consists of the following main organizational elements:



- Commission;
- Executive Committee;
- Codex Secretariat;
- Codex subsidiary bodies.

The Commission

The Commission (CAC) is the decision-making body of the Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme.

The commission consists of:



Member
governments

International government
and non-government
organizations which have
official observer status with
the Commission.

The Codex Alimentarius Commission meets annually.

The Executive Committee

The Executive Committee of the Commission (CCEXEC) acts as the executive organ of the Commission.



The executive officers include:

- a chairperson; and
- three vice-chairpersons elected among the delegates of the Members of the Commission.

The CCEXEC meets between Commission sessions.

The Executive Committee

The CCEXEC is geographically balanced, with one member country elected from each of these regions:

- Africa
- Asia
- Europe

- Latin America and the Caribbean
- Near East

- North America
- The Southwest Pacific

The **Regional Coordinators** for the regions are also Members of the Executive Committee.

The CCEXEC is chaired by the **Chairperson of the CAC**.

The **total membership** of the CCEXEC is 17.

The Secretariat



The Codex Secretariat assists the CAC in the **implementation of the Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme**, reporting to the Director-Generals of FAO and WHO.

The Secretariat is located at FAO headquarters in Rome.

Subsidiary Bodies

The Commission is empowered to establish four kinds of subsidiary bodies:

1. General Subject Committees
2. Commodity Committees
3. FAO/WHO Coordinating Committees
4. Ad hoc Intergovernmental Task Forces

Each committee is hosted by a member country, which is responsible for the cost of its maintenance and administration.



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