

Working Document (1)

Background:

During the 29th session of the Codex Committee on Fats and Oils (CCFO29), Members considered the proposed draft revisions to three Codex standards aiming at reducing industrially produced trans-fatty acids (iTfAs) and/or eliminating partially hydrogenated oils (PHOs) (CX/FO 26/29/5), in line with recommendations of the World Health Organization (WHO) REPLACE initiative. The work focused on the following three Codex standards:

- 1. Standard for Edible Fats and Oils Not Covered by Individual Standards (CXS 19-1981)**
- 2. Standard for Fat Spreads and Blended Spreads (CXS 256-1999)**
- 3. Standard for Named Animal Fats (CXS 211-1999)**

The Committee discussed several technical aspects of the proposed revisions, including the definitions of partially hydrogenated oils and industrially produced trans-fatty acids, the provisions for limiting iTfAs or prohibiting PHOs, and methods of analysis.

Agreement was reached on several structural aspects across the three standards including:

- The removal of a footnote clarifying the meaning of hydrogenation in section 1 and thus maintaining the word “hydrogenation” in the scope of CXS 19-1981 without further clarification.
- The consolidation of ‘other definitions’ under section 2;
- The deletion of the definition for Fully Hydrogenated Fats and Oils / Full hydrogenation of fats and oils.
- The general recognition of the need to reflect possible approaches under section 3 “Essential composition and quality factors”.
- The inclusion of methods of analysis for TFA.

CCFO29 agreed that further technical work was required to refine the draft provisions and address outstanding issues. Therefore, the Committee agreed to continue the work through an electronic Working Group (eWG) chaired by Saudi Arabia and co-chaired by the European Union, which will further develop

the proposed revisions and circulate them for comments prior to consideration at CCFO30.

Working procedures for the eWG Review of the Standards:

To advance the work and facilitate consensus, the eWG considers comments from Members using a response format that focuses on addressing outstanding issues, with the mandate to revise both the definitions and the essential composition provisions, as well as related aspects of checking for compliance, i.e. methods of analysis, taking into consideration all comments submitted to and discussions at CCFO29, and the changes contained in CRD38.

Timetable

The tentative timetable for the work is as follows:

Proposed timeline	Activity
29/06/2026	Circulation of the invitation to participate in the EWG
31/08/2026	Deadline to register in the EWG
End of September 2026	Welcome message with proposed timetable for work and circulation of the draft for the first round of comments
End of December 2026	Deadline for the submission of the first-round comments
End February 2027	Circulation of the reviewed draft for the second round of comments
End of May 2027	Deadline for the submission of the second round of comments
Late June 2027	EWG virtual working group meeting discussion
End October 2027	Circulation of the revised and final draft texts and EWG report

Working documents

Please find below three tables corresponding to the three standards currently under revision. Each table is divided into three sections: (i) definitions, (ii) essential composition and quality factors, and (iii) methods of analysis and sampling.

In the left-hand side of each table, the Chair and Co-Chair of the EWG have set out the text discussed at CCFO29, together with a proposed text. When replying, please complete the right-hand side of the table.

Member Information	
Name of representative	Enter the full name of the person representing the Member Country or Observer Organization.
Name of Member Country/Observer	• For a Member Country, enter the country and organization name. • For an Observer, enter the organization name.

1. PROPOSED DRAFT REVISIONS TO THE STANDARD FOR EDIBLE FATS AND OILS NOT COVERED BY INDIVIDUAL STANDARDS (CXS 19-1981)						
Items	Text	Suggested amendment	Agree	Disagree (provide justification)	Type of Comment (General, Editorial, Technical)	Proposed Change
2.2 other definitions	<i>Partial hydrogenation of fats and oils</i> is an industrial chemical process in which through the addition of hydrogen, some of the double bonds in unsaturated fats and oils are converted to single bonds ~~[resulting leading into a trans fatty acid content above 2% on fat basis in a more saturated fat.]~~ During this process, some of the remaining	<i>Partially hydrogenated fats and oils</i> are those that have been industrially treated by adding hydrogen to some of their unsaturated fatty acids, resulting in the conversion of certain double bonds into single bonds.				

	double bonds undergo geometric isomerization, changing from the natural cis configuration to the trans configuration [leading to formation of trans fatty acid, which may vary depending the degree of hydrogenation, but it is usually between 25% and 45%] . The process can be controlled to create fats and oils with a wide range of physical properties, such as texture and melting point, regardless of the original oil composition. [†					
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	~~also leads to the formation of trans fatty acids, which may vary depending on the degree of hydrogenation.]~~					
	Industrially produced trans-fatty acids (iTFA) are ~~obtained~~ trans-fatty acids formed through industrial processes, [primarily ~~formed~~ during the partial hydrogenation of unsaturated fats and oils, though smaller amounts may also be produced during other industrial processes, such as oil refining and deodorization.] ~~iTFA are defined solely by their method of production and are difficult to cannot be chemically~~	Industrially produced trans-fatty acids are trans-fatty acids mainly formed during partial hydrogenation, although they can also result from other industrial processes. This term does not cover naturally occurring trans-fatty acids present in ruminant fats.				

	distinguished from ~~{other naturally occurring ruminant TFA.}~~					
3. ESSENTIAL COMPOSITION AND QUALITY FACTORS	The application of the following provisions should be consistent with relevant national/regional policies and legislation. 3.1 The amount of industrially produced trans-fatty acids in the final product shall not exceed 2g per 100 g of total fatty acids, and/or 3.2 The products covered by this standard shall not be partially hydrogenated.	The application of the following provisions should be consistent with relevant national/regional policies and legislation. 3.1 The amount of industrially produced trans-fatty acids in the final product shall not exceed 2g per 100 g of total fatty acids, and/or 3.2 The products covered by this standard shall not be partially hydrogenated.				
8. METHODS OF ANALYSIS	For checking the compliance with this standard, the	For checking the compliance with this standard, the methods of analysis and sampling contained in the Recommended				

AND SAMPLING	methods of analysis and sampling contained in the Recommended methods of analysis and sampling (CXS 234-1999) relevant to the provisions in this standard, shall be used. [For checking the compliance with provision 3.1, non-analytical measures such as ingredient declarations and process controls may ~~shall~~ be used ~~instead of, or~~ in addition to, the relevant methods of analysis ~~and sampling~~ contained in the Recommended methods of	methods of analysis and sampling (CXS 234-1999) relevant to the provisions in this standard, shall be used. 8.1 Determination of fatty acid composition ISO 12966:2 or ISO 12966:4 or/and non-analytical measures such as ingredient declarations and process controls may be used <table><tr><th>Provision</th><th>Method</th><th>Principle</th><th>Type</th></tr><tr><td>iTFA</td><td>ISO 12966:2:2011 (Animal and vegetable fats and oils — Gas chromatography of fatty acid methyl esters — Part 2: Preparation of methyl esters)</td><td>GC-FID determination of fatty-acid composition (FAME)</td><td>TYPE III</td></tr></table>	Provision	Method	Principle	Type	iTFA	ISO 12966:2:2011 (Animal and vegetable fats and oils — Gas chromatography of fatty acid methyl esters — Part 2: Preparation of methyl esters)	GC-FID determination of fatty-acid composition (FAME)	TYPE III				
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2. Standard for Fat Spreads and Blended Spreads (CXS 256-1999)						
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	during the partial hydrogenation of unsaturated fats and oils, though smaller amounts may also be produced during other industrial processes, such as oil refining and deodorization. iTFA are defined solely by their method of production and are difficult to ~~cannot~~ be chemically distinguished from other TFA					
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	fatty acids; and/or b) [The production and use of partially hydrogenated fats and oils is prohibited].												
8. METHODS OF ANALYSIS AND SAMPLING	For checking the compliance with provision 3.1, non-analytical measures such as ingredient declarations and process controls may ~~shall~~ be used ~~instead of~~ , or in addition to, the relevant methods of analysis and ~~sampling~~ contained in the Recommended methods of analysis and sampling (CXS 234-1999) recognizing the	For checking the compliance with this standard, the methods of analysis and sampling contained in the Recommended methods of analysis and sampling (CXS 234-1999) relevant to the provisions in this standard, shall be used. 8.1 Determination of fatty acid composition ISO 12966:2 or ISO 12966:4 or/and non-analytical measures such as ingredient declarations and process controls may be used											
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Antecedentes:

Durante la 29.^a reunión del Comité del Codex sobre Grasas y Aceites (CCFO29), los Miembros examinaron los borradores de propuestas para la revisión de tres normas del Codex con el fin de reducir la ingesta de ácidos grasos trans de producción industrial (AGTi) y/o eliminar los aceites parcialmente hidrogenados (APH) (CX/FO 26/29/5), de conformidad con las recomendaciones de la iniciativa REPLACE de la Organización Mundial de la Salud (OMS).

El trabajo se centró en las siguientes tres normas del Codex:

1. Norma para las Grasas y Aceites Comestibles No Regulados por Normas Individuales (CXS 19-1981)
2. Norma para Productos Grasos para Untar y Mezclas para Untar (CXS 256-1999)
3. Norma para las Grasas Animales con Denominación (CXS 211-1999)

El Comité deliberó sobre diversos aspectos técnicos de las revisiones propuestas, incluidas las definiciones de aceites parcialmente hidrogenados y de ácidos grasos trans de producción industrial, las disposiciones para limitar los AGTi o prohibir los APH, y los métodos de análisis.

Se logró un acuerdo sobre varios aspectos estructurales en las tres normas, a saber:

- La eliminación de una nota al pie que aclaraba el significado de la hidrogenación en la sección 1, manteniendo así la palabra “hidrogenación” en el ámbito de aplicación de la norma CXS 19-1981 sin aclaraciones adicionales.
- La consolidación de 'otras definiciones' bajo la sección 2;
- El borrado de la definición de Grasas y Aceites Totalmente Hidrogenados / Hidrogenación total de grasas y aceites.
- El reconocimiento general de la necesidad de reflejar los posibles enfoques bajo la sección 3 “Composición esencial y factores de calidad”.
- La inclusión de métodos de análisis para los AGT (ácidos grasos trans).

El CCFO29 acordó que se requería más trabajo técnico para perfeccionar los borradores de las disposiciones y abordar las cuestiones pendientes. Por lo tanto, el Comité acordó continuar los trabajos a través de un Grupo de Trabajo Electrónico (eWG) presidido por Arabia Saudita y copresidido por la Unión Europea, el cual desarrollará en mayor detalle las revisiones propuestas y las distribuirá para comentarios antes de su examen en la reunión CCFO30.

Procedimientos de trabajo para la Revisión de las Normas por el eWG:

Para avanzar en el trabajo y facilitar el consenso, el eWG examina los comentarios de los Miembros utilizando un formato de respuesta enfocado en abordar los asuntos pendientes, con el mandato de revisar tanto las definiciones como las disposiciones de composición esencial, así como los aspectos relacionados con la verificación del cumplimiento, es decir, los métodos de análisis, tomando en consideración todos los comentarios presentados y las deliberaciones de la reunión CCFO29, junto con los cambios contenidos en el documento CRD38.

Calendario El calendario provisional para el trabajo es el siguiente:

Cronograma propuesto	Actividad
29/06/2026	Distribución de la invitación para participar en el eWG
31/08/2026	Fecha límite para registrarse en el eWG

Finales de septiembre de 2026	Mensaje de bienvenida con el calendario de trabajo propuesto y distribución del borrador para la primera ronda de comentarios
Finales de diciembre de 2026	Fecha límite para la presentación de comentarios de la primera ronda
Finales de febrero de 2027	Distribución del borrador revisado para la segunda ronda de comentarios
Finales de mayo de 2027	Fecha límite para la presentación de comentarios de la segunda ronda
Finales de junio de 2027	Reunión de discusión del grupo de trabajo virtual del eWG
Finales de octubre de 2027	Distribución de los textos de los borradores revisados y finales y del informe del eWG

Documentos de trabajo

A continuación, encontrará tres tablas correspondientes a las tres normas actualmente bajo revisión. Cada tabla está dividida en tres secciones: (i) definiciones, (ii) composición esencial y factores de calidad, y (iii) métodos de análisis y muestreo.

En la columna izquierda de cada tabla, la Presidencia y la Copresidencia del eWG han expuesto el texto deliberado en la reunión CCFO29, junto con una propuesta de texto. Al responder, por favor complete la columna derecha de la tabla.

Información del Miembro

Campo	Instrucción
Nombre del representante	Ingrese el nombre completo de la persona que representa al País Miembro u Organización Observadora.
Nombre del País Miembro/Observador	• Para un País Miembro, ingrese el país y el nombre de la organización. • Para un Observador, ingrese el nombre de la organización.

1. PROPUESTA DE BORRADOR DE REVISIÓN DE LA NORMA PARA LAS GRASAS Y ACEITES COMESTIBLES NO REGULADOS POR NORMAS INDIVIDUALES (CXS 19-1981)

Puntos	Texto	Enmienda sugerida	De acuerdo o	En desacuerdo o (justificar)	Tipo de comentario (General, Editorial, Técnico)	Cambio propuesto
2.2 otras definiciones	La hidrogenación parcial de grasas y aceites es un proceso químico industrial en el cual, mediante la adición de hidrógeno, algunos de los dobles enlaces de las	Las grasas y aceites parcialmente hidrogenados son aquellos que han sido tratados industrialmente mediante la adición de hidrógeno a algunos de sus				

grasas y aceites insaturados se convierten en enlaces sencillos [lo que da lugar a un contenido de ácidos grasos trans superior al 2% sobre una base grasa en una grasa más saturada]. Durante este proceso, algunos de los dobles enlaces restantes experimentan una isomerización geométrica, pasando de la configuración cis natural a la configuración trans [lo que conduce a la formación de ácidos grasos trans, que pueden variar según el grado de hidrogenación, pero que normalmente se sitúan entre el 25% y el 45%]. El proceso puede controlarse para crear grasas y aceites con una amplia gama de propiedades físicas, como la textura y el punto de fusión, independientemente de la composición original del aceite. [También conduce a la formación de ácidos grasos trans, que pueden variar en función del grado de hidrogenación].	ácidos grasos insaturados, dando lugar a la conversión de ciertos dobles enlaces en enlaces sencillos.
Los ácidos grasos trans de producción industrial (AGTi)	Los ácidos grasos trans de producción industrial son

	son ácidos grasos trans obtenidos formados mediante procesos industriales, [formados principalmente durante la hidrogenación parcial de grasas y aceites insaturados, aunque también pueden producirse cantidades menores durante otros procesos industriales, como el refinado y la desodorización del aceite. [Los AGTi se definen únicamente por su método de producción y son difíciles de no pueden distinguirse químicamente de [otros de origen natural en rumiantes] AGT.]	ácidos grasos trans formados principalmente durante la hidrogenación parcial, aunque también pueden ser el resultado de otros procesos industriales. Este término no abarca a los ácidos grasos trans de origen natural presentes en las grasas de rumiantes.
	La aplicación de las siguientes disposiciones debe ser coherente con las políticas y la legislación nacionales/regional es pertinentes.	La aplicación de las siguientes disposiciones debe ser coherente con las políticas y la legislación nacionales/regional es pertinentes.
3. COMPOSICIÓN ESENCIAL Y FACTORES DE CALIDAD	3.1 La cantidad de ácidos grasos trans de producción industrial en el producto final no excederá de 2 g por cada 100 g de ácidos grasos totales, y/o	3.1 La cantidad de ácidos grasos trans de producción industrial en el producto final no excederá de 2 g por cada 100 g de ácidos grasos totales, y/o
	3.2 Los productos cubiertos por esta norma no deberán ser parcialmente hidrogenados.	3.2 Los productos cubiertos por esta norma no deberán ser parcialmente hidrogenados.

8. MÉTODOS DE ANÁLISIS Y MUESTREO

Para verificar el cumplimiento de esta norma, se utilizarán los métodos de análisis y muestreo contenidos en los Métodos recomendados de análisis y muestreo (CXS 234-1999) que sean pertinentes para las disposiciones de esta norma.

[Para verificar el cumplimiento de la disposición 3.1, se pueden deberán utilizar medidas no analíticas como las declaraciones de ingredientes y los controles de procesos en lugar de, o además de, los métodos de análisis y muestreo pertinentes contenidos en los Métodos recomendados de análisis y muestreo (CXS 234-1999), reconociendo las limitaciones de los métodos analíticos para diferenciar los AGTi de los AGT de origen natural], ya que el cumplimiento no puede depender exclusivamente de los métodos analíticos.

Para verificar el cumplimiento de esta norma, se utilizarán los métodos de análisis y muestreo contenidos en los Métodos recomendados de análisis y muestreo (CXS 234-1999) que sean pertinentes para las disposiciones de esta norma.

8.1 Determinación de la composición de ácidos grasos
Se podrá utilizar la norma ISO 12966:2 o ISO 12966:4 y/o medidas no analíticas como las declaraciones de ingredientes y los controles de procesos.

Disposición	Método	Principio	Tipo
AGTi	ISO 12966:2:2011 (Grasas y aceites de origen animal y vegetal — Cromatografía de gases de ésteres metílicos de ácidos grasos — Parte 2: Preparación de ésteres metílicos)	Determinación por GC-FID de la composición de ácidos grasos (FAME)	TIPO III
AGTi	ISO 12966:4:2015 (Grasas y aceites de origen animal y vegetal... <i>(Texto incompleto en el original)</i>)		

Como el texto original se interrumpió al final en la especificación de la norma **ISO 12966:4:2015**, indícame si deseas que busque la **especificación técnica completa de esa norma ISO** para complementarte la tabla, o si prefieres continuar con la **traducción de las otras dos normas** mencionadas en los antecedentes.