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International Food Standards

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World Health
Organization

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Codex Alimentarius Commission

- What is it? -

- Intergovernmental Standards-setting Body established by FAO and WHO in 1961/63;
- 176 Member Countries + 1 Member Organization (European Community)

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Codex Alimentarius Commission **- its mandate -**

- Dual objective:
 - Protecting the health of consumers
 - Facilitating fair practices in food trade
- Non-mandatory in nature, Codex standards and related texts have become international benchmarks for harmonization under the SPS and TBT Agreements of WTO

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Organizational Chart

CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION

Executive Committee

Secretariat

General Subject Committees

General Principles (France)	Methods of Analysis and Sampling (Hungary)
Food Additives (China)	Pesticide Residues (China)
Contaminants in Foods (Netherlands)	Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods (USA)
Food Hygiene (USA)	Food Labelling (Canada)
Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems (Australia)	Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses (Germany)

Commodity Committees

active	
Milk and Milk Products (New Zealand)	Processed Fruits and Vegetables (USA)
Fish and Fishery Products (Norway)	Fresh Fruit and Vegetables (Mexico)
Fats and Oils (Malaysia)	
adjourned	
Sugars (United Kingdom)	Meat Hygiene (New Zealand)
Cereals, Pulses and Legumes (USA)	Vegetable Proteins (Canada)
Natural Mineral Waters (Switzerland)	Cocoa Products and Chocolate (Switzerland)

ad hoc Intergovernmental Task Forces

active	
Antimicrobial Resistance (Republic of Korea)	
dissolved	
Biotechnology (Japan)	Fruit and Vegetable Juices (Brazil)
Processing and Handling of Quick Frozen Foods (Thailand)	Animal Feeding (Denmark)

Regional Coordinating Committees

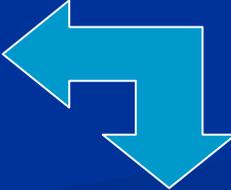
Africa (Ghana)	Latin America and the Caribbean (Mexico)
Asia (Indonesia)	North America and the Southwest Pacific (Tonga)
Europe (Switzerland)	Near East (Tunisia)



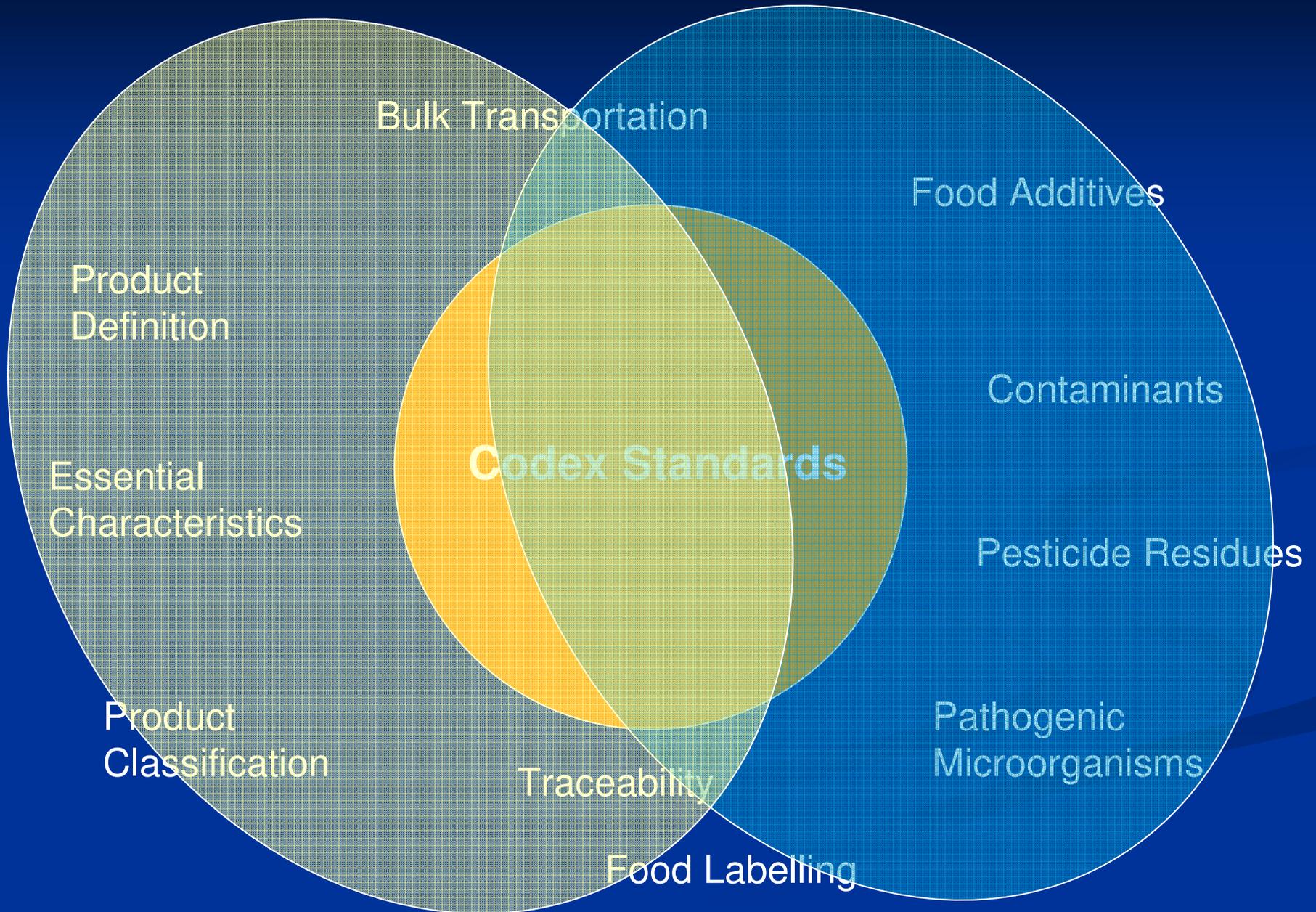
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Scientific basis for Codex

Liaison & Separation

- ◆ Codex – Risk management
 - ◆ FAO/WHO Expert Bodies – Risk assessment
 - ◆ JECFA – food additives, veterinary drug residues, contaminants in food
 - ◆ JMPR – pesticide residues in food
 - ◆ JEMRA – microbiological hazards in food
 - ◆ ad hoc Expert Consultations
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