P-Glossary

Codex Alimentarius

The Codex Alimentarius (CA) means "food code." It deals with food quality and safety in the context of international trade. The CA is a collection of international food standards mainly to protect the health of consumers. It is meant to contribute to fair practices in international food trade through widespread adherence to harmonized and science-based food standards, as well as other legitimate factors. The Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC) is the body responsible for developing the CA. It was established in 1961 by the FAO and WHO. The CAC is an intergovernmental body served by a joint FAO/WHO Secretariat.

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