Resolutions of the 30th meeting of Food & Agriculture Division Council, FADC 26 November 2024, Manak Bhawan, BIS, New Delhi (*Hybrid mode*)

Resolution FADC/2024/R-10

Item 3.2.1 Withdrawal of organizations from FADC

The Council reviewed its earlier decision of withdrawing the representation of Tractors and Mechanization Association (TMA) from FADC and decided to retain TMA as a member in FADC on account of their expression of interest in continuing as a member and their participation in the meeting

Resolution FADC/2024/R-11

Item 4.1 Proposal for creation of a new Sectional Committee on Phytosanitary Standards under FADC

The Council decided to constitute a working group under FADC under the convenorship of Dr J. P. Singh, Plant Protection Adviser, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare to deliberate on the scope of work, subjects to be standardized and composition of the proposed new committee on Phytosanitary measures and requested the working group to finalize its recommendations within 1 month. The other members of the group would include – Director, PQD, NBPGR; Director- NBAIR; ADG (PP), ICAR; representative from APEDA; representative from ICAR-IISR, ; ICAR-IIHR; and Member Secretary, FADC.

Resolution FADC/2024/R-12

Item 5.3 Recommended changes in the Scope of Sectional Committees

The Council approved the revised scope of work of Apiary Industry Sectional Committee, FAD 3 as recommended by the committee as per Item 5.3 of the agenda.

Resolution FADC/2024/R-13

Item 5.4 Creation of a new Sectional Committee for development of National Agriculture Code, FAD 34

The Council approved the creation of a new Sectional Committee on National Agriculture Code, FAD 34 with the scope and composition as recommended at Item 5.4.2 of the agenda and Annex IV of the agenda respectively. The Council also ratified the appointment of Dr. P K Ghosh, Founder Director & VC, ICAR-National Institute of Biotic Stress Management, Raipur as Chairperson of FAD 34 for a period of 3 years.

Resolution FADC/2024/R-14

Item 5.5 Proposal for Merging of FAD 16 (Foodgrains, Allied Products, and Other Agricultural Produce Sectional Committee) and FAD 24 (Ready-to-Eat Foods and Specialized Products Sectional Committee)

The Council approved the merger of FAD 24 with FAD 16 as recommended by the two committees owing to similar scope and expertise, with the new title of FAD 16 as 'Foodgrains, Allied Products, and Ready-to-Eat Foods Sectional Committee, FAD 16'. The Council approved the revised scope of FAD 16 (after merger of FAD 24) as recommended at Item 5.5.5 of the agenda and composition of the committee as recommended at Annex V of the agenda. The Council decided to appoint Dr Nachiket Kotwaliwali, Director (*by designation*), ICAR-CIPHET, Ludhiana as the Chairperson of FAD 16 for a period of three years.

Resolution FADC/2024/R-15

Item 5.6 Co-option in Sectional Committees

Item 5.7 Withdrawal of representation from Sectional Committees

The Council approved the co-option of new experts across Sectional Committees as per Annex VI of the agenda and withdrawal of members across Sectional Committees as per Annex VII of the agenda.

Resolution FADC/2024/R-16

Item 7.2 Standards recommended for withdrawal

Item 7.3 Archiving of Indian Standards

The Council approved the withdrawal of IS 6092 (Part 3): 1985 as per Item 7.2 of agenda and archiving/ unarchiving of 12 Indian Standards in line with BIS policy as per Annex VIII of agenda.

Resolution FADC/2024/R-17

7.4 New Subjects taken up/ proposed to be taken up for Standardization in the Sectional Committees under FADC

The Council approved taking up 34 new subjects for national standardization under the various Sectional Committees as per Annex IX of the agenda.

Resolution FADC/2024/R-18

Item 9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Council considered the agenda item sent by Coconut Development Board (CDB), Kochi as tabled in the meeting requesting for revising the Indian Standard on Packaged Tender Coconut Water, IS 18252: 2023 and reinstating the standard on Copra and inclusion of fatty acid profile in the standards for Virgin Coconut Oil (VCO). Fruits, Vegetables and Allied Products Sectional Committee, FAD 10 was directed to take up the comments of CDB for revising IS 18252: 2023 for suitable consideration and Oils and Oilseeds Sectional Committee, FAD 13 was directed to take up the comments of CDB for reinstating the Indian Standard on Copra and inclusion of fatty acid profile in the standards for Virgin Coconut Oil (VCO) for suitable consideration.