

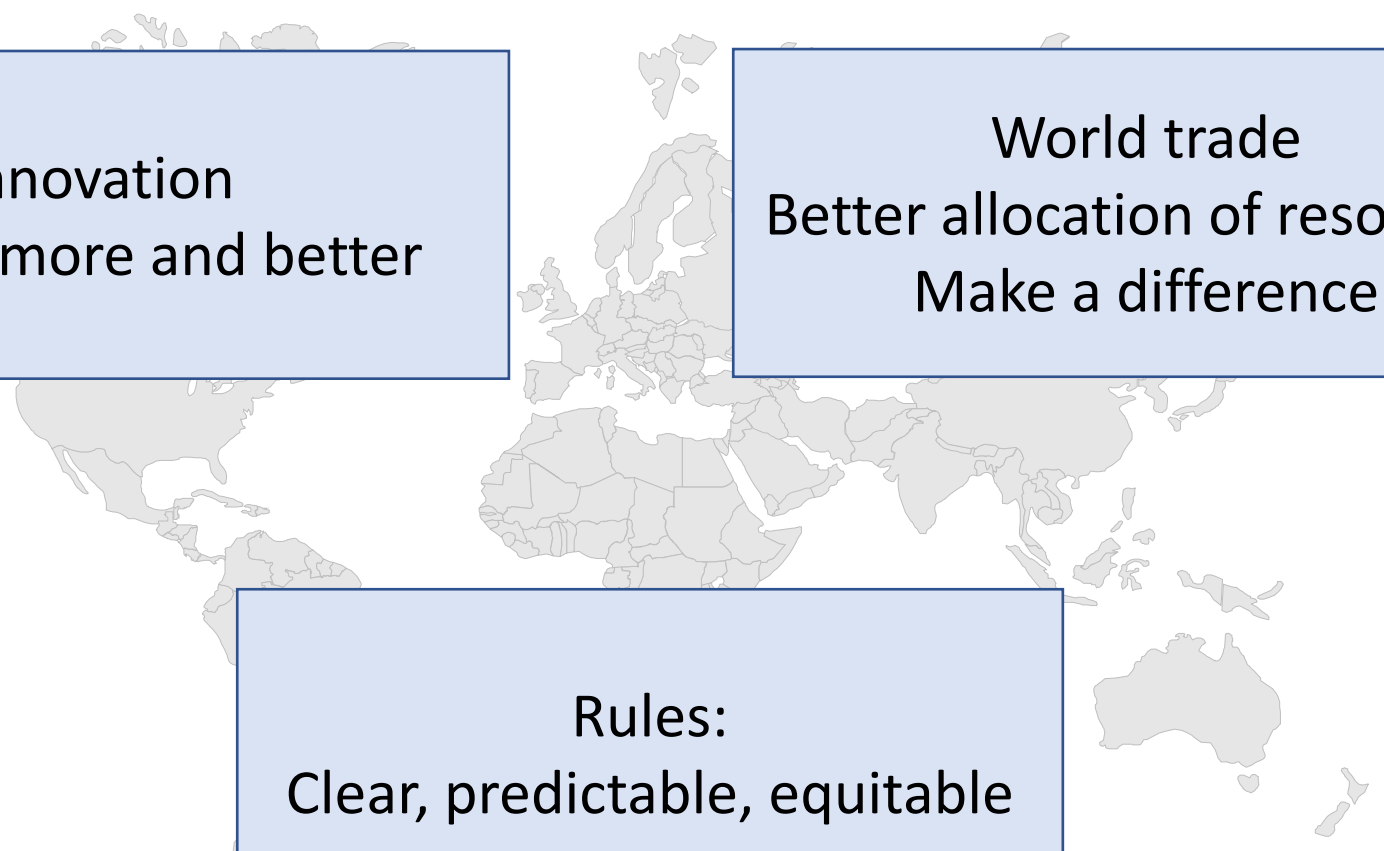
Codex: continuity and change

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Innovation
Produce more and better

World trade
Better allocation of resources
Make a difference

Rules:
Clear, predictable, equitable

The Codex mission

“Protect consumer health and promote fair practices in the food trade by setting international, science-based food safety and quality standards.”

The Codex Alimentarius





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The Codex scorecard

79 Guidelines

54 Codes of Practice

113 Maximum Levels
for 18 contaminants in
food

632 Maximum Residue
Limits for 79 veterinary
drugs

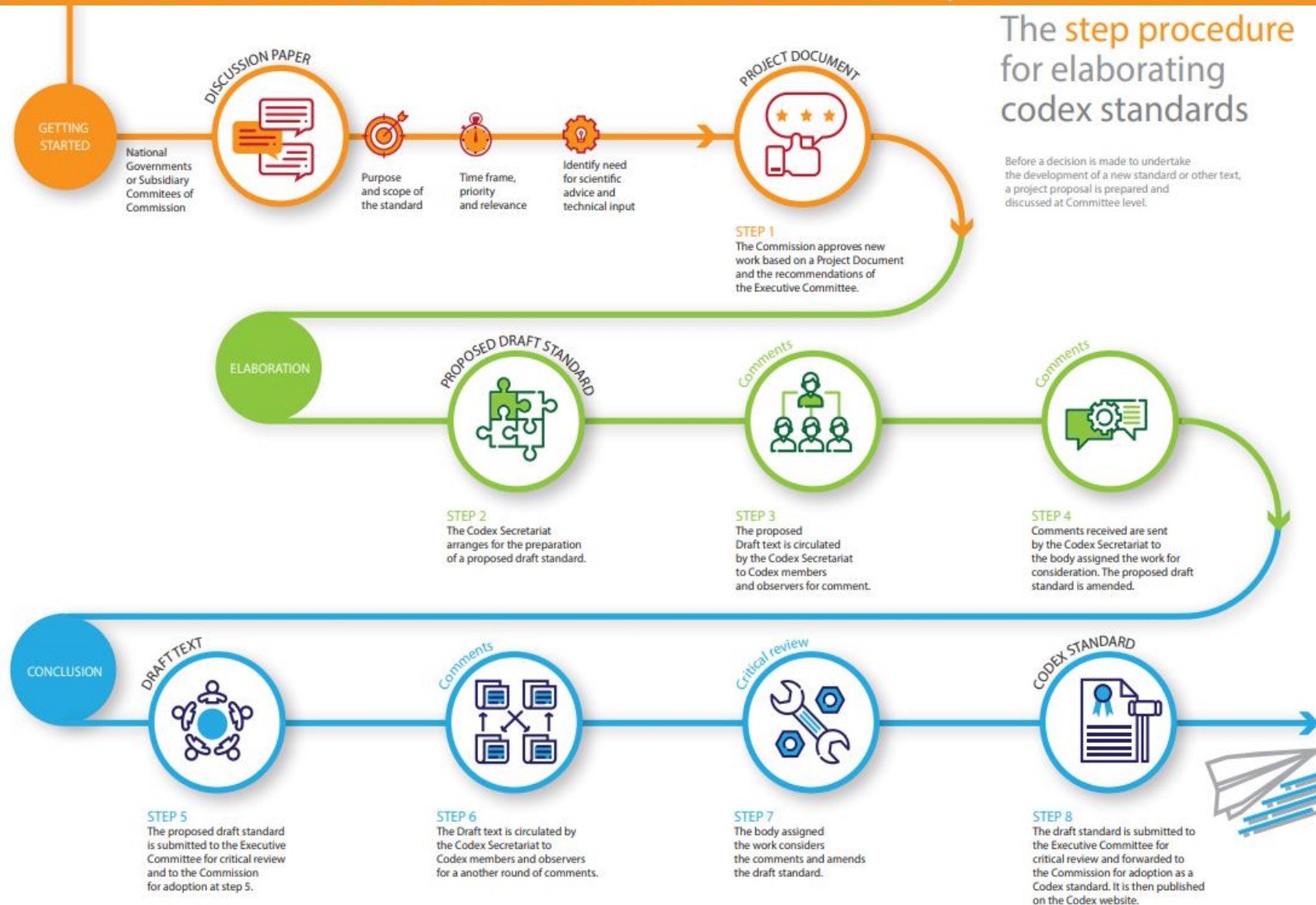
11 General Standards
and 214 Commodity
Standards

4596 Maximum Levels
for 376 food additives
or groups of additives

5663 Maximum
Residue Limits and 63
Extraneous Maximum
Residue Limits for 231
pesticides

The step procedure for elaborating codex standards

Before a decision is made to undertake the development of a new standard or other text, a project proposal is prepared and discussed at Committee level.



Step 5/8:
Increasingly subsidiary bodies are utilizing a Step 5/8 procedure. This entails texts being submitted for adoption at Step 5 having a recommendation that Steps 6 and 7 be omitted and that the text also be adopted at Step 8. This practice substantially speeds up the adoption process.

Justiciability of Codex standards, guidelines and codes of practice

- Are **not** a **substitute** for, or alternative to **national legislation**
- Are **voluntary in nature**
- Need to be **translated** into national legislation or regulations in order to be enforceable
- Codex Alimentarius recognised by WTO as the relevant standard-setting organization for food safety.



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Food price increases (%) since 14 February 2020.

Source: FAO Data Lab <http://www.fao.org/datalab/website/web/covid19>



UN Food Systems Summit 2021

“The need is urgent, and our ambition is high. The UN Food Systems Summit will launch bold new actions, solutions and strategies to deliver progress on all 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), each of which relies on healthier, more sustainable and more equitable food systems. The Summit will awaken the world to the fact that we all must work together to transform the way the world produces, consumes and thinks about food.”



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Multidisciplinary



NGOs as Codex
observers



Industry
associations



Consumer
associations



Expert
technical
bodies

Continuity in Codex

- our mandate, governance and step process;
- core business of developing global food safety and quality standards;
- Codex standards as reference texts for the World Trade Organization

Change

- an increasing profile for food safety internationally;
- importance of multidisciplinary;
- a re-engagement with our observers, particularly those who are technical expert bodies;
- responsiveness to new trends, challenges and opportunities, including those posed by the Covid-19 pandemic