



FAEA CODEX STRATEGY & WORKPLAN

- I. Member Engagement and Understanding**
 - a. Purpose: The goal is to ensure that all FAEA members are educated about Codex to establish a foundational understanding of it across the membership.
 - b. FAEA staff will host a Teams meeting for members interested in learning more about Codex, the Codex committees, processes and how to navigate the Codex website to look up information and keep track of committees of interest.
 - c. Members will be informed of lead Codex committee staff at the U.S. Codex office.
 - d. All FAEA members with interests in Codex will be encouraged to join the Food Industry Codex Coalition (FICC).
 - i. FICC is a free coalition hosted by the U.S. Dairy Export Council. The coalition meets once per month and is the preeminent expert body for Codex updates, news and things to be aware of.
 - ii. FAEA does not intend to duplicate FICC's efforts but instead supports FICC's initiatives and encourages its members to join FICC. This support aims to broaden FICC's expertise and ensure comprehensive coverage of the food and agriculture sector concerning international food safety standards.

- II. Encourage FEAE Member Leadership on Relevant Codex Issues**
 - a. Encourage FEAE members who attend Codex committee meetings or are actively involved in Codex discussions to actively engage in FICC.
 - b. FAEA staff will rely on members active in committees to relay information on any Codex "precedent" setting issues that could negatively impact the Codex process as a whole. This will trigger FAEA staff to act and react on behalf of the entire membership.

- III. FAEA Staff Responsibilities**
 - a. Staff will provide members with a Codex calendar of upcoming meetings/committees in each monthly report.
 - b. Staff will review committee reports and indicate potential areas of interest or concern for members.
 - c. Staff will help members get on committees or working groups of interest.
 - d. Staff will keep members informed of any overarching threats to Codex and will actively engage in mobilizing efforts against threats.
 - i. To include comments, meetings with foreign Codex offices within our program areas, sponsoring country contract points to attend meetings, signing onto letters and advocacy with the U.S. Codex office.
 - e. Staff will more closely monitor committees where no FAEA members are active, where topics could affect several FAEA members and where the stability and purpose of Codex is threatened.