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## MAJOR SUCCESS FOR IDF AT THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION

### *Revised Codex standards for individual cheese varieties adopted and validity of scientifically established nitrogen-protein factor for milk protein confirmed*

The Codex Commission has adopted the 16 Codex Standards for named cheese varieties following endorsement of the labelling provision for mandatory labelling of the Country of Origin in these standards at the 35th Session of the Codex Committee on Food Labelling in May 2007. The revised Codex standards reconfirm the generic nature of the cheese varieties concerned.

The adoption of the standards is a major achievement for IDF recognizing the current knowledge in dairy science and contemporary cheese manufacturing technology in international Codex regulations. It also reveals strong prospects for further development and product innovation in the dairy industry.

IDF National Committees have played a crucial role in the finalization of the revised Codex cheese standards. It brings to a satisfactory conclusion at least 15 years of IDF work with active expert involvement from 25 IDF member countries!

A second major success for IDF is the confirmation of the validity of the established nitrogen-protein conversion factor for milk and milk products of 6,38 and soy protein of 5,71 as contained in the adopted Codex Draft Revised Standard for Infant Formula and Formulas for Special Medical Purposes Intended for Infants. The decision was based on the scientific input and advice provided by IDF to the Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses (CCNFSDU) in 2006.