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**Report Highlights:**

To better communicate and respond to issues raised by the International Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex), the United Arab Emirates (UAE) has announced the establishment of the National Codex Committee (UAENCC), headed by the Abu Dhabi Agriculture and Food Safety Authority (ADFSA). The Emirates Standardization and Metrology Authority (ESMA) will remain the UAE's National Focal Point at Codex.

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The Emiratis have announced the establishment of the UAE's National Codex Committee (UAENCC) to follow up on the activities of the International Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex). The committee is headed by the Abu Dhabi Agriculture and Food Safety Authority (ADFSA). You can find out more information about ADFSA here:

<https://www.adafsa.gov.ae/english/aboutadfca/pages/default.aspx>

The UAENCC includes in its membership a number of federal and local authorities concerned with the food sector, such as the Ministry of Climate Change and Environment, the Ministry of Health and Prevention, the municipalities of Dubai, Sharjah, and Ras Al Khaimah, United Arab Emirates University, as well as a group of major food companies from the private sector. Emirates Standardization and Metrology Authority (ESMA) will remain the UAE's National Focal Point at Codex.

The UAENCC will be responsible for formulating and presenting the UAE's national positions on Codex Alimentarius's draft standards and proposals. It will also provide comments on draft standards and organize updates, changes, or adoption of new national standards to regional committees within the UAE. Lastly, the UAENCC will address follow-up on Codex meetings and help determine official positions for the UAE at Codex.

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