

**Action sheet of the 18th Pepperexim Meeting (Meeting of Pepper Exporters and Importers)
held on 10th November 2010, Cochin, India**

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	<p>Introduction</p> <p>The 18th Pepperexim Meeting was held on 10th November 2010 at Cochin, Kerala India. The meeting was held in conjunction with the 38th Session of IPC, which was hosted by the Government of India and organized jointly by the Spices Board, Ministry of Commerce and Industry and the International Pepper Community.</p> <p>The Meeting was attended by the official and trade representatives from IPC member countries viz. Brazil, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Sri Lanka and Vietnam as well as representatives from other pepper producing countries of China and Cambodia.</p> <p>Representative from USDA, American Spice Trade Association, European Spice Association, All Nippon Spice Association of Japan, Dutch Spice Association, Seasoning and Spice Association, Royal Tropical Institute and delegates from the major consuming countries of USA, Australia, France, Germany, Japan, the Netherlands, Taiwan, Singapore, Spain and South Africa also participated at the Meeting.</p>	Noted
1	<p>Adoption of Agenda</p> <p>The meeting adopted the revised agenda</p>	Noted
2	<p>Welcome Address by Mr. S. Kannan, Executive Director of IPC</p> <p>The Executive Director on his welcome address thanked all the delegates who have come from various countries to Cochin for attending the IPC Meeting. He also extended his appreciation and thank to Chairman of Spices Board and the organizing committee for the excellent arrangements made for organizing the Session and Meetings.</p>	Noted
3	<p>Election of Chairman, Co-Chairman/Vice-chairman, and members of Drafting Committee.</p> <p>Mr. Philip Kuruvilla of India was unanimously elected as Chairman of the Meeting, while Mrs. Flora Susan of Indonesia as Vice-Chairperson and Mr. Robert Tanzil of USA as Co-Chairman respectively. The Vice-Chairperson of the Meeting will be the Chairman of the Drafting Committee consisting of the following members.</p> <p>Mr. Luis Gonzaga of Brazil Dr. Charles J. Kithu of India Mrs. Nur Hidayat Effendi of Indonesia Mr. Grunsin Ayom of India Mr. WDL Gunaratne of Sri Lanka Mr. Do Ha Nam of Vietnam</p>	Noted
4	<p>Review of the progress report on recommendations of the 17th Pepperexim Meeting</p> <p>The meeting took note of the action taken by the IPC Secretariat and member countries on various recommendations of the 16th Pepperexiim Meeting.</p>	Noted
5	<p>Presentation of a paper on “EU Food Safety Concerns and Regulations“ by Mr. Simon Cripps, Chairman of the Spices and Seasoning Association</p>	Noted

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	Mr. Simon Cripps, Chairman of SSA presented the above paper. He briefed the meeting on the activities, objective and role of the Spice and Seasoning Association. He further explained the EU Food Safety concerns and regulations particularly on the followings: Drivers for Change; EU Decision Making; Recent Legislation; Current Issues etc.	
6	Presentation of a paper on “Basic Traits of Pepper Market & Consumption Behavior in Europe” by Mr. JATP Gunawardena, Economist of IPC Mr. JATP Gunawardena, Economist of IPC presented the above paper.	Noted
7	Presentation of the report of the 16th Meeting of Committee on Quality The report of the 16 th Meeting of IPC Committee on Quality was presented by Mr. K.R.K Menon of India.	Noted and necessary follow up action are taken.
8	Presentation on the outcome of the 41st Pepper Exporters Meeting Mr. Philip Kuruvilla, Chairman of the 41 st Pepper Exporters Meeting presented the consolidated statement on World Pepper Scenario covering pepper production, exports, imports, domestic consumption and carry-over stock for 2009 (actual), estimate for 2010 and projection for 2011.	Noted
9	Discussion on the provisional agenda for the 19th Meeting of Pepperexim The member countries are requested to propose any items to be included in the agenda of the next Pepperexim Meeting to the IPC Secretariat well in advance.	Noted
10	Discussion on the date and venue for the 19th Meeting of Pepperexim The next Pepperexim Meeting will be held in Indonesia in conjunction with the 39 th Session during early November 2011. The dates and venue will be informed to IPC Secretariat in due course.	Noted
11	Other matters There were no other matters discussed	Noted
12	Consideration and adoption of report of the 18th Meeting of Pepperexim The report of the 18 th Pepperexim Meeting was placed for consideration by the 38th Plenary Session of IPC. The 38th Session adopted the report on 11th November 2010.	Noted
13	Vote of thanks Mr. S. Kannan, Executive Director, extended vote of thanks to all the participants. His special thanks and appreciation went to Mr. Philip Kuruvilla, Chairman of the Meeting for the excellent conduct of the meeting and confirming the consolidated statement. The Executive Director also thanked the Chairman of Spices Board and organizing committee for the best possible support and services provided for efficient conduct of the meeting.	Noted