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Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses

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Cocoa Products and Chocolate – (Adjourned *sine die* 2001)

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Cereals, Pulses and Legumes - (Adjourned *sine die* 2020)

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Meat Hygiene - (Adjourned *sine die* 2003)

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Natural Mineral Waters (Adjourned *sine die* 2008)

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Vegetable Proteins - (Adjourned *sine die* 1989)

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Worldwide Ad Hoc Codex Task Forces (Dissolved)

Animal Feeding - (Dissolved 2013)

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Antimicrobial Resistance - (Dissolved 2021)

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Food Derived from Biotechnology - (Dissolved 2008)

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Fruit and Vegetable Juices - (Dissolved 2005)

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Processing and Handling of Quick Frozen Foods - (Dissolved 2008)

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