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Agenda Item 1

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CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD ADDITIVES

Forty-first Session

Shanghai, China, 16-20 March 2009

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

to be held at the Grand Hyatt Shanghai,
Jing Mao Tower, 88 Century Avenue, Pudong New Area, Shanghai, 200121, China
from Monday 16 March at 9.30 hours to Friday 20 March 2009

The meeting of the Working Group on the Codex General Standard for Food Additives will be held at the same venue on Saturday, 14 March 2009 from 09.00 hours to 18.00 hours

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4	Endorsement and/or Revision of Maximum Levels for Food Additives and Processing Aids in Codex Standards <u>Codex General Standard for Food Additives (GSFA)</u>	CX/FA 09/41/4
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5(b)	Report of the electronic Working Group on the GSFA (established by the 39 th CCFA)	CX/FA 08/40/5 Part B
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<u>Processing Aids</u>		
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7	Proposals for Changes and/or Addition to the International Numbering System for Food Additives (replies to CL 2008/10-FA, Part B, point 13) <u>Specifications for the Identity and Purity of Food Additives</u>	CX/FA 09/41/9 CX/FA 09/41/9 Add.1 (original language only)
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9(a)	Proposals for Additions and Changes to the Priority List of Food Additive proposed for evaluation by JECFA (replies to CL 2008/26-FA)	CX/FA 09/41/11 CX/FA 09/41/11 Add.1 Rev (original language only)
9(b)	Proposals for Changes to the text of the Circular Letter on Priority List of Food Additives Proposed for Evaluation by JECFA (replies to CL 2008/26-FA)	CX/FA 09/41/12 CX/FA 09/41/12 Add.1 (original language only)
<u>Discussion Papers</u>		
10(a)	Discussion Paper on the Scope of Certain Food Categories of the GSFA	CX/FA 09/41/13
10(b)	Discussion Paper on the Identification of Problems and Recommendations Related to the Inconsistent Presentation of Food Additives Provisions in Codex Commodity Standards	CX/FA 09/41/14
10(c)	Discussion Paper on Inconsistencies in the Names of Compounds in the Codex <i>Specifications for Identity and Purity of Food Additives</i> and in the <i>International Numbering System for Food Additives</i> - Comments	CX/FA 09/41/15 CX/FA 09/41/15 Add. 1 CX/FA 09/41/15 Add.2 (original language only)
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INFORMATION DOCUMENTS

Information Document to the Discussion on the GSFA

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NOTES ON THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Agenda Item 1: Adoption of the Agenda (Doc. Ref. CX/FA 09/41/1)

The Committee will be invited to adopt the Provisional Agenda, as contained in document CX/FA 09/41/1, as the Agenda for the Session.

Agenda Item 2: Matters Referred by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and Other Codex Committees and Task Forces (Doc. Ref. CX/FA 09/41/2)

Document CX/FA 09/41/2, prepared by the Codex Secretariat, includes matters referred to the Committee by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and other Codex Committees and Task Forces.

Agenda Item 3: Matters of Interest arising from FAO/WHO and from the 69th Meeting of the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA) (Doc. Ref. CX/FA 09/41/3)

Document CX/FA 09/41/3, prepared by FAO and WHO, includes matters from FAO and WHO and from the 69th JECFA meeting referred to the Committee for information and action.

Agenda Item 4: Endorsement and/or revision of Maximum Levels for Food Additives and Processing Aids in Codex Standards (Doc. Ref. CX/FA 09/41/4)

Document CX/FA 09/41/4 compiles food additive and processing aid provisions in draft and proposed draft commodity standards submitted by various Codex Committees to the CCFA for endorsement.

Codex General Standard for Food Additives (GSFA)

Agenda Item 5(a): Comments and information submitted in response to CL 2008/10 Part B (points 9-12) (Doc. Ref. CX/FA 09/41/5)

The 40th CCFA agreed:

- to circulate the provision for magnesium sulfate (INS 518) in Table 3 of the GSFA for comments at Step 3 and to request proposals on new uses of magnesium sulfate in food categories listed in the Annex to Table 3 (ALINORM 08/31/12 para. 28);
- to request clarification of the basis of maximum levels for lycopenes (INS 160d(i), 160 d(iii)) included in Appendix VI, Part 1 of its report (ALINORM 08/31/12 para. 63);
- to request clarification of the reporting basis of maximum levels for aluminium containing food additives (INS 523, 541(i), 541(ii), 554, 446, 559) included in Appendix VI, Part 1 of its report; and to request clarification of the reporting basis for sodium aluminium phosphates (INS 541) included in Appendix VI, Part 3 of its report, as to whether the maximum levels were on the basis of aluminium or phosphate (ALINORM 08/31/12 para. 64);
- to request additional information on draft and proposed draft food additives provisions listed in Appendix VI, Part 3 of its report (ALINORM 08/31/12, para. 77);
- to request comments on new food additives provisions of the GSFA as listed in Appendix VI, Part 1 of its report (ALINORM 08/31/12, para. 77);
- to request proposals for new additive provisions in the food categories 02.2.2 “Fat spreads, dairy fat spreads and blended fat spreads”; 06.8 “Soybean products (excluding soybean-based seasonings and condiments of food category 12.9)”; 12.9 “Soybean-based seasonings and condiments”; and 12.10 “Protein products other than from soybeans and related sub-categories (ALINORM 08/31/12, para. 80).

Comments, information and proposals on the above points submitted in response to CL 2008/10-FA Part B (points 9-12) are compiled in document CX/FA 09/41/05.

Agenda Item 5(b): Report of the electronic Working Group on the GSFA (established by the 39th CCFA) (Doc. Ref. CX/FA 08/40/5 Part B)

The 40th CCFA did not have sufficient time to consider all the recommendations of the electronic Working Group on the GSFA, contained in CX/FA 08/40/5 Part 1 and 2 as well as comments contained in CX/FA 08/40/5 Add.1. Therefore, the Committee agreed that the physical Working Group on the GSFA, to be held immediately before its next session, would also consider the recommendations which had not been considered at the session and related written comments (ALINORM 08/31/12, paras 79-80).

Agenda Item 5(c): Report of the electronic Working Group on the GSFA (Doc. Ref. CX/FA 09/41/6)

The 40th CCFA agreed to establish an electronic Working Group, led by the USA, to prepare a report for circulation for comments and consideration at its next session, containing recommendations for adoption, revision or discontinuation on: (i) The draft and proposed draft food additives provisions in the GSFA for: ammonium salts of phosphatidic acid (INS 442); nisin (INS 234); sorbates (INS 200-203); sucroglycerides (INS 474); phosphates (338, 339(i-iii), 340(i-iii), 341(i-iii), 342(i-ii), 343(i-ii), 450(i-iii), 450(i-iii), 451(i-ii), 452(i-v), 452); stearyl citrate (INS 484); cyclodextrin, beta- (INS 459); propyl gallate (INS 310); ascorbyl esters (INS 304, 305); and hydroxybenzoates, p- (INS 214, 218); and (ii) provisions for aspartame-acesulfame (INS 962) to ensure consistency with the provisions for aspartame (INS 951) and acesulfame potassium (INS 950) (ALINORM 08/31/12 para. 78). Comments on the report of the electronic Working Group on the GSFA are contained in document CX/FA 09/41/6 Add. 1.

The 40th CCFA further agreed to establish a physical Working Group on the GSFA, under the leadership of the USA, to be held immediately prior to its next session, that would consider: the responses to CL 2008/10 Part B (points 9-12); the recommendations of the electronic Working Group (established by the 39th CCFA) which had not been considered at the 40th CCFA; and the report of the electronic Working Group on GSFA (established by the 40th CCFA). The recommendations of the physical Working Group will be presented to the Plenary.

Processing Aids**Agenda Item 6(a): Proposed draft Guidelines and Principles on Substances used as Processing Aids (N14-2008) (Doc. Ref. CX/FA 09/41/7)**

The 40th CCFA agreed to forward a project document for the elaboration of Guidelines and Principle on the Use of Substances used as Processing Aids to the 61st Session of the Executive Committee for critical review and to the 31st Session of the Commission for approval as new work. The Committee further agreed to establish an electronic Working Group, led by Indonesia, to prepare the proposed draft Guidelines and Principles for circulation at Step 3, subject the approval by the 31st Session of the Commission, and subsequent consideration at its next session (ALINORM 08/31/12, paras 132-133 and Appendix XI). The 31st Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (July 2008) approved the elaboration of Guidelines and Principles as proposed by the CCFA (ALINORM 08/31/REP, para. 92 and Appendix X). Comments at Step 3 are compiled in document CX/FA 09/41/7 Add.1.

Agenda Item 6(b): Inventory of Substances used as Processing Aids (IPA), Updated List (Doc. Ref. CX/FA 09/41/8)

The 40th CCFA accepted the kind offer of the Delegation of New Zealand to prepare an updated version of the IPA to include relevant decisions of the Committee, new information provided in CRD 14, information from Members and observers and updated references as per the online version of Combined Compendium of JECFA Specifications, for consideration at its next session (ALINORM 08/31/12, para. 137).

International Numbering System (INS) for Food Additives**Agenda Item 7: Proposals for Changes and/or Addition to the International Numbering System for Food Additives (replies to CL 2008/10-FA, Part B point 13) (Doc. Ref. CX/FA 09/41/9)**

The 40th CCFA agreed that proposals for changes and/or additions to the International Numbering System would be requested by a Circular Letter (ALINORM 08/31/12, para. 153). Proposals submitted in response to CL 2008/10-FA, Part B point 13 are compiled in document CX/FA 09/41/9.

Specifications for the Identity and Purity of Food Additives

Agenda Item 8: Specifications for the Identity and Purity of Food Additives arising from the 69th JECFA (Doc. Ref. CX/FA 09/41/10)

The document references specifications arising from the 69th JECFA Meeting (Rome, Italy, 17-26 June 2008). The summary report is available at: http://www.fao.org/ag/agn/agns/files/jecfa69_final.pdf (FAO JECFA website) and at: <http://www.who.int/ipcs/food/jecfa/summaries/en/index.html> (WHO JECFA website). The specifications will be uploaded on the on-line edition of the Combined Compendium of Food Additive Specifications at: <http://www.fao.org/ag/agn/jecfa-additives/search.html> and in the database on flavourings specifications at: <http://www.fao.org/ag/agn/jecfa-flav/search.html>. Comments to the above document are compiled in document CX/FA 09/41/10 Add. 1.

Priority List of Food Additives Proposed for Evaluation by JECFA

Agenda Item 9(a): Proposals for Addition and Changes to the Priority List of Food Additive proposed for evaluation by JECFA (Doc. Ref. CX/FA 09/41/11)

Proposals for Addition and Changes to the Priority List of Food Additive proposed for evaluation by JECFA, submitted in response to CL 2008/26-FA are compiled in document CX/FA 09/41/11.

Agenda Item 9(b): Proposals for Changes to the text of the Circular Letter on Priority List of Food Additives Proposed for Evaluation by JECFA (Doc. Ref. CX/FA 09/41/12)

The 40th CCFA noted that the in-session Working Group did not have enough time to consider the proposal by the Delegation of the USA to modify point 8 of the “Form on which information on the additive to be evaluated by JECFA is provided” (requesting whether a compound has been approved for use in two or more countries), currently attached as Annex 2 to the Circular Letter requesting comments on the priority list of food additives proposed for evaluation by JECFA. The Committee agreed with the recommendation of the Working Group to request comments on the text of the Circular Letter, in particular on point 8 of the form. Replies would be considered by the in-session Working Group to be established by the 41st Session of the CCFA (ALINORM 08/31/12, para. 172). The proposals submitted in response to CL 2008/26-FA are compiled in document CX/FA 09/41/12.

Discussion Papers

Agenda Item 10(a): Discussion Paper on Scope of Certain Food Categories of the GSFA (Doc. Ref. CX/FA 09/41/13)

The 40th CCFA noted that the physical Working Group on the GSFA could not reach consensus on food additive provisions associated with food category 16.0 “Composite foods – foods that could not be placed in categories 01-15” because of the uncertainty on the scope of the products included in this category. It also noted the need to clarify the nature of the products included in food category 5.1 “Cocoa products and chocolate products including imitation and chocolate substitutes” and related sub-categories; the use of colours in products included in food category 8.1 “Fresh meat, poultry and game” and in food category 01.2.1.1 “Fermented milks (plain, not heat-treated after fermentation)”. Therefore it agreed to establish an electronic Working Group, under the Chairmanship of the USA, to prepare a discussion paper that would fully describe and contain proposals to address these issues for consideration at its 41st session (ALINORM 08/31/12, para. 73).

Agenda Item 10(b): Discussion Paper on Identification of Problems and Recommendations related to the Inconsistent Presentation of Food Additives Provisions in Codex Commodity Standards (Doc. Ref. CX/FA 09/41/14)

The 40th CCFA agreed to the need to address the problem of inconsistencies in the presentations of food additives provisions contained in the Codex commodity standards as well as other problems to facilitate the process of integration of food additives provisions of commodity standards into the GSFA. After some discussion, the Committee agreed to ask Switzerland to prepare a more focused discussion paper with clear identification of the problems and concrete recommendations, which would take into account document CX/FA 08/40/7, as well as the recommendations contained in document CX/FA 07/39/6, for consideration at its next session and subsequent referral to the Commission, through the Executive Committee, for further guidance as appropriate (ALINORM 08/31/12, paras 97-103).

Agenda Item 10(c): Discussion Paper on Inconsistencies in the Names of Compounds in the Codex Specifications for Identity and Purity of Food Additives and in the International Numbering System for Food Additives (Doc. Ref. CX/FA 09/41/15)

The 40th CCFA considered the report of the electronic Working Group that identified inconsistencies in the names of compounds in the Codex *Specifications for Identity and Purity of Food Additives* and in the *International Numbering System for Food Additives* and took decision on a number of recommendations. Due to time constraints, the Committee could not consider the remaining substances and related recommendations. Therefore, it agreed to establish an electronic Working Group, lead by Denmark, to consider these substances and prepare more specific recommendations for circulation for comments and consideration at its next session (ALINORM 08/31/12, paras 154-159). Comments to the above document are compiled in document CX/FA 09/41/15 Add. 1.

Agenda Item 11: Other Business and Future Work

The Committee will discuss issues, raised under Item 1, as other business and/or proposals for future work

Agenda Item 12: Date and Place of Next Session

The Committee will be advised of the tentative dates and place of the next Session.

Agenda Item 13: Adoption of the Report

In accordance with Rule X.1 of the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the Committee shall adopt a report of its 41st Session based on a draft provided by the Codex Secretariat.