



## JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME

### CODEX COMMITTEE ON FATS AND OILS

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### REVIEW OF THE LIST OF ACCEPTABLE PREVIOUS CARGOES

#### BACKGROUND

1. CCFO23 agreed to have a standing agenda item in every session of the CCFO to consider the review of the Codex List of Acceptable Previous Cargoes.
2. CCFO25 agreed to:
  - (i) Request the Codex Secretariat to issue a Circular Letter (CL) inviting interested members and observers to propose further amendments to Appendix 2: List of Acceptable Previous Cargoes of CAC/RCP 36-1987.
  - (ii) Establish an EWG, led by Malaysia and working in English only with the following Terms of Reference:
    - Consider proposals on new substances to be added to the list provided that such proposals are supported by adequate and relevant information.
    - Prioritise substances to be submitted to FAO and WHO for evaluation.
    - Consider proposals to remove substances from the list in light of new data.
    - Prepare a report for consideration by CCFO26. It was noted that the report of the EWG should be made available to the Codex Secretariat at least three months before CCFO26.
  - (iii) Convene an in-session Working Group, if needed, chaired by Malaysia, to consider the report of the EWG and report back to the Committee.
3. The Circular Letter (CL2017/61-FO) inviting interested members and observers to propose further amendments to Appendix 2: List of Acceptable Previous Cargoes of CAC/RCP 36-1987 was issued in June 2017 with a deadline on 15 December 2017.
4. Replies were received from ten (10) Codex members i.e. Albania, Bahrain, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, Egypt, the European Union, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand and United States of America. According to the replies, members indicated that, in general, they approved the existing list and had no specific proposals for amendments to the Codex List of Acceptable Previous Cargoes at this stage. There was a proposal to remove Calcium lignosulphonate liquid from the list. However, CCFO24 (2015) agreed to include this substance in the list substances for evaluation by FAO and WHO<sup>1</sup>.
5. As no new proposals were submitted, the Chair of the EWG decided not to initiate the EWG for CCFO26 and noted that since CCFO24 (2015), no EWG was initiated as no new proposal was submitted.

#### FAO/WHO EVALUATION

6. For the 23 substances forwarded to FAO/WHO evaluation, the request had been included in the "Status of Requests for FAO/WHO Scientific Advice" which was presented at CAC38, CAC39, CAC40 and CAC41.

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<sup>1</sup> REP15/FO para 53, Appendix V

7. CCFO25 noted that the evaluation will require an expert meeting for which extra-budgetary resources and information/data submitted by members were needed, and that at the current workload of FAO and WHO scientific advice programme, the work could start in 2019, provided the necessary funds are made available.

8. CCFO25 further agreed to inform FAO/WHO that the evaluation of 23 substances was a matter of priority for CCFO and to encourage FAO/WHO to evaluate the 23 substances as soon as possible.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

9. Malaysia, as the Chair of the EWG, would like to make the following recommendations for consideration by CCFO:

- (i) To encourage FAO/WHO to evaluate the 23 substances as soon as possible as this is a matter of priority for CCFO.
- (ii) To remove the agenda on the Review of the List of Acceptable Previous Cargoes from the standing agenda item in every session of the CCFO
- (iii) Future proposals on addition or removal of substances from the list could be submitted provided that such proposals are supported by adequate and relevant information.