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**Agenda Item 9**

**NASWP/14 CRD7**

## JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME

### FAO/WHO COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR NORTH AMERICA AND THE SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

*14<sup>th</sup> Session*

*Port Vila, Vanuatu, 19 - 22 September 2016*

### DISCUSSION PAPER ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF A REGIONAL STANDARD FOR KAVA PRODUCTS THAT CAN BE USED AS A BEVERAGE WHEN MIXED WITH WATER

#### Comments of Papua New Guinea

#### **Background**

Paragraph 3 Page 1, first sentence: Please delete the Coordinator (Tonga) and replace with the Chair of the eWG (Tonga) as the term "Coordinator" is misleading since PNG was the Regional Coordinator at CCNASWP12.

#### **Project Document - Appendix I**

##### **Page 3 - Section 3. Its Relevance and Timeliness:**

Please delete the sentence "It has received negative publicity for over ten (10) years linking it to liver toxicity."

**Page 8 - Section 9. The Proposed Time-line for Completion of the New Work, Including Start Date, the Proposed Date for Adoption at Step 5 and the Proposed Date for Adoption by the Commission.**

#### **Proposal by PNG:**

2016 - CCNASWP14: Agreement by the Committee to develop a Regional Standard for Kava and submission of a Project Document to the Commission (CAC40, 2017) for approval of New Work.

2017 - Following approval of New Work by CAC40, development of a Proposed Draft Regional Standard for Kava by an eWG chaired by Vanuatu whose mandate will be to develop a document which will be circulated for comments at Step 3 prior to CCNASWP15 (2018).

2018 - CCNASWP 15 (2018) - Examination of the Proposed Draft Regional Standard for Kava at Step 4. Agreement to forward the Proposed Draft Regional Standard to the Commission (CAC42, 2019) for adoption at Step 5.

2019 - Adoption of the Draft Regional Standard for Kava at Step 5 by the CAC 42 (2019).

2020 - Finalisation of the development of the Draft Regional Standard for Kava by CCNASWP 16 which will be forwarded to the CAC43 for final adoption at Step 8.

#### **Adoption at Step 5/8**

The above timeline could eventually be shorter should the Committee decide to send the finalised Draft Regional Standard to the Commission for adoption at Step 5/8 in 2018.