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Interested International Organizations

FROM: Secretariat, Codex Alimentarius Commission, Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme
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SUBJECT: Request for Comments at Step 6 on the Draft Regional Standard for Non-Fermented Soybean Products

DEADLINE: 31 July 2014

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BACKGROUND

1. The 18th Session of the FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Asia (CCASIA) agreed to forward the proposed draft regional Standard for Non-fermented Soybean Products to the Commission for adoption at Step 5 and to forward the relevant sections to the Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling (CCMAS) and the Committee on Food Labelling (CCFL) for endorsement (REP13/ASIA, para. 109 and Appendix III).
2. The 34th Session of CCMAS endorsed the methods of analysis with amendments (REP13/MAS, para. 33). The 41st Session of CCFL did not endorse the labelling provisions as presented and proposed revising section 8.2 and deleting section 8.3. Concerning section 8.4 the Committee noted that section 2.2 of the proposed draft standard needed further consideration in the CCASIA taking into account the relevant provisions in the *General Standard for Use of Dairy Terms* (CODEX STAN 206-1999) and relevant discussions in other Codex committees such as the Committee on Food Additives and the Committee on Milk and Milk Products (REP13/FL, paras 14 – 26).
3. The Commission endorsed the view of the Executive Committee in this regard (REP13/EXEC, paras 27 – 30), adopted the proposed draft Regional Standard at Step 5 and advanced it to Step 6, with the recommendation that the CCASIA should review the standard in the light of the advice from the CCFL (REP13/CAC, paras 92 – 95).

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

4. Comments are hereby requested at Step 6 on the Draft Regional Standard for Non-Fermented Soybean Products as presented in Appendix III to REP13/ASIA with amendments proposed by CCMAS (REP13/MAS, para. 33).
5. Governments and interested international organizations wishing to comments on the above documents should do so in writing to the above address before **31 July 2014**.