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ALIGNMENT OF THE FOOD ADDITIVE PROVISIONS OF COMMODITY STANDARDS: REPORT OF THE EWG ON ALIGNMENT

Comments of Canada

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Curcumin (INS No. 100(i)) in FC 09.2.5:

Based on the outcome of the GSFA physical working group (pWG), the proposed use of curcumin in smoked fish paste has been recommended for discontinuation. Therefore, Note 22 is no longer applicable.

Assuming that there are non-standardized dried and/or salted fish products not captured by CS311, Canada would like to suggest that Note 396 which reads as follows "For use in dried and/or salted fish only" be revised:

Revised Note 396: "**For non-standardized foods:** for use in dried and/or salted fish only."

Monosodium L-glutamate (INS No. 621) in FC 09.2.5:

Canada would like to note that CODEX STAN 222-2001 (*Standard for Crackers from Marine and Freshwater Fish, Crustacean and Molluscan Shellfish*) allows INS 621 as a flavour enhancer. Therefore, Canada would like to recommend that Note XS222 not be included in this food category for this additive.

Various colours in green (in the document) in FC 09.2.5:

Canada would like to recommend consistency in the use of XS Notes in this food category, i.e., XS167, XS189, XS222, XS236 and XS244. The corresponding standards CS167, CS189, CS222, CS236 and CS244 are all associated with FC 09.2.5. For instance, CS167 (*Standard for Salted Fish and Dried Salted Fish of the Gadidae Family of Fishes*) does not allow food colour in products conforming to the standard. Hence, Note XS167 should be added to proposed provisions for colours in FC 09.2.5.

Canada would like to provide an additional example of inconsistency in the use of XS Notes: amaranth (INS No. 123) versus annatto extracts, bixin-based (INS No. 160b(i)).

Appendix 5 – About Revised Table 3 (starting on p. 104):

Canada would like to note that the proposal does not capture all the restrictions: when an additive can only be used in a specific food of the food standard for a specific function, e.g., calcium carbonate as an anticaking agent in dehydrated products only (CS 117-1981)).

Canada would like to recommend that this type of restriction be appropriately listed in Column 5 of Table 3.