



**JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME**  
**CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD ADDITIVES**  
**Fifty-first Session**

**INFORMATION DOCUMENT TO THE DISCUSSION ON THE GSFA**

The 38<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee (CCFAC38) requested the Codex Secretariat to prepare every year an updated version of the “Working document for information and support to the discussion on the GSFA” similar to CX/FAC 06/38/8 (ALINORM 06/29/12, para. 72).

**Note from the Codex Secretariat**

The following should be noted with respect to the revised Tables 1 and 2 of the GSFA (Appendix I and Appendix II, respectively):

- a. The “Step” column indicates the status of specific provisions in the Codex elaboration procedure. Food additive provisions for the priority additives to be discussed by CCFA52 are listed at Step 3 or Step 6. Food additive provisions that require future work by the Committee are listed at Step 4 or Step 7. Food additive provisions that have been adopted at Step 8 by the Commission contain the notation “adopted” and the year of adoption.
- b. The functional class(es) listed for each additive in the GSFA are derived from the functional class titles for food additives in the International Numbering System (INS)<sup>1</sup>.

The following should be noted with respect to the revised Table 3 of the GSFA (Appendix III):

- c. The status of each additive in the Codex procedure is indicated in columns entitled “Step”. If the inclusion of a specific additive has been adopted at Step 8 by the Commission, the year of this decision is noted in the column entitled: “Year”.

The Appendices of this document may be downloaded by clicking the hyperlinks below:

- Appendix I ([Table 1](#))
- Appendix II ([Table 2](#))
- Appendix III ([Table 3](#))

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<sup>1</sup> CXG 36-1989 “Class Names and the International Numbering System for Food Additives.”