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COMMENT OF SUDAN

Replace the first sentence in paragraph 1

“Introduction” which reads “Scientific research over the last decades has shown that a diet rich in fruits and vegetables is protective against many cancers and lowers coronary heart disease....” with “Scientific research over the last decades has shown that a diet rich in fruits and vegetables promote good health....”

Rationale: The original sentence suggests the suitability of consumption of food (fruits and vegetables) in the prevention of diseases, even though food (fruits and vegetables) should not be presented as having an absolute therapeutic effect. The recommended introduction therefore conforms to the requirements of the General Guidelines for Claims (CAC/GL 1-1979) (Rev 1-1991), section 3.4. which prohibits any claim as to the suitability of a food for use in the prevention, alleviation, treatment or cure of a disease, disorder or particular physiological condition.

1.1 Scope, paragraph 4

Issue: Modify the first sentence in the scope to read as follows: “**This Code of Practice covers General Hygienic Practices from primary production to consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables in order to ensure safe and wholesome product**”.

Rationale: The modified sentence allows logical flow and clarity of expression.

2.3 Definitions, paragraph 7

Issue: Antimicrobial agents: Replace the original statement with the following: “**any substance of natural, synthetic or semi-synthetic origin which at intended use concentrations kills or inhibits the growth of microorganisms but causes little or no damage to the fresh fruits and vegetables. Examples are disinfectants and fungicides**”.

Rationale: The recommended definition provides clarity of expression