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## JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME

### CODEX COMMITTEE ON METHODS OF ANALYSIS SAMPLING

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*Comments of Kenya*

#### KENYA

Kenya appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the agenda items which follows.

#### **Agenda 3.1: ENDORSEMENT OF METHODS OF ANALYSIS PROVISIONS AND SAMPLING PLANS IN CODEX STANDARDS CX/MAS 19/40/3**

##### **CODEX COMMITTEE ON NUTRITION AND FOODS FOR SPECIAL DIETARY USES (CCNFSDU40)**

*Methods of analysis for provisions in the Standard for Infant Formula and Formulas for Special Medical Purposes Intended for Infants (CXS 72-1981)*

**Comment:** Kenya supports the proposed methods of analysis referred by CCNFSDU40 for the analysis of vitamin K, folic acid and nine minerals and trace elements as outlined in Appendix I. We further propose that for inclusion in the Recommended Methods of Analysis and Sampling (CXS 234-1999) and request CCMAS to re-type or revoke the related existing methods in CXS 234-1999

##### **COMMITTEE ON SPICES AND CULINARY HERBS (CCSCH4)**

*Methods of analysis for provisions in the proposed draft standards for dried or dehydrated garlic, dried oregano, dried roots, rhizomes and bulbs – dried or dehydrated ginger, dried basil, dried floral parts – dried cloves, and saffron*

**Comment:** Kenya supports the proposed methods of analysis referred by CCSCH4 for the analysis of parameters for provisions in the proposed draft standards for dried or dehydrated garlic, dried oregano, dried roots, rhizomes and bulbs – dried or dehydrated ginger, dried basil, dried floral parts – dried cloves, and saffron as outlined in Appendix II. We further propose that for inclusion in the Recommended Methods of Analysis and Sampling (CXS 234-1999) and request CCMAS to re-type or revoke the related existing methods in CXS 234-1999

##### **COMMITTEE ON FATS AND OILS (CCFO26)**

*Methods of analysis for acid value and free fatty acids for virgin palm oil and crude palm kernel oil*

**Comment:** Kenya supports the proposed methods of analysis referred by CCFO26 for the analysis for acid value and free fatty acids for virgin palm oil and crude palm kernel oil as outlined in Appendix III. We further propose that for inclusion in the Recommended Methods of Analysis and Sampling (CXS 234-1999) and request CCMAS to re-type or revoke the related existing methods in CXS 234-1999.

**Rationale:** This is in line with the principles for the establishment of codex methods of analysis in the codex procedural manual 25<sup>th</sup> edition.

#### **Agenda 3.2: Review of dairy methods (dairy workable package) CX/MAS 19/40/3-Add.1**

**Comment:** Kenya appreciates the work of the EWG and the document Prepared by the EWG led by the United States of America, co-chaired by New Zealand. Having participated in the EWG, we acknowledge the changes and propose the review and updating of these methods as presented in appendix I to IV.

**Agenda 3.4: Fats and oils workable package CX/MAS 19/40/3-Add.3**

**Comment:** Kenya appreciates the work prepared by AOCS and presented to the committee for comments. Kenya supports the request by AOCS to CCMAS to clarify on:

- Clarify the definitions of Technically Identical and Technically Equivalent
- Clarify if a Type II method can be changed to a Type III method
- Clarify a situation where two methods could be Complimentary and Technically Identical to a third method

**Rationale:** Clarification would bring out clarity and demystify the grey areas in the methods to be endorsed by CCMAS.

**Agenda Item 4: GUIDANCE ON ENDORSEMENT CX/MAS 19/40/4**

**Comment:** Kenya appreciates the work of the Electronic working group led by United States of America. Kenya supports the proposed guidance on endorsement as presented and the guidance to be included in the procedural manual and/or as a standalone codex text.

**Agenda Item 5: REVISION OF THE RECOMMENDED METHODS OF CXS 234 – PREAMBLE AND STRUCTURE CX/MAS 19/40/5 - REPLIES TO CL 2019/15-MAS CX/MAS 19/40/5-ADD.1**

**Comment:** Kenya appreciates the work of the Electronic working group led by Prepared by the EWG led by Brazil and Uruguay. Kenya supports the proposed revised preamble and document structure for CXS234 as presented in Appendix I since it provides a user friendly standards with well outlined provisions and sections.

**Agenda Item 6: REVISION OF THE GUIDELINES ON MEASUREMENT UNCERTAINTY (CXG 54-2004) CX/MAS 19/40/6 - REPLIES TO CL 2019/16-MAS CX/MAS 19/40/6-ADD.1**

**Comment:** Kenya appreciates the work of the Electronic working group led by Germany. Kenya underpins Measurement Uncertainty as a very critical component in proficient sampling and testing as well as calculation of results in terms of error margins. We therefore support the work to advance in the stepwise procedure as per Codex.

**Agenda Item 7: REVISION OF THE GENERAL GUIDELINES ON SAMPLING (CXG 50-2004) CX/MAS 19/40/7 - REPLIES TO CL2019/17-MAS CX/MAS 19/40/7-ADD.1**

**Comment:** Kenya appreciates the work of the Electronic working group led by New Zealand and supports the proposed the revision of the general guidelines on sampling. Kenya acknowledges the Chair's response, for EWG discussion as satisfactory and takes note of the discussions in the EWG.