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Agenda Item 2

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MATTERS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE BY THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION AND/OR OTHER CODEX COMMITTEES/TASK FORCES

MATTERS ARISING FROM OTHER CODEX COMMITTEES AND TASK FORCES

Committee on Fats and Oils (CCFO)¹

Matters for information

Standard for Named Vegetable Oil

The Committee on Fats and Oils recalled the decision taken at its last session to amend the section on contaminants in the Standard for Named Vegetable Oils, and noted that the maximum levels for lead and arsenic in fats and oils were included in the *General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in Food and Feed* (GSCTFF). The Committee therefore agreed to revise the section on contaminants in all other standards for fats and oils to include the standard text in the Format of Commodity Standards in the Procedural Manual, with two paragraphs referring respectively to the GSCTFF and to MRLs for pesticide residues.

Matters for action

Standard for Olive Oils and Olive Pomace Oils

The Committee on Fats and Oils discussed the placement of the provision on halogenated solvents in the Standard for Olive Oils and Olive Pomace Oils. The Committee noted a proposal to ask the Committee on Contaminants in Foods to consider exposure to halogenated solvents and a comment that such solvents were processing aids rather than contaminants.

The Committee agreed to retain the provisions for halogenated solvents in the Standard. The Committee also agreed to ask the CCCF whether halogenated solvents should be considered as contaminants for inclusion in the GSCTFF.

The Committee is **invited** to consider the question on halogenated solvents.

Entries for fat spreads and blended spreads in GSCTFF

As it was noted that the GSCTFF sections on lead and arsenic still referred to margarine and minarine, the Committee on Fats and Oils agreed to ask the CCCF to replace these entries with “fat spreads and blended spreads”.

The Committee is **invited** to consider the above request.

¹ REP 11/FO, paras 15 - 18