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Agenda Item 1

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CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD ADDITIVES

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Beijing, China, 21-25 April 2008

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

to be held at the Asia Hotel, 8 Xinzhong Xijie, Gongti Beilu, Dongcheng District, Beijing, China
from Monday 21 April at 9.30 hours to Friday 25 April 2008

The meeting of the Working Group on the Codex General Standard for Food Additives will be held at the same venue on Saturday, 19 April 2008 from 09.00 hours to 18.00 hours

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6	<u>Guidelines for the Use of Flavourings (N03-2006)</u> Draft Guidelines for the Use of Flavourings (with the exception of Section 4 and Annexes A and B) Proposed draft Guidelines for the Use of Flavourings (Section 4 and Annexes A and B) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comments at Step 6 and at Step 3 	ALINORM 07/30/12 Rev. App. XI CX/FA 08/40/8 CX/FA 08/40/8 Add.1
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8(a)	Draft Revision of the Codex <i>Class Names and International Numbering System</i> - CAC/GL 36-1989 (N07-2005) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comments at Step 6 	CX/FA 08/40/11 CX/FA 08/40/11 Add.1
8(b)	Proposals for Changes and/or Addition to the International Numbering System for Food Additives	CX/FA 08/40/12
8(c)	Discussion Paper on Inconsistencies in the names of compounds in the Codex Specifications for Identity and Purity of Food Additives and in the International Numbering System for Food Additives	CX/FA 08/40/13
9	<u>Specifications for the Identity and Purity of Food Additives</u> Specifications for the Identity and Purity of Food Additives Arising from the 68 th JECFA Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comments 	CX/FA 08/40/14 CX/FA 08/40/14 Add. 1
10	<u>Priority List of Food Additives Proposed for Evaluation by JECFA</u> New requests and information on compounds already included in the Priority List	CX/FA 08/40/15
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INFORMATION DOCUMENTS

Working Document for Information and Support to the Discussion on the GSFA [FA/40 INF-01](#)

NOTES ON THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Agenda Item 1: Adoption of the Agenda (Doc. Ref. CX/FA 08/40/1)

The Committee will be invited to adopt the Provisional Agenda, as contained in document CX/FA 08/40/1, as the Agenda for the Session.

Agenda Item 2: Matters Referred by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and Other Codex Committees and Task Forces (Doc. Ref. CX/FA 08/40/2)

Document CX/FA 08/40/2, prepared by the Codex Secretariat, includes matters referred to the Committee by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and other Codex Committees and Task Forces.

Agenda Item 3: Matters of Interest arising from FAO/WHO and from the 68th Meeting of the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA) (Doc. Ref. CX/FA 08/40/3)

Document CX/FA 08/40/3, prepared by FAO and WHO, includes matters from FAO and WHO and from the 68th JECFA meeting referred to the Committee for information and action.

Agenda Item 4: Endorsement and/or revision of Maximum Levels for Food Additives and Processing Aids in Codex Standards (Doc. Ref. CX/FA 08/40/4)

Document CX/FA 08/40/4 compiles food additive and processing aid provisions in draft and proposed draft commodity standards submitted by various Codex Committees to the Committee on Food Additives for endorsement.

Agenda Item 5: Codex General Standard for Food Additives (GSFA)

Agenda Item 5(a): Report of the electronic Working Group on the GSFA (Doc. Ref. CX/FA 08/40/5)

The 39th CCFA agreed to establish an electronic Working Group, led by the United States of America, to consider the outstanding recommendations, contained in document CX/FA 07/39/9 Part 1 and Part 2, taking into account comments submitted (CX/FA 07/39/9 Add.1, CX/FA 07/39/9 Add.2 and relevant CRDs), relevant decisions made by the 39th CCFA and comments submitted in response to Circular Letter CL 2007/28-FA. It was agreed that the electronic Working Group would provide a report with its recommendations on the draft maximum levels for colours and food additives listed in ALINORM 07/30/12 Rev. Appendix IX and in CX/FA 07/39/9 Part 1, paras 58-60, for the next session of the Committee with a view to addressing these provisions in the Codex step process and making progress on the GSFA. As agreed by the Committee CL 2007/28-FA also requested i) proposals for maximum use levels of annatto extracts and to clarify the type of annatto extract used and the basis, either bixin- or norbixin-based, for the maximum use levels for inclusion at Step 3 in the GSFA; ii) information on technological need and proposals for maximum use levels for lycopenes and for food additives containing aluminium for inclusion at Step 3 in the GSFA; and iii) proposals for new food additive uses and comments on adopted new food additive provisions in the GSFA. The Committee also agreed that the physical Working group on the GSFA, led by the United States of America, would meet prior to its next Session to work on the GSFA (ALINORM 07/30/12 Rev., paras 49, 52, 104, 105, 109 and Appendix IV). Comments on the report of the electronic Working Group on the GSFA are contained in document CX/FA 08/40/5 Add. 1.

Agenda Item 5(b): Proposed draft Revision of the Food Category System of the GSFA (N11-2007) (Doc. Ref. CX/FA 08/40/6)

The 30th Session of the Commission approved the revision of the Food Category System of the GSFA as new work for the Committee (ALINORM 07/30/REP, para. 96 and Appendix VII). The 39th CCFA agreed that, subject to the approval of new work by the Commission, an electronic Working Group, led by Indonesia, would prepare a proposed draft revision of the Food Category System of the GSFA with a view to its circulation for comments at Step 3 and its consideration at its next session (ALINORM 07/30/12 Rev., para. 118). Comments at Step 3 are compiled in document CX/FA 08/40/6 Add.1.

Agenda Item 5(c): Working Document compiling all Information on Food Additives contained in Codex Commodity Standards (Doc. Ref. CX/FA 08/40/7)

The 39th CCFA supported the proposal to create an Annex to the GSFA as an intermediate step toward the full integration of the food additive provision of commodity standards into the GSFA, with a view to reaching the goal to have the GSFA as the single authoritative Codex reference for food additives. The Committee agreed on a set of principles to guide their work in the integration of the food additive provisions of commodity standards into the GSFA. It further agreed to request the Codex Secretariat to collect all information of food additives contained in Codex commodity standards into a document to be presented at its next session and to continue its discussion on how to proceed with the work of integration taking into account the valuable information contained in document CX/FA 07/39/6 (ALINORM 07/30/12 Rev., paras 81, 85 and 87-88).

Agenda Item 6: Guidelines for the Use of Flavourings (N03-2006)**Draft Guidelines for the Use of Flavourings (with the exception of Section 4 and Annexes A and B) (at Step 6) (Doc. Ref. ALINORM 07/30/12 Rev. Appendix XI)****Proposed draft Guidelines for the Use of Flavourings (Section 4 and Annexes A and B) (at Step 3) (Doc. Ref. CX/FA 08/40/8)**

The 39th CCFA agreed to forward the proposed draft Guidelines to the 30th Session of the Commission for adoption at Step 5, with the exception of Section 4 and Annexes A and B, which were returned to Step 2 for redrafting by an electronic Working Group, led by the United States. The Committee noted that the redrafted texts would be considered at its next session along with the other sections of the Guidelines with a view to consolidating them into a single document (ALINORM 07/30/12 Rev., paras 123-124). The 30th session of the Commission adopted the proposed draft Guidelines (with the exception of Section 4 and Annexes A and B) at Step 5, as proposed by the Committee, and advanced them to Step 6, with the understanding that several translation issues in Spanish would be addressed by the next Session of the Committee (ALINORM 07/30/REP, para. 82 and Appendix V). Comments at Step 6, in response to CL 2007/24-FA, and comments at Step 3 on Section 4 and Annexes A and B of the Guidelines, are compiled in document CX/FA 08/40/8 Add.1.

Agenda Item 7: Processing Aids**Agenda Item 7(a): Discussion Paper on Guidelines and Principles on the Use of Processing Aids (Doc. Ref. CX/FA 08/40/9)**

The 39th CCFA did not reach a conclusion as to whether it should propose new work on the development of guidelines and principles on processing aids and agreed to establish an electronic Working Group, led by Indonesia, to revise the document CX/FA 07/39/13 in order to clarify the scope of the new work for further consideration at its next session (ALINORM 07/30/12 Rev., para. 130).

Agenda Item 7(b): Inventory of Processing Aids (IPA), Updated List (Doc. Ref. CX/FA 08/40/10)

The 39th CCFA welcomed the offer of Delegation of New Zealand to prepare an updated version of the Inventory of Processing Aids for presentation at its next session (ALINORM 07/30/12 Rev. para. 134).

Agenda Item 8: International Numbering System (INS) for Food Additives**Agenda Item 8(a): Draft Revision of the Codex Class Names and International Numbering System - CAC/GL 36-1989 (N07-2005) (Doc. Ref. CX/FA 08/40/11)**

The 39th CCFA agreed to hold Section 2 “Table of Functional Classes, Definitions and Technological Purposes” of the draft revision of the Class Names and International Numbering System at Step 7 and to request the Codex Secretariat to update and revise Section 1 “Foreword” to delete the reference to labelling provisions; and to update Section 3 “International Numbering System for Food Additive” to make the “technical function” of the food additives listed therein consistent with the revised sub-classes (for technological purpose) listed in Section 2. It was further agreed that the entire revised Class Names and International Numbering System (i.e. Sections 1,2 and 3) would be circulated for comments at Step 6 and would be further considered at the next session of the Committee (ALINORM 07/30/12 Rev., para. 144 and Appendix XII). Comments at Step 6 are compiled in document CX/FA 08/40/11 Add.1.

Agenda Item 8(b): Proposals for Changes and/or Addition to the International Numbering System for Food Additives (Doc. Ref. CX/FA 08/40/12)

The 39th CCFA agreed that proposals for changes/addition to the International Numbering System would be requested by a Circular Letter (ALINORM 07/30/12 Rev., para. 150). Proposals submitted in response to CL 2007/26-FA are compiled in document CX/FA 08/40/12.

Agenda Item 8(c): Discussion Paper on Inconsistencies in the names of compounds of Codex Specifications for Identity and Purity of Food Additives and in the International Numbering System for Food Additives (Doc. Ref. CX/FA 08/40/13)

The 39th CCFA noted that the in-session Working Group on the International Numbering System had discussed the inconsistencies between the names of the compounds in the Codex Specifications and in the International Numbering System for Food Additives. The Committee agreed to establish an electronic Working Group, led by the Delegation of Denmark, to identify the inconsistencies and formulate recommendations for consideration at its next Session (ALINORM 07/30/12 Rev., para. 149).

Agenda Item 9: Specifications for the Identity and Purity of Food Additives**Specifications for the Identity and Purity of Food Additives arising from the 68th JECFA (Doc. Ref. CX/FA 08/40/14)**

The document references specifications arising from the 68th JECFA Meeting (Geneva, Switzerland 19-28 June 2007). The summary report is available at http://www.fao.org/ag/agn/agns/files/jecfa68_final.pdf and <http://www.who.int/ipcs/food/jecfa/summaries/summary68.pdf>. The specifications are available in the on-line edition of the Combined Compendium of Food Additive Specifications at <http://www.fao.org/ag/agn/jecfa-additives/search.html> and in the database on flavourings specifications at: <http://www.fao.org/ag/agn/jecfa-flav/search.html>. Comments are compiled in document CX/FA 08/40/14 Add. 1.

Agenda Item 10: Priority List of Food Additives Proposed for Evaluation by JECFA**New requests and information on compounds already included in the Priority List (Doc. Ref. CX/FA 08/40/15)**

The 39th CCFA agreed to improve the Circular Letter requesting comments on the priority list by including priority criteria contained in the Codex Procedural Manual and requesting information not only on new requests but also on compounds already included in the priority list (ALINORM 07/30/12 Rev., para. 164). Comments submitted in response to CL 2007/27-FA are compiled in document CX/FA 08/40/15.

Agenda Item 11: Other Business and Future Work

The Committee will discuss issues, raised under Item 1, as other business and/or proposals for future work

Agenda Item 12: Date and Place of Next Session

The Committee will be advised of the tentative dates and place of the next Session.

Agenda Item 13: Adoption of the Report

In accordance with Rule X.1 of the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the Committee shall adopt a report of its 40th Session based on a draft provided by the Codex Secretariat.