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SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE IDENTITY AND PURITY OF FOOD ADDITIVES ARISING FROM THE 68th JECFA MEETING

Governments and international organizations in Observer status with the Codex Alimentarius Commission wishing to submit comments on the following subject matter are invited to do so **no later than 31 January 2008** as follows: Secretariat, Codex Committee on Food Additives, National Institute of Nutrition and Food Safety, China CDC, 7 Panjiayuan Nanli, Chaoyang District, Beijing 100021, China (Telefax: + 86 10 67711813, E-mail: secretariat@ccfa.cc *preferably*), with a copy to the Secretary, Codex Alimentarius Commission, Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme, Viale delle Terme di Caracalla, 00153 Rome, Italy (Telefax: +39 06 5705 4593; E-mail: Codex@fao.org - *preferably*).

BACKGROUND

1. Specifications for 191 food additives and flavourings were discussed and prepared or reviewed at the 68th JECFA meeting (Geneva, June 2007) and the resulting monographs are available (in English only) on JECFA Online Edition of: "Combined Compendium of Food Additive Specifications" <http://www.fao.org/ag/agn/jecfa-additives/search.html?lang=en> and "Specifications for Flavourings" <http://www.fao.org/ag/agn/jecfa-flav/search.html>. Monographs resulting from the 68th JECFA meeting will shortly be published as FAO JECFA Monographs 4, FAO, Rome, 2007.

2. These specifications cover:

	Food Additives	Flavourings
New:	6	160
Revised:	10	12
Revised – not republished	1	0
Full:	15	172
Tentative:	1	0
Withdrawn:	3	0

3. The Committee is being asked to review these specifications, in particular those designated as "Full", with a view to recommending their adoption by the Commission as Codex Specifications, taking into account comments received.

4. The 15 food additives given full (new and revised) specifications at the 67th JECFA are listed in the Annex. Separate lists of the food additives for which specifications were designated as tentative (1), withdrawn (3) or revised without being republished (1) are also given in the Annex.

5. All of the 172 flavourings reviewed during the 68th JECFA are given full specifications and therefore up for consideration during the session. The JECFA numbers for all 172 substances are listed in the Annex.

SPECIFICATIONS RESULTING FROM THE 68th JECFA

FOOD ADDITIVES

SPECIFICATIONS DESIGNATED AS FULL AT THE 68th JECFA (FAO JECFA Monographs 4, Rome, 2007):¹

Asparaginase from *Aspergillus oryzae* expressed in *A. oryzae* (N)

Carrageenan (R)

Cyclotetraglucose (N)

Ethyl maltol (R)

Isoamylase from *Pseudomonas amyloclavata* (N)

Magnesium sulfate (R)

Maltol (R)

Nisin preparation (R)

Pectins (R)

Polyvinyl alcohol (R)

Processed *Eucheuma* seaweed (R)

Sodium chlorite (N)

Sodium hydrogen sulfate (N)

Steviol glycosides (R)

Sucrose ester of fatty acids (R)

SPECIFICATIONS DESIGNATED AS TENTATIVE AT THE 68th JECFA (FAO JECFA Monographs 4, Rome, 2007):

Cyclotetraglucose syrup Tentative (N)

SPECIFICATIONS WITHDRAWN BY THE 68th JECFA:¹

Anisyl acetone

The substance has only flavouring functions

Furfural

The substance has only flavouring functions

Zeaxanthin rich extract from *Tagetes erecta*

Insufficient information received to allow removal of the tentative designation

SPECIFICATIONS REVISED WITHOUT BEING REPUBLISHED:

Sodium L(+)-tartrate

(Corrected specifications are published in FAO JECFA Monographs 1, Rome, 2005).

FLAVOURINGS

JECFA NUMBERS FOR FLAVOURINGS GIVEN FULL SPECIFICATIONS BY THE 68TH JECFA

Revised specifications: 631, 631.1, 632, 632.1, 633, 633.1, 1479 – 1482, 1506, 1559 (total 12).

New specifications: 1616 – 1657, 1659 – 1681, 1683 – 1712, 1715 – 1719, 1726 – 1777, 1779 – 1786 (total 160).

NO FLAVOURINGS WERE GIVEN TENTATIVE SPECIFICATIONS BY THE 68TH JECFA

¹ (N) new specification; (R) revised specification.