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**Specifications for the Identity and Purity of Food Additives Arising from the 61st JECFA Meeting
- COMMENTS**

The following comments have been received from: Japan.

JAPAN:

With reference to CX/FAC 04/36/12 (December 2003), Japanese government is pleased to submit the following comments.

1. First, we appreciate for elaborating the summary paper on the specifications for the identity and purity on food additives arising from the 61st JECFA Meeting.

2. Regarding Sucrose esters:

(1) We would like to delete one sentence from the analytical method for residual solvents in sucrose ester of fatty acids. The sentence is "The relationship should be linear ($R^2 > 0.99$). " which is in the column of "Methanol, isopropanol, isobutanol, ethyl acetate and methyl ethyl keton, Calculation:". It is too difficult to attain more than 0.99 as a coefficient of the relationship in PPM range of content under routine analysis.

(2) We will provide improved analysis method for Propylene glycol and Free sucrose for evaluation by JECFA in 2005.