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### CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND CONTAMINANTS

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#### PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL NUMBERING SYSTEM FOR FOOD ADDITIVES

The following comments have been received from: IFAC

#### **IFAC (The International Food Additives Council):**

Polyvinyl Alcohol (PVA) was reviewed by JECFA at its 61<sup>st</sup> Session in 2003 and assigned a permanent ADI of 50 mg/Kg bw. Tentative specifications have been developed and are undergoing needed revision. Polyvinyl alcohol has food additive use as a coating agent, binder and surface finishing agent.

The International Food Additives Council, the NGO representing producers of high quality articles used as food additives including the producer of PVA, requests the establishment of an INS number for Polyvinyl Alcohol in sequence with substances having similar food technological functions. We therefore specifically suggest INS number 912 or 914 be assigned to PVA.