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**CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD LABELLING
THIRTY-FIRST SESSION
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**DRAFT AMENDMENT TO THE *GENERAL STANDARD FOR THE
LABELLING OF PREPACKAGED FOODS*
(CLASS NAMES)
(ALINORM 03/22, APPENDIX V)**

GOVERNMENT COMMENTS AT STEP 6

COMMENTS FROM:

CANADA

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CANADA:

Canada has reviewed its position concerning the class names of milk protein and milk protein product. As the discussion is related to the percentage of milk protein required for the class name “Milk Protein” and the options are 30%, 35%, or 50%, Canada would support the highest protein level, 50%.

Canada believes that the class name “milk protein” should be made up of a significant level of milk protein, to accurately reflect the composition of the product and avoid misleading consumers. As 50% is the highest level being considered by the Committee, Canada would support that level. It can be noted that the Codex General Standard for Vegetable Protein Products, Codex Stan 174, has set a minimum protein level of 40% for vegetable protein products (VPP).

VPP covered by this standard are food products produced by the reduction or removal from vegetable materials of certain of the major non-protein constituents (water, oil, starch, other carbohydrates) in a manner to achieve a protein (N x 6.25) content of 40% or more. The protein content is calculated on a dry weight basis excluding added vitamins, minerals.

As the class name proposed is “milk protein” and not “milk protein product”, Canada believes that the protein level should at least be higher than that for “(naming the vegetable source) protein product”.