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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)**

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COMMENTS FROM:

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4.2. List of Ingredients

4.2.2.1. We would like to suggest the following text:

Milk Protein – milk products containing a minimum of 50% of milk protein (m/m) in dry matter.

Justification: The adoption of only one class name is clearer for the consumers.

SPAIN:

The Kingdom of Spain agrees to establish only the class name “Milk Protein” for milk products containing a minimum of 50% of milk protein (m/m) on a dry matter basis.

SOUTH AFRICA:

South Africa supports one single class name “Milk Protein” with a minimum level of 50% milk protein in dry matter.

EUROPEAN COMMUNITY:

The European Community remains in favour of adding one class name, "milk proteins", for ingredients in this class.

For many years, Community legislation (Directive 2000/13/EC) has allowed the use in the list of ingredients of the class name "milk proteins", which covers all proteins obtained from milk (casein, caseinates and whey proteins), i.e. products with a high protein content. The use of this class name has not given rise to any criticisms or to any particular problems.

The European Community therefore considers that the class name "milk proteins" should be used only for ingredients with a high milk protein content (at least 50 %).