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CONSIDERATION OF LABELLING PROVISIONS IN DRAFT CODEX STANDARDS

CODEX COMMITTEE ON FISH AND FISHERY PRODUCTS

Draft Standard for Fish Sauce (At Step 8)¹

8. LABELLING

In addition to the provisions of the Codex General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods (CODEX STAN 1-1985) the following specific provisions apply:

8.1 Name of the product

The name of the product shall be “fish sauce” or other names, in accordance with the law and custom of the country in which the product is sold, and in a manner not to mislead the consumer. The name of the product may be preceded or followed by the common or usual name of the fish.

8.2 Labelling of non-retail containers

Information on the above provisions shall be given either on the container or in accompanying documents, except that the name of the product, lot identification, and the name and address of the manufacturer or packer, as well as storage instructions shall appear on the container. However, lot identification, and the name and address of the manufacturer or packer may be replaced by an identification mark provided that such a mark is clearly identified with the accompanying document.

8.3 Labelling of Nitrogen Content

Competent authorities may require that total nitrogen (refer to 3.4) be declared on the fish sauce label in g/l. Competent authorities may also require descriptors that reflect the total nitrogen level as an indicator of quality of the fish sauce.

¹ REP 11/FFP, para. 36, Appendix III