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Agenda Item 3

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DRAFT AMENDMENT TO THE CODEX STANDARD FOR FERMENTED MILKS (CODEX STAN 243-2003) PERTAINING TO DRINKS BASED ON FERMENTED MILK

Comments at Step 6

(submitted by Philippines)

Philippines

The Philippines recognizes the efforts of the Physical Working Group on Fermented Milk Pertaining to Drinks Based on Fermented Milk under the good leadership of Dr. Winarno from Indonesia. The Philippines has observed a significant and steady progress towards the eventual adoption of the standard.

Under Appendix IV, 2.4 Drinks Based on Fermented Milk:

The Philippines appreciates the opportunity to reiterate its support on the removal of the square brackets containing the minimum content of 40% fermented milk, thus, retaining "40% (m/m) fermented milk" phrase. This has been justified by the IDF who was tasked by the CCMMP to do the survey, wherein majority of the products surveyed had a protein content corresponding to 40-50% fermented milk. Moreover, most fermented milk drinks that are traded have a minimum of 40% fermented milk content.