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### **REPORT OF THE 29<sup>th</sup> SESSION OF THE CODEX COMMITTEE ON NUTRITION AND FOODS FOR SPECIAL DIETARY USES**

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**SUBJECT:** Distribution of the Report of the 29<sup>th</sup> Session of the Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses (ALINORM 08/31/26)

**A. REQUEST FOR COMMENTS AND INFORMATION AT STEP 8 OF THE PROCEDURE:**

**1. Draft Revised Codex Standard for Foods for Special Dietary Use for Persons Intolerant to Gluten (ALINORM 08/31/26 para. 64 and Appendix III)**

Governments and international organizations wishing to comment on the above text should do so in writing, preferably by email to: the Secretary, Codex Alimentarius Commission, Viale delle Terme di Caracalla, 00153 Rome, Italy (fax: +39 06 5705 4593, e-mail: [codex@fao.org](mailto:codex@fao.org)) **before 1 April 2008.**

**2. Draft Advisory Lists of Nutrient Compounds for Use in Foods for Special Dietary Uses Intended for Infants and Young Children (ALINORM 08/31/26, para. 78 and Appendix IV)**

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**B. REQUEST FOR COMMENTS AND INFORMATION AT STEP 5 OF THE PROCEDURE:**

**Establishment and Application of Risk Analysis Principles by the Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses (ALINORM 08/31/26 para. 121 and Appendix VI)**

Governments and international organizations are invited to comment on the above text and should do so in writing, preferably by email to the Secretary, Codex Alimentarius Commission, Viale delle Terme di Caracalla, 00153 Rome, Italy (fax: +39 06 5705 4593, e-mail: [codex@fao.org](mailto:codex@fao.org)), with a copy to: Dr Rolf Grossklauss, Director and Professor, Federal Institute for Risk Assessment, P.O. Box 33 00 13, 14191 Berlin, Germany, Fax: +49 1888 529 – 49 65, e-mail: [ccnfsdu@bmelv.bund.de](mailto:ccnfsdu@bmelv.bund.de) **before 1 April 2007;**

**C. REQUEST FOR COMMENTS AND INFORMATION AT STEP 6 OF THE PROCEDURE:**

**1. Guidelines for Use of Nutrition Claims: Draft Table of Contents for Nutrient Contents (Part B Containing Provisions on Dietary Fibre) (ALINORM 08/31/6, para. 41 and Appendix II)**

While considering this matter, the Committee agreed that it was not possible to progress further on the document at this stage, as it was preferable to allow more time for consultations at the national level, as the scientific papers had only been available shortly before the meeting. The Committee also agreed to ask comments as to how the FAO/WHO scientific update applied to the definition proposed for dietary fibre and its applicability for conditions for claims (for details of consideration see paras 22-41).

Governments and international organizations are invited to comment on the above text and should do so in writing, preferably by email to: Dr Rolf Grossklaus, Director and Professor, Federal Institute for Risk Assessment, P.O. Box 33 00 13, 14191 Berlin, Germany, Fax: +49 1888 5 29 – 49 65, e-mail: [ccnfsdu@bmelv.bund.de](mailto:ccnfsdu@bmelv.bund.de) with a copy to the Secretary, Codex Alimentarius Commission, Viale delle Terme di Caracalla, 00153 Rome, Italy (fax: +39 06 5705 4593, e-mail: [codex@fao.org](mailto:codex@fao.org)) **before 1 April 2008**;

**2. Draft Advisory List of Nutrient Compounds for Use in Foods for Special Dietary Uses Intended for Infants and Young Children: Part D Advisory List of Food Additives for Special Nutrient Forms: Provisions on gum arabic (gum acacia) (ALINORM 08/31/26, paras 75-78 and Appendix V)**

While considering the level of gum arabic that should be included in the list as there had been no consensus at the last session on the levels of 10 or 100 mg/kg, the Committee could not come to a conclusion and agreed to retain the two levels of 10 and 100 mg/kg in square brackets (for details of consideration see paras 75-78).

Governments and international organizations are invited to comment on the above text and should do so in writing, preferably by email to: Dr Rolf Grossklaus, Director and Professor, Federal Institute for Risk Assessment, P.O. Box 33 00 13, 14191 Berlin, Germany, Fax: +49 1888 5 29 – 49 65, e-mail: [ccnfsdu@bmelv.bund.de](mailto:ccnfsdu@bmelv.bund.de) with a copy to the Secretary, Codex Alimentarius Commission, Viale delle Terme di Caracalla, 00153 Rome, Italy (fax: +39 06 5705 4593, e-mail: [codex@fao.org](mailto:codex@fao.org)) **before 1 April 2008**.

## SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

The 29<sup>th</sup> Session of the Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses reached the following conclusions:

### **MATTERS FOR FINAL ADOPTION BY THE 31<sup>ST</sup> SESSION OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION:**

The Committee:

- agreed to forward to the Commission the Draft Revised Codex Standard for Foods for Special Dietary Use for Persons Intolerant to Gluten for final adoption at Step 8 (ALINORM 08/31/26 para. 64 and Appendix III);
- agreed to forward to the Commission the Draft Advisory List of Nutrient Compounds for Use in Foods for Special Dietary Uses Intende for Infants and Young Children for final adoption at Step 8 (ALINORM 08/31/26, para. 78 and Appendix IV)

### **MATTERS FOR PROVISIONAL ADOPTION BY THE 31<sup>ST</sup> SESSION OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION:**

The Committee:

- agreed to forward to the Commission the Establishment and Application of Risk Analysis Principles by the Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses for adoption at Step 5 (ALINORM 08/31/26 para. 121 and Appendix VI).

### **MATTERS FOR ACTION BY THE 31<sup>ST</sup> SESSION OF THE COMMISSION**

#### **NEW WORK**

The Committee:

- Agreed to ask, through the 61<sup>st</sup> Session of the Executive Committee, the 31<sup>st</sup> Session of the Commission to approve new work on the Revision of Nutrient Reference Values for Labelling Purposes. The Project Document is attached as Appendix VII (paras 122-133).

### **MATTERS OF INTEREST TO THE 31<sup>ST</sup> SESSION OF THE COMMISSION**

The Committee:

- agreed to return the draft Table of Conditions for Nutrient Content (Part B containing provisions on dietary fibre) to Step 6 and to ask comments in the Circular Letter as to how the FAO/WHO scientific update applied to the definition proposed for dietary fibre and its applicability for conditions for claims (paras 22-41);
- agreed to cease the consideration of the Discussion Paper on the Production and Processing Standards Regarding the Nutritional Quality and Safety of Foods as these matters were already covered by the General Principles for the Addition of Essential Nutrients to Foods and the Proposed Draft Risk Analysis Principles Applied by the Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses being elaborated by the Committee (paras 134-140).

### **Intergovernmental Task Force on Foods Derived from Biotechnology (CTFBT)**

- following the established Procedures between General Committees and Commodity Committees, the Committee noted that the proposed Annex on *Food safety assessment of foods derived from*

*recombinant-DNA plants modified for nutritional or health benefits* was considerably debated by the Intergovernmental Task Force on Foods derived from Biotechnology and after some discussion agreed to endorse the text as proposed by the Task Force (paras 16-21).

#### **MATTERS REFERRED TO OTHER COMMITTEES**

##### **Codex Committee on Food Additives (CCFA)**

The Committee noted the clarification of the Secretariat of JECFA regarding the applicability of ADI concept for infants below 12 weeks of age as presented in CRD 12 and agreed that there was no need to consider the food additives provisions at the Committee before JECFA and CCFA conclude their work on remaining food additive issues posed by the 28<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee (para.15).

##### **Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling (CCMAS)**

Following the established Procedures between Commodity Committees and General Committees, the CCNFSDU refers some responses to the questions on several methods in the standard for Infant Formula and Formulass for Special Medical Purposes Intended for Infants (paras 149-159).

##### **Codex Committee on Food Labelling (CCFL)**

Following the established Procedures between Commodity Committees and General Committees, the CCNFSDU refers the Section of Food Labelling of the Draft Revised Codex Standard for Foods for Special Dietary Use for Persons Intolerant to Gluten for endorsement by the CCFL (see paras 59-60 and Appendix III).

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