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Agenda Item 3

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## JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME AD-HOC INTERGOVERNMENTAL CODEX TASK FORCE ON ANIMAL FEEDING

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### CONSIDERATION ON DEFINITION OF “FEED ADDITIVES”, PARAGRAPHS 11, 12 AND 13 OF THE DRAFT CODE OF PRACTICE ON GOOD ANIMAL FEEDING

#### Comments at Step 6

Comments from: Japan and Nigeria

#### JAPAN

Japan proposes an amendment of the current Draft Code by adding a footnote to the definition of feed additives as follows:

Feed Additives<sup>(1)</sup>: Any intentionally added ingredient not normally consumed as feed by itself, whether or not it has a nutritive value, which affects the characteristics of feed or animal products.

(1) Microorganisms, enzymes, acidity regulators, trace elements, vitamins and other products fall within the scope of this definition depending on the purpose of use and way of administration.

#### Background:

The ad hoc Intergovernmental Task Force advanced the Code of Practice on Good Animal Feeding to Step 5/8 in its 4<sup>th</sup> session noting that the definitions, regulations and use of veterinary drugs and feed additives varied among member countries and it was not always possible to draw a clear borderline between them. As an international Code, the Code of Practice on Good Animal Feeding should have the definitions that cover these various regulations and use among member countries.

At the 26<sup>th</sup> Commission Meeting, the USA proposed to add the following footnote to the Definition of Feed Additives to improve its clarity:

(1) Microorganisms, enzymes, acidity regulators, trace elements, vitamins and similar products fall within the scope of this definition depending on the purpose of use and way of administration.

We highly appreciate the US efforts to reach an agreement during the Commission Meeting. This footnote, however, might be a little too restrictive for some countries where substances other than these examples are used as feed additives.

So, we would like to propose a slight amendment of the US proposal to add more flexibility by substituting the word "other" for "similar". This amendment will improve the applicability of the definition to the wider range of regulations in various countries.

## **NIGERIA**

### **Section 3**

#### Feed Additives

Nigeria supports the definition as stated because the definition is all encompassing as there may be other additives that may be omitted. If additives are mentioned singly e.g. Palm Kernel wastes used in Nigeria may not be known in other countries.

### **Section 4**

#### General Principles and Requirements

##### 4.2 Labelling

- (i) 'Net content' should be included to indicate weight of the packaged feed.
- (ii) 'Storage condition' should be included in labelling requirements as improper storage under moist condition could lead to increased fungal and bacteria growth.
- (iii) Feed and feed ingredients consisting, containing or produced from GMOs should be labelled with references to the genetic modification as a risk management measure so the user is fully informed.