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**AMENDMENTS TO CODEX STANDARDS AND RELATED TEXTS**

**BACKGROUND**

In this document, the Codex Secretariat presents a number of amendments to Codex standards and related texts to improve their editorial consistency, correctness, legibility and clarity. They may be of a horizontal nature following earlier decisions of the Commission or affect individual texts only due to consequential amendments made to similar or horizontal texts.

**CODE OF HYGIENIC PRACTICE FOR LOW-MOISTURE FOODS (CXC 75-2015)**

**Relationship between dried aromatic herbs and culinary herbs<sup>1</sup>**

In response to the request from CCFH47, CCSCH3 clarified that the terminology “aromatic herbs” was broad and it encompassed products beyond the scope of CCSCH; and was of the view that the term “culinary herbs” was more appropriate to use in the *Code of Hygienic Practice for Low-Moisture Foods (CXC 75-2015)*. Noting, the clarification from CCSCH3, CCFH49 requested the Secretariat to replace “aromatic herbs” by “culinary herbs” in the *Code of Hygienic Practice for Low-Moisture Foods (CXC 75-2015)*.

**GENERAL STANDARD FOR CONTAMINANTS AND TOXINS IN FOOD AND FEED (CXS 193-1995)**

**Consequential amendment to the note to the ML for inorganic arsenic in rice<sup>2</sup>**

CCCF12 agreed to amend the note for the ML for inorganic arsenic in rice for consistency with the note for methylmercury in fish.

**RECOMMENDED METHODS OF ANALYSIS AND SAMPLING (CXS 234-1999)**

**Methods of analysis for milk and milk products<sup>3</sup>**

When reviewing the dairy workable package as part of the ongoing work on the review of CXS 234-1999, several editorial corrections as identified in CX/MAS 18/39/4 Add.1 were proposed:

- inclusion of note 15 to several methods of analysis (e.g. milk protein in milk solids not fat (MSNF); and dry matter (total solids));
- inclusion of the content line for the method of analysis for milk protein in MSNF in blend of skimmed milk and vegetable fat in powdered form
- correct references to the methods for determination of water in butter;
- Correct the commodity “milk fat products (**anhydrous milkfat**) to match the provision in CXS 280 for milkfat products;
- delete duplicate entries for milkfat products (anhydrous milkfat), determination of peroxide value;
- delete note 18

* milk powders and cream powders	Water <sup>16</sup>	ISO 5537   IDF 26 <sup>18</sup>
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- include note 16 wherever there the is a provision ‘water’.

**STANDARDS FOR MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS**

<sup>1</sup> REP18/FH, para. 6

<sup>2</sup> REP18/CF, para. 84

<sup>3</sup> REP18/MAS, para. 34(iii)

Replace the wording for the sections on methods of analysis in all relevant standards for milk and milk products by the standard wording from the Procedural manual: *“For checking the compliance with this standard, the methods of analysis and sampling contained in the Recommended Methods of Analysis and Sampling (CXS 234-1999) relevant to the provisions in this standard, shall be used.”*

**Recommendation**

The Commission is invited to adopt the abovementioned editorial amendments.