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### COMMENTS OF GUYANA

#### ITEM 4.9: Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems

##### Part 1 – Standards and related texts submitted for final adoption

Position: Guyana supports the adoption of the two draft standards, 'Guidelines on Recognition and Maintenance of Equivalence of National Food Control Systems (NFCS) and 'Principles and Guidelines on the Use of Remote Audit and Inspection in Regulatory Frameworks' at Step 5/8 by CAC46.

Rationale: The draft standard on remote audit is well developed and allows for flexibility. Similarly, the guidelines on equivalence will further improve trade relations.

##### Part 2 – Proposals to undertake new work or revise a standard

Position: Guyana supports the proposal of new work for the revision of Principles for Traceability/Product Tracing as a Tool within a Food Inspection and Certification System (CXG 60-2006).

Rationale: Traceability is a very important aspect of the food control system and revision of the principles will ensure the document is updated to account for developments in the industry.

#### ITEM 4.10: Codex Committee on Food Labelling

##### Part 1 – Standards and related texts submitted for adoption at Step 5

Position: Guyana supports the adoption of three draft standards at step 5, 'Revision to the General Standard for the Labelling of Pre-packaged Foods (CXS 1-1985): Provisions relevant to allergen

Labelling', 'Guidelines on the Provision of Food Information for Pre-packaged Foods to be Offered via E-Commerce' and 'Guidelines on the Use of Technology to Provide Food Information'.

Rationale: Work on the three documents is highly important and adoption will enable the committee to further progress work on the documents that will address key food labelling concerns.

##### Part 2 – Proposals to undertake new work or revise a standard

Position: Guyana supports the proposal of new work for the Amendments to the General Standard for the Labelling of Pre-packaged Foods (CXS 1-1985): Labelling of pre-packaged foods in joint presentation and multipack formats by the commission.

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Rationale: For the labelling of foods in multipacks, it is essential to ensure standardization of the requirements, primarily if these products will be sold individually. This will further aid consumers in making informed decisions and ensure access to accurate information about products before purchase. Standardized labelling helps manufacturers comply with regulatory requirements, promoting consistency across the industry and allowing for fair competition.