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SUBJECT DISTRIBUTION OF THE REPORT OF THE 41ST SESSION OF THE CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD ADDITIVES (ALINORM 09/32/12)

The report of the Forty-first Session of the Codex Committee on Food Additives will be considered by the 32nd Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Rome, Italy, 29 June – 4 July 2009).

PART A – MATTERS FOR ADOPTION BY THE 32ND SESSION OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION Draft and Proposed Draft Standards and Related Texts at Steps 8 or 5/8 of the Procedure

- 1. Food additive provisions of the General Standard for Food Additives (GSFA), at Step 8 and 5/8, respectively (para. 109 and Appendix IV);
- **2. Amendments to the International Numbering System for Food Additives,** at Step 5/8 (paras 125 and Appendix VII);
- 3. Specifications for the Identity and Purity of Food Additives arising from the 68th JECFA meeting, at Step 5/8 (para. 131 and Appendix VIII).

Others

- 4. Amendment to the Annex to Table 3 of the GSFA (para. 9);
- 5. Amendment to the Name and Descriptors of Food Categories 01.2.1.1, 15.1 and 15.2 of the GSFA (para. 153 and Appendix XI).

Governments and international organizations wishing to submit comment on the above texts should do so in writing, *preferably by e-mail*, to the Secretary, Codex Alimentarius Commission, Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme, FAO, Viale delle Terme di Caracalla, 00153 Rome, Italy (e-mail: codex@fao.org, fax: +39 06 57054593) with a copy to: to the Secretariat of the Codex Committee on Food Additives, National Institute of Nutrition and Food Safety, China CDC, 7 Panjiayuan Nanli, Chaoyang District, Beijing 100021, China (e-mail: secretariat@ccfa.cc *preferably*, Telefax: +86 10 67711813), before 31 May 2009.

PART B - REQUEST FOR COMMENTS AND INFORMATION

- 6. Comments/proposals on uses and use levels of: calcium lignosulfonate (40-65) (INS 1522); ethyl lauroyl arginate (INS 243); steviol glicosides (INS 960) and sulfites (paras 22, 23, 27, 28);
- 7. Comments on the application of note 161 "Subject to national legislation of the importing country aimed, in particular, at consistency with Section 3.2 of the Preamble", in particular, where and when it should be used (para. 89);

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8. Information on the technological justification for the use of fast green FCF (INS 143) in food category 06.4.2 "Dried pastas and noodles and like products" (para. 99);

- 9. Information on the technological justification for use of erythrosine (INS 127) in food categories 08.2 "Processed meat, poultry, and game products in whole pieces and cuts" and 08.3 "Processed comminuted meat, poultry, and game products" (para. 103);
- 10. Comments on the proposal for the revision of the name and descriptors of food category 16.0 "Composite foods foods that could not be placed in categories 01-15" and examples of food products in this category (para. 147);
- 11. Information on the use of colours added to foods falling under the scope of food category 08.1 "Fresh meat, poultry, and games" and its sub-categories for purposes other than surface applications (para. 149);
- 12. Comments on the project document proposing new work on the revision of food category 5.1 "Cocoa products and chocolate products including imitations and chocolate substitutes" (para. 151 and Appendix X).

Governments and international organizations wishing to submit comments on the above matters should do so in writing, *preferably by e-mail*, to the Secretariat of the Codex Committee on Food Additives, National Institute of Nutrition and Food Safety, China CDC, 7 Panjiayuan Nanli, Chaoyang District, Beijing 100021, China (e-mail: secretariat@ccfa.cc, Telefax: + 86 10 67711813;), with a copy to the Secretary, Codex Alimentarius Commission, Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme, FAO, Viale delle Terme di Caracalla, 00153 Rome, Italy (e-mail: codex@fao.org, *preferably* fax: +39 06 57054593) **before 15 November 2009**.

PART C - OTHERS

13. Comments and innovative proposals to expedite the work on the GSFA (para. 108);

Governments and international organizations wishing to submit comments and proposal on the above subject should do so in writing, *preferably by e-mail*, to the Secretary, Codex Alimentarius Commission, Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme, FAO, Viale delle Terme di Caracalla, 00153 Rome, Italy (e-mail: codex@fao.org, fax: +39 06 57054593) with a copy to: to the Secretariat of the Codex Committee on Food Additives, National Institute of Nutrition and Food Safety, China CDC, 7 Panjiayuan Nanli, Chaoyang District, Beijing 100021, China (e-mail: secretariat@ccfa.cc *preferably*, Telefax: + 86 10 67711813;), before 15 July 2009

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SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

The Forty-first Session of the Codex Committee on Food Additives reached the following conclusions:

MATTERS FOR ADOPTION/CONSIDERATION BY THE 32ND SESSION OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION:

Draft and proposed draft Standards and Related Texts for adoption at steps 8 or 5/8

The Committee forwarded:

- Draft and proposed draft food additive provisions of the General Standard for Food Additives (GSFA), for adoption at Step 8 and 5/8, respectively (para. 109 and Appendix IV);
- Proposed draft amendments to the International Numbering System for Food Additives, for adoption at Step 5/8 (para. 125 and Appendix VII); and
- Proposed draft Specifications for the Identity and Purity of Food Additives, for adoption at Step 5/8 (para. 131 and Appendix VIII).

Other Matters for adoption

The Committee forwarded:

- Amendment to the Annex to Table 3 of the GFSA to include the following footnote: "Acidity regulators, packaging gases, stabilizers and thickeners listed in Table 3 are acceptable for use in fermented milks, heat treated after fermentation, as defined in the Codex *Standard for Fermented Milks* (CODEX STAN 243-2004) that correspond to food category 01.2.1.2 "Fermented milks (plain), heat treated after fermentation" (para. 9);
- Amendments to the names and descriptors of the GSFA food categories 01.2.1.1 "Fermented milks (plain), not heat-treated after fermentation", 15.1 "Snacks-potato, cereal, flour or starch based (from roots and tubers, pulses and legumes)" and 15.2 "Processed nuts, including coated nuts and nut mixtures (with e.g. dried fruit)" (para. 153 and Appendix XI).

Codex Standard and Related Texts for revocation

The Committee agreed to request the 32nd Session of the Commission to revoke:

- Food additive provisions of the GSFA (para. 109 and Appendix V).

Proposals for the Elaboration of New Standards and Related Texts

The Committee agreed to submit to the 32nd session of the Commission, through the 62nd session of the Executive Committee, for approval:

- Priority List of Food Additives, proposed for Evaluation by JECFA (para. 135 and Appendix IX).

Other Matters for information by the 32nd Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission

The Committee agreed:

- To discontinue work on a number of draft and proposed draft food additive provisions of the GSFA (Appendix VI);
- To return the proposed draft Guidelines and Principles for Substances Used as Processing Aids (N04-2008) to Step 2 (para. 113);
- To include a number of new food additive provisions at Step 3 and 4 in the GSFA (various paras).

ENDORSEMENT AND/OR REVISION OF MAXIMUM LEVEL FOR FOOD ADDITIVES AND PROCESSING AIDS IN CODEX STANDARDS

The Committee:

- Endorsed with some editorial amendments the majority of food additive provisions forwarded by the Committee on Processed Fruits and Vegetables, on Nutrition and Food for Special Dietary Uses, on Fats and Oils and by the FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Asia (para. 33 and Appendix III);
- Agreed to inform commodity committees of the practice not to endorse provisions at a level of GMP for food additives with a numerical ADI (para. 34).

In particular, the Committee:

Committee on Processed Fruits and Vegetables (CCPFV)

Draft Standards for Jams, Jellies and Marmalades

- Endorsed the provisions as proposed, except the provision for grape skin extract (INS 163(ii)) that was endorsed at a maximum level of 500 mg/kg; and for the Section on Flavourings that was endorsed with inclusion of a reference to the *Guidelines for the Use of Flavourings* (CAC/GL 66-2008) (paras 36-45);

- Did not agree to assign a new "preservative" technological purpose to ascorbic acid (INS 300), due to the fact that ascorbic acid did not prevent the growth of microorganisms but acts mainly as a colour preserving/retention agent in jams, jellies and marmalade (para. 118);

Draft Standard for Certain Canned Vegetables

- Endorsed the provisions as proposed, except the provision for caramel III (INS 150c), proposed at GMP, since it has a numerical ADI; and the maximum level in caramel IV (INS 150d), which was endorsed at a maximum level of 50000 mg/kg (paras 46-47);

Committee on Nutrition and Food for Special Dietary Uses (CCNFSDU)

Advisory List of Nutrient Compounds for Use in Foods for Special Dietary Use by Infants and Young Children (CAC/GL 10-1979)

- Endorsed the proposed level of 10 mg/kg for gum arabic (INS 414) for use as a carrier (para. 50);

FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Asia (CCASIA)

Proposed Draft Regional Standard for Fermented Soybean Paste

- Endorsed the provisions as proposed, except the provision for monopotassium tartrate (INS 336(i)), proposed at GMP, since it has a numerical ADI. The Committee agreed to request the CCASIA to provide a numerical maximum level for this substance (paras 51-52);

Proposed Draft Regional Standard for Edible Sago Flour

- Endorsed the provisions as proposed, except the provision of 2500 mg/kg (treatment level) for chlorine dioxide (INS 926) (paras 53-55);

Committee on Fats and Oils (CCFO)

- Endorsed all revised provisions in fats and oils standards, as proposed (para. 56).

MATTERS REFERRED TO CODEX COMMITTEES AND TASK FORCES

The Committee agreed that:

- Commodity committees should be fully informed of amendments to section of food additives of the *Format for Codex Commodity Standards* and *Relations between Commodity Committees and General Subject Committees*, which were adopted by the 31st Session of the Commission, and thus facilitating the future integration of food additive provisions in commodity standards into the GSFA (para. 11).

OTHER MATTERS OF INTEREST

Working Groups

The Committee agreed to establish:

Physical Working Group

- <u>GSFA</u>: to facilitate consideration of food additive provisions of the GSFA (*Chair*: United States of America) (paras 105 and 107);

Electronic Working Groups:

- <u>Guidelines and Principles on Substances used as Processing Aids</u>: to prepare revised proposed draft Guidelines and Principles (*Host*: Indonesia) (para. 113);

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- <u>INS</u>: to consider the replies to the CL requesting proposals for changes/addition to the INS list and prepare a proposal for circulation for comments at Step 3; to prepare a discussion paper containing principles regarding the need for justification for proposals of changes to the INS; information on use as food additives of salts of fatty acids (INS 470) and aluminium sulfate (INS 520); and to address the inconsistency of the name of riboflavin, synthetic (INS 101(i)) (*Host*: Finland) (para. 123);

- <u>Inconsistent presentation of food additive provisions in codex commodity standards</u>: to prepare a revised discussion paper (*Host*: Switzerland) (para. 156).

Matters to be considered by the 42nd CCFA

The Committee:

- Agreed that it would reconsider the level for chlorine dioxide for food category 06.2.1 of the GSFA and advise the CCASIA accordingly (para. 55);
- Decided to clarify whether sago flour was covered by food category 06.2.1 "Flours" and if the descriptor of the food category should be revised at its next session (para. 154).

Others

The Committee:

- Agreed to request JECFA to consider including in the relevant specifications as synonyms the names for some food additives; to discuss and consider the possibility of aligning the names used by JECFA with those in the INS system for some food additives; to discuss the appropriate naming of citrates (INS 333(iii)); and to recommend that JECFA carefully consider the names of compounds listed in the INS for use in the specifications and, when they were considered not to be appropriate, to clearly indicate the reasons in order to facilitate follow-up actions by the Committee (paras 159-160, 162-163).

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS REPORT

ADI Acceptable Daily Intake

CAC/GL Codex Alimentarius Commission / Guidelines
CCASIA FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Asia

CCFA Codex Committee on Food Additives
CCFO Codex Committee on Fats and Oils

CCMAS Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling

CCNFSDU Codex Committees on Nutrition and Food for Special Dietary Uses

CCPFV Codex Committee on Processed Fruits and Vegetables

CCPR Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues

CL Circular Letter

CRD Conference Room Document

EC European Community

EFSA European Food Safety Authority

FAO Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

GSFA General Standard for Food Additives

GIFSA Global Initiative for Food-related Scientific Advice
INFOSAN International Food Safety Authorities Network

INS International Numbering System

IPA Inventory of Substances Used as Processing Aids

JECFA Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives

MSDI Maximized Survey-Derived Intake SPET Single Portion Exposure Technique

WHO World Health Organization

INTRODUCTION

1. The Codex Committee on Food Additives (CCFA) held its Forty-first Session in Shanghai (China) from 16 to 20 March 2009, at the kind invitation of the Government of the People's Republic of China. Dr Chen Junshi, Professor of the Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Ministry of Health, chaired the Session. The Session was attended by delegates from 56 Member countries and one Member organization and Observers from 25 international organizations. The list of participants, including the Secretariat, is given in Appendix I to this report.

2. His Excellency Dr Chen Zhu, Minister of Health, welcomed the participants and opened the session. The Minister pointed out that the Chinese government had put food safety at a high priority and a new Food Safety Law had been adopted by the People's Congress on 28 February, 2009. Based on this Law, the Ministry of Health would consolidate the existing food related regulations and standards into a single national food safety legislation and would continue the development of food additive standards based on risk assessment.

Division of Competence

3. The Committee noted the division of competence between the European Community and its Member States, according to paragraph 5, Rule II of the Procedure of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, as presented in CRD1.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA (Agenda Item 1)1

- 4. The Committee adopted the Provisional Agenda as its Agenda for the Session.
- 5. The Committee agreed to establish in-session Working Groups, open to all interested members and observers and working in English only, on:
 - The international numbering system (INS) for food additives, under the chairmanship of Finland, to consider: (i) replies to CL 2008/10-FA, part B, point 13 "Proposals for Changes and/or Addition to the International Numbering System for Food Additives" (Agenda Item 7); (ii) comments to the Discussion Paper on Inconsistencies in the Names of Compounds in the Codex Specifications for Identity and Purity of Food Additives and in the International Numbering System for Food Additives (Agenda Item 10(c)); and (iii) the establishment of an electronic Working Group to facilitate CCFA work on the INS;
 - The priority list of food additives proposed for evaluation by JECFA, under the chairmanship of Canada, to consider: (i) replies in response to CL 2008/26-FA "Proposals for Additions and Changes to the Priority List of Food Additives proposed for evaluation by JECFA" (Agenda Item 9(a)); and (ii) proposals for changes to the text of the Circular Letter on the Priority List of Food Additives Proposed for Evaluation by JECFA" (Agenda Item 9(b)).
- 6. The Committee agreed to appoint Dr Paul Brent (Australia) as Rapporteur for the Session.

MATTERS REFERRED BY THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION AND OTHER CODEX COMMITTEES AND TASK FORCES (Agenda Item 2)²

- 7. The Committee noted the information presented in CX/FA 09/41/2 and CX/FA 09/41/2 Add.1. It agreed to consider the following issues under relevant agenda items:
 - Request of the 24th Session of the Committee on Processed Fruits and Vegetables (CCPFV) to associate certain new functional classes with certain food additives in the *Class Names and the International Numbering System for Food Additives* (CAC/GL 36-1989), under Agenda Item 7. The Committee also agreed to ask the in-session Working Group on the INS to consider this matter;
 - Request from the 16th Session of the FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Asia (CCASIA) to clarify the appropriate food category of the GSFA for sago flour, under Agenda Item 10(a);

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¹ CX/FA 09/41/1

² CX/FA 09/41/2; CX/FA 09/41/2 Add.1; CRD5 (Comments of the European Community and India); CRD 17 (Comments of Malaysia)

Referral from the 21st Session of the Committee for Fats and Oils (CCFO) on several amendments to food additive provisions in Codex Standards, under Agenda Item 4.

8. In particular, the Committee commented and/or made decisions as follows:

Amendment to Table 3 of the GSFA

9. The Committee recalled that its proposal to add a footnote in the Annex to Table 3 of the GSFA had been referred back by the 31st Session of the Commission because of the inconsistency with the food additive provisions in the *Standard for Fermented Milks* (CODEX STAN 243-2003). In order to align with the functional classes accepted for use in "fermented milks, heat treated after fermentation" in the Standard, the Committee agreed to amend the footnote as follows, for adoption by the 32nd Session of the Commission:

Acidity regulators, packaging gases, stabilizers and thickeners listed in Table 3 are acceptable for use in fermented milks, heat treated after fermentation, as defined in the Codex *Standard for Fermented Milks* (CODEX STAN 243-2004) that correspond to food category 01.2.1.2 "Fermented milks (plain), heat treated after fermentation".

Codex Standard for Food Grade Salt (CODEX STAN 150-1985)

10. The Committee was informed that the 29th Session of the Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling (CCMAS) had agreed to replace all references to "Instructions on Codex Sampling Procedures" (CX/MAS 1-1987) with references to the *General Guidelines on Sampling* (CAC/GL 50-2004). However, the Committee noted that the example of minimum sampling number mentioned in Section 6.3.1 of the Appendix to the Standard was not found in the Guidelines and that some other sections of the Standard, including sections on contaminants and methods of analysis, should be updated. In view of the time needed for delegations to review these sections, the Committee agreed to consider its possible revision under Agenda Item 11, "Other Business and Future Work".

Amendments to the Procedural Manual

11. One delegation indicated that the revision of the *Format for Codex Commodity Standards* and *Relations between Commodity Committees and General Subject Committees* had not been properly communicated to some of the recent sessions of commodity committees. Noting that the amendments made on sections on food additives were intended to facilitate the future integration of food additive provisions in commodity standards into the GSFA, the Committee agreed that in future commodity committees should be fully informed of these amendments.

Length and Contents of the Session Reports

12. The Committee was also informed that the 31st Session of the Commission³ had endorsed the recommendations of the 61st Session of the Executive Committee on the length and content of session reports⁴.

MATTERS OF INTEREST ARISING FROM FAO/WHO AND FROM THE 69th MEETING OF THE JOINT FAO/WHO EXPERT COMMITTEE ON FOOD ADDITIVES (JECFA) (Agenda Item 3)⁵

13. The Representatives of FAO and WHO, referring to CX/FA 09/41/3 and CX/FA 09/41/03 Add.1, informed the Committee on activities carried out by FAO and WHO in the area of scientific advice to Codex and Member countries relevant to the Committee as well as other activities of interest. In particular, information was provided in relation to the results and recommendations of the 69th meeting of JECFA.

FAO and WHO activities

14. The Representative of FAO, speaking on behalf of FAO and WHO, informed the Committee of the recent accomplishments in the area of scientific advice. She reported on the completion of two *ad hoc* expert meetings, one on the benefit and risks of the use of chlorine-containing disinfectants in food production and food processing and another on risk assessment of melamine in food held in 2008, and summarized the main conclusions. The Committee was informed that a seminar to provide further information on the process

³ ALINORM 08/31/REP, para. 9

⁴ ALINORM 08/31/3A, para. 26

⁵ CX/FA 09/41/3; CX/FA 09/41/3 Add.1; CRD6 (Comments of European Community, Paraguay and ICBA)

employed in the project on the benefits-risk assessment of the use of chlorine-containing disinfectants in the food production and food processing and the results of the expert meeting would be held in the margins of the Session.

- 15. The Representative also announced that an expert consultation on the use of nanotechnology in the food industry would be held in June 2009, focusing on the review of current applications and risk assessment methodology for nanotechnology applications in the area of food and agriculture. Furthermore, the Representative of FAO informed the Committee that the final expert meeting of the Joint FAO/WHO project to update the principles and methods for risk assessment of chemicals in food had been held in November 2008, and that this meeting had in particular considered all the comments received from the public review.
- 16. The Representative also highlighted the continuous need for adequate financial resources for FAO and WHO to be able to provide efficient and timely scientific advice in response to requests. She asked the delegations to consider supporting this activity through the newly created fund in the framework of the Global Initiative for Food-related Scientific Advice (GIFSA) and provided information on the FAO and WHO contact points⁶.
- 17. The Representative of WHO reported on current activities in the International Food Safety Authorities Network (INFOSAN) in communication and information dissemination on food safety emergencies and encouraged Member countries to contact INFOSAN at WHO in the case of a food safety emergency.

69th Meeting of JECFA

- 18. The Joint Secretariat of JECFA presented the results of the 69th Meeting of JECFA (June 2008). The assessment of a new method to estimate dietary exposure for flavourings was finalized. This new method, termed the Single Portion Exposure Technique (SPET), is based on the added use level and the daily consumption of a single portion of a food containing a specific flavouring. This estimate is relevant to take account of cases where the existing method for dietary exposure of flavourings, the Maximized Survey-Derived Intake (MSDI) method based on poundage data, may underestimate dietary exposure. JECFA concluded that it was not possible to elaborate criteria to identify when this may be the case, and therefore it is necessary to incorporate the SPET procedure in addition to MSDI for all flavourings to be evaluated by JECFA in the future. Consequently, use level data would need to be included in data submissions for evaluation of flavourings in the future. However, JECFA agreed that it would not be necessary to re-evaluate flavourings that have already been assessed by JECFA.
- 19. The Committee also noted that the relationship between the ADI and the specifications monographs had been discussed by the 69th JECFA and that changes in the specifications monographs might raise concerns regarding the identity of the material tested toxicologically and materials in commerce. Potential data requirements and re-evaluation of the safety of the specified material should therefore be considered when requesting changes to existing specifications monographs.

Actions required as a result of changes to Acceptable Daily Intake (ADI) status and other toxicological recommendations

20. The Joint Secretariat of JECFA presented the recommendations listed in Table 1 of CX/FA 09/41/3 for the food additives evaluated by the 69^{th} meeting of JECFA.

Asparaginase from Aspergillus niger expressed in A. niger and phospholipase C expressed in Pichia pastoris

21. The Committee agreed to add the enzymes Asparaginase from *Aspergillus niger* expressed in *A. niger*, and phospholipase C expressed in *Pichia pastoris* to the Inventory of Substances Used as Processing Aids (IPA).

Calcium lignosulfonate (40-65) (INS 1522)

22. The Committee agreed to request comments/proposals on uses and use levels of calcium lignosulfonate (40-65) for inclusion in the GSFA and/or IPA. The Committee also agreed to assign an INS number to this substance (*see* Agenda Item 7).

⁶ FAO: Dominique Di Biase; E-mail: dominique.dibiase@fao.org; WHO: Jorgen Schlundt; E-mail schlundtj@who.int

Ethyl lauroyl arginate (INS 243)

23. The Committee agreed to request comments/proposals on uses and use levels of ethyl lauroyl arginate for inclusion in the GSFA. The Committee noted that JECFA, when assessing ethyl lauroyl arginate, had taken into consideration the assessment of the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA).

Paprika extracts

24. The Committee did not take any action, pending the completion of the JECFA evaluation of paprika extracts.

Phytosterols, phytostanols and their esters

25. The Committee did not take any action because these substances were functional ingredients and thus not within the mandate of the Committee.

Polydimethylsiloxane (INS 908)

26. The Committee agreed to encourage Members to carry out and submit toxicity studies to JECFA for evaluation addressing the specific issues related to ocular toxicity. The Committee agreed to consider the revision of the provisions for polydimethylsiloxane in the light of the JECFA re-evaluation, tentatively scheduled in 2010, if necessary.

Steviol glycosides (INS 960)

27. The Committee noted the strong interest of the FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Latin America and the Caribbean (CCLAC) in the future inclusion of this substance in the GSFA. The Committee agreed to request comments/proposals on the uses and use levels of steviol glycosides for inclusion in the GSFA.

Sulfites

28. The Committee agreed to request comments/proposals on use levels of sulfites and to review the adopted and draft maximum levels of sulfites in the GSFA. The Committee further agreed to encourage Members to collect data on the current use of sulfites in food and beverages available in national markets and to investigate whether dietary exposure in some subpopulations exceeds the ADI, thus allowing countries to take further actions to reduce the dietary exposure to sulfites, as recommended by JECFA.

Flavourings

- 29. The Committee was informed that the risk assessment of a large number of flavourings, using the "Procedure for the Safety Evaluation of Flavouring Agents", had been concluded and that at the current estimated exposure these substances had been considered to be of "no safety concern". The Committee also noted that for some flavourings the "Procedure" could not be applied due to toxicological concerns and that additional data for these substances were requested to complete the evaluation.
- 30. The final recommendations regarding "Actions required as a result of changes to acceptable daily intake (ADI) status and other toxicological recommendations" of the Committee are summarized in Appendix II.

ENDORSEMENT AND/OR REVISION OF MAXIMUM LEVELS FOR FOOD ADDITIVES AND PROCESSING AIDS IN CODEX STANDARDS (Agenda Item 4)⁷

- 31. In accordance with the section of the Codex Alimentarius Commission Procedural Manual concerning the *Relations between Commodity Committees and General Committees*, the Committee considered the endorsement of food additive and processing aid provisions arising from the 24th session of the CCPFV, the 30th Session of the Committee on Nutrition and Food for Special Dietary Uses (CCNFSDU) and the 16th Session of the CCASIA. It also considered the matters referred by the 21st Session of the CCFO (*see* para. 7).
- 32. The Committee decided to discuss endorsement as proposed by the committees and presented in CX/FA 09/41/4 and CX/FA 09/41/2 Add.1.

⁷ CX/FA 09/41/4; CX/FA 09//41/2 Add.1; CRD7 (Comments of European Community, India, Indonesia, Mali and Switzerland); CRD17 (Comments of Malaysia)

33. The Committee endorsed the majority of food additive provisions with some editorial amendments. The status of endorsement and/or revision of maximum levels for food additives in the Codex standards are presented in Appendix III to this report. The following paragraphs summarize major discussions.

General considerations

34. The Committee encouraged commodity committees to use the guidance provided in the Preamble of the GSFA and in the Codex Alimentarius Procedural Manual, when developing food additive sections of commodity standards in order to streamline the work of endorsement and to facilitate future integration of these provisions in the GSFA. The Committee agreed to inform committees of the practice not to endorse provisions at a level of GMP for food additives with a numerical Acceptable Daily Intake (ADI).

24th Session of the CCPFV

General comments

35. Several delegations were of the view that the use of some acidity regulators, thickeners, colours, antifoaming agents or preservatives in jams, jellies and marmalades or in certain canned vegetables could mislead consumers. Other delegations expressed the view that these food additives were technologically justified and evaluated to be safe in these food categories in their countries.

Draft Standard for Jams, Jellies and Marmalades

Antifoaming agents

36. The Committee noted that JECFA currently allocated a temporary ADI to polydimethylsiloxane. The Committee endorsed the maximum level of 10 mg/kg with the understanding that this provision could be revised after JECFA re-evaluation, tentatively planned in 2010 (see Agenda Item 3).

Colours

- 37. The Committee agreed to list the names of the four carotenoids (160a(i), a(iii), e, f) at a level of 500 mg/kg, singly or in combination.
- 38. The Committee noted proposals to delete riboflavins (INS 101(i), (ii)), sunset yellow FCF (INS 110), allura red (INS 129) and brilliant blue FCF (INS 133) or to add the text of note 161⁸ of the GSFA to these colours. However, after some discussion, the Committee agreed to endorse these levels as proposed by the CCPFV.
- 39. The Committee noted that grape skin extract (INS 163(ii)) had a numerical ADI and that a level of 500 mg/kg based on anthocyanins was proposed in the corresponding categories in the GSFA. The Representative from JECFA indicated that no assay method existed for anthocyanins in the JECFA specifications and proposed that this issue be considered in the discussion on the maximum level for this substance.
- 40. The Committee endorsed the provisions for colours as proposed, except for the maximum level in grape skin extract (INS 163(ii)) that was endorsed at a maximum level of 500 mg/kg, consistent with the maximum level for food category 04.1.2.5 of the GFSA (*see* Agenda Item 5).
- 41. The European Community, referring to their written comments in CRD7, expressed reservations regarding the use of colours in these products. Similar reservations were also expressed by Brazil, Norway and Switzerland.

Preservatives

42. The Committee noted that the use of sorbates and benzoates and other preservatives might be necessary for these products in some tropical countries and endorsed the list of preservatives as proposed.

43. The European Community expressed reservation regarding the use of sorbates and benzoates in these products.

⁸ Note 161 "Subject to national legislation of the importing country aimed, in particular, at consistency with Section 3.2 of the Preamble"

Flavourings

44. The Committee endorsed the Section on Flavourings with inclusion of a reference to the *Guidelines* for the Use of Flavourings (CAC/GL 66-2008). The Committee agreed that a similar approach should be considered by commodity committees when developing standards.

Others

45. The European Community expressed the reservation on the use of acidity regulators and thickeners in these products.

Draft Standard for Certain Canned Vegetables

Colours, Colour Retention Agents

- 46. The Committee did not endorse caramel III (INS 150c) proposed at the level of GMP noting that it had a numerical ADI. It agreed to change the level for caramel IV (INS 150d) from GMP to the numerical level of 50000 mg/kg agreed for food category 04.2.2 of the GSFA (*see* Agenda Item 5). The Committee endorsed other colours and colour retention agents as proposed. The European Community, Brazil, Norway and Switzerland expressed reservations to this decision.
- 47. The Committee noted that the functional class "colour retention agents" was not assigned to ethylene diamine tetra acetates (INS 385, 386) and agreed to consider this addition when revising the technological purpose for these additives.

30th Session of the CCNFSDU

Advisory List of Nutrient Compounds for Use in Foods for Special Dietary Use by Infants and Young Children (CAC/GL 10-1979)

- 48. The Committee noted that the CCNFSDU had proposed for endorsement gum arabic (INS 414) at a level of 10 mg/kg as a coating agent in the recently revised Advisory List of Nutrient Compounds.
- 49. The Committee also noted that the use of gum arabic was previously added to the original list some time ago as a carrier and since then there had been no change in technological justification for the use of this substance in products for infants and young children.
- 50. After some discussion on possible other technological uses, the Committee agreed to endorse the proposed level of 10 mg/kg for use as a carrier.

16th Session of the CCASIA

Proposed Draft Regional Standard for Fermented Soybean Paste (Step 5/8)

Acidity regulators, colours and preservatives

- 51. The Committee did not endorse the provision for monopotassium tartrate (INS 336(i)) at GMP since it has a numerical ADI and agreed to request the CCASIA to provide a numerical maximum level for this substance.
- 52. The Republic of Korea expressed their reservation on the decision to endorse provisions for riboflavin, synthetic (INS 101(i)) and benzoates (INS 210, 211, 212).

Proposed Draft Regional Standard for Edible Sago Flour (Step 5)

General comments

- 53. The Committee recalled that the 16th Session of the CCASIA, pending clarification on the inclusion of products like sago flour in the scope of food category 6.2.1 "Flours" of the GFSA, had submitted for endorsement two options for the section on food additives: (i) making reference to the provisions of Table 1 and 2 of the GSFA and aligned with the section on food additives in the *Format for Codex Commodity Standards* of the Procedural Manual; and (ii) a specific listing of food additives, which was consistent with the provisions included in the food category 6.2.1 of the GSFA.
- 54. The Committee agreed to consider the specific listing, noting that it could be replaced with reference to Tables 1 and 2 of the GSFA, in the light of the clarification regarding food category 6.2.1 (*see* Agenda Item 10a).

55. The Committee did not endorse the provision of 2500 mg/kg (treatment level) for chlorine dioxide (INS 926), for which the 7th JECFA (1963) had recommended a maximum level of treatment of 0-30 mg/kg for flour and 30-75 mg/kg for flour for special purpose, also noting that no specification for chlorine dioxide existed. The Committee agreed that it would reconsider the level for chlorine dioxide for food category 6.1.2 of the GSFA and advise the CCASIA accordingly. One delegation noted that among all the sulfites listed, only sodium metabisulfite (INS 223) was listed in the INS (CAC/GL 36-1985) as a flour treatment agent.

21st Session of the CCFO

56. The Committee endorsed all revised provisions in fats and oils standards, as proposed by the Committee.

CODEX GENERAL STANDARD FOR FOOD ADDITIVES (GSFA) (Agenda Item 5)9

57. The United States of America, speaking as the Chairperson of the physical Working Group on the GSFA¹⁰, which met immediately prior to the present session of the Committee, introduced to the Plenary the report of the Working Group, as presented in CRD2.

Comments and information submitted in response to cl 2008/10-FA part B (point 9-12) (Agenda Item $5a)^{11}$

- 58. The Committee noted that the physical Working Group on the GSFA had considered comments and information submitted in response to CL 2008/10-FA Part B and, due to time constraints, had made recommendations only in relation to magnesium sulfate (INS 518) (Point 9, CL 2008/10-FA); and to proposals for new food additive provisions in the relevant sub-categories of 02.2 "Fat emulsions mainly of type water-in-oil" (with the exception of food category 2.2.1 "Butter") and in food categories 06.8 "Soybean products (excluding soybean based seasonings and condiments of food category 12.9)", 12.9 "Soybean-based seasoning and condiments" and 12.10 "Protein products other than from soybeans" and related subcategories (Point 12, CL 2008/10-FA).
- 59. The Committee considered the comments and information submitted in response to CL 2008/10-FA Part B (Points 9-12) and the relevant recommendations of the physical Working Group on the GSFA; and made the following decisions.

Magnesium sulfate (INS 518) (Point 9) and pullulan (INS 1204)

- 60. The Committee agreed to forward to the 32nd Session of the Commission for adoption at Step 5/8 the provisions for magnesium sulfate (INS 518) and pullulan (INS 1204) in Table 3 of the GSFA. It also endorsed the recommendation to include in the GSFA new provisions for magnesium sulfate in food categories: 12.1.2 "Salt substitutes" (25000 mg/kg) and 14.1.1.2 "Table waters and soda waters" (50 mg/kg). The Committee further agreed to include two new provisions in food categories 14.1.2.2 "Vegetable juices" (2000 mg/kg) and in 14.1.2.4 "Concentrates for vegetable juice" (2000 mg/kg associated with note 127 "As served to the consumer"). The Committee noted magnesium sulfate was used in these products as a flavour enhancer and that this function was also indicated in the specifications.
- 61. The Committee further noted that some proposals submitted were for the inclusion of new provisions for magnesium sulfate in food categories to which Table 3 provisions applied and were thus not necessary.

⁹ CRD2 (Report of the physical Working Group on the GSFA)

¹⁰ The following members and organizations attended the physical Working Group: Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, Costa Rica, Czech Republic, Denmark, European Community, Finland, France, Germany, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, Norway, Philippines, Singapore, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, United Kingdom, United States of America, FAO, WHO, AIDGUM, CEFIC, CEFS, EFEMA, IADSA, ICA, ICBA, ICGA, ICGMA, IDF/FIL, IFAC, IFT, IFU, IGTC, IOFI, ISDI, MARINALG, NATCOL and OFCA ¹¹ CL 2008/10-FA Part B (point 9-12); CX/FA 09/41/5 (Comments of Australia, Japan, Malaysia, United States of America, AIDGUM, CEFS, EFEMA, ICBA, IFAC, IFU and ISA); CX/FA 09/41/5 Add.1 (Comments of Brazil, India and IDF; CRD8 (Comments of Indonesia and Switzerland); CRD19 (Comments of Republic of Korea)

New food additive provisions of the GSFA, including clarification on the basis of maximum levels for lycopenes and for aluminium containing food additives (Point 10)

62. The Committee recalled that Point 10 of CL 2008/10-FA requested comments on the new food additive provisions, listed in part 1 of Appendix VI (ALINORM 08/40/12), including clarification on the basis of maximum levels for lycopenes and for aluminium containing food additives.

- 63. The Committee agreed to retain in the GSFA the majority of the provisions listed in Appendix VI (part 1) and not to consider a number of provisions, included in the Appendix, which would be considered under Agenda Items 5b and 5c.
- 64. The Committee agreed to discontinue work on the following provisions because no technological justification had been provided:

INS no.	Food Additives	Food category	Max level (mg/kg)	Notes
523	Aluminium ammonium sulfate	14.1.4.1	40	6
559	Aluminium silicate	14.1.4.3	10 000	6 & A3
160b(ii)	Annatto extracts, norbixin based	11.3	100	X
556	Calcium aluminium silicate	14.1.4.3	10000	6 & A3
160a(ii)	Carotenes, beta- (vegetable)	11.3	50	CC
160a(i), 160a(iii), 160e, 160f	Carotenoids	11.3	50	
160d(i), 160d(iii)		14.1.2	1000	6 & A3 X 6 & A3 CC 127 127 127 160
		14.1.3.1	1000	
	Lygononos	14.1.3.2	1000	
	Lycopenes	14.1.3.3	1000	127
		14.1.3.4	1000	127
		14.1.5	1000	160
554	Sodium aluminium silicate	01.7	10000	6 & A3
334	Socium atuminum sineate	10.2.3	20000	127 160

65. The Committee agreed to revise¹² and to include in the GSFA the following provisions:

INS no.	Food Additives	Food category	Max level (mg/kg)	Notes
556	Calcium aluminium silicate	01.8.2	265	6 & A3
952 (i), (ii), (iv)	Cyclamates	14.1.4.3	1000	17 and 127
160d(i), 160d(ii)	I	01.7	150	
	Lycopenes	09.4	30	B2

66. The Committee further noted that the information provided was not sufficient to clarify the reporting basis of the provisions for aluminium containing food additives. i.e. sodium aluminium phosphates (acidic and basic) (INS 541(i), (ii)), sodium ammonium sulfate (INS 523), sodium aluminium silicate (INS 554), calcium aluminium silicate (INS 556), and aluminium silicate (INS 559). Therefore, it agreed to request clarification on the reporting basis (e.g. as aluminium; molecular weight) of all provisions (adopted and in the Step process) for aluminium containing food additives, with the understanding that all provisions for which information was not provided will be either discontinued or revoked. The Secretariat of JECFA stated that it would be helpful to provide information on both aluminium and added amount of the food additive, to eliminate possible errors in the exposure assessment of aluminium containing food additives.

Information on food additive provisions (Point 11)

67. The Committee recalled Point 11 of CL 2008/10-FA requested additional information on food additive provisions, including clarification on the basis of maximum levels for aluminium containing food additives and the reporting basis for sodium aluminium phosphate (INS 541), listed in part 3 of Appendix VI, ALINORM 08/31/12.

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¹² Revision is presented in **bold**

68. The Committee noted that a decision had been already taken with regard to the provisions for aluminium containing food additives (*see* para. 66) and agreed not to consider a number of provisions, included in the Appendix, which would be considered under Agenda Items 5b and 5c. It further agreed to hold the provisions for food category 16.0, pending discussion under Agenda Item 10a.

69. The Committee agreed to discontinue work on the following provisions because no information had been submitted:

INS no.	Food Additives	Food category	Max level (mg/kg)	Notes
950	Acesulfame potassium	01.2	500	
956	Alitame	01.4.4	100	
150d	Caramel IV – sulfite ammonia	01.8.1	50000	
130d	process	02.3	20000	
954(i), 954(ii), 954(iii), 954(iv)	Saccharin (and sodium, potassium and calcium salts)	04.1.27	2000	161
541(i), (ii)	Sodium aluminium phosphate	14.1.4.3	2000	6 & 127

- 70. The Committee agreed to forward to the 32nd Session of the Commission for adoption the revised provision of 1200 mg/kg for aspartame in food category 12.5.
- 71. It further agreed to include in the GSFA new provisions for sodium aluminium phosphate in food categories 6.2 (3600 mg/kg with note 6 "as aluminium"), 8.3.3 (360 mg/kg with note 6) and 9.2.4.3 (600 mg/kg with note 6) and for sodium aluminosilicate in food category 15.1 (120 mg/kg with note 6).

Proposals for new food additive provisions in the relevant sub-categories of 02.2 (with the exception of food category 2.2.1 "Butter") and in food categories 0.6.8, 12.9 and 12.10 and related sub-categories (Point 12)

- 72. Upon recommendation of the physical Working Group on the GSFA, the Committee agreed to use, as a basis of its discussion, Appendix 2 of CRD2, which compiled all proposals for new additive provisions submitted in response to Point 12 of CL 2008/10-FA.
- 73. The Committee agreed not to take action on those proposals that were already included in the GSFA and discussed under Agenda items 5b and 5c. For the consideration of the remaining proposals, the Committee agreed to follow the Committee's principles for the development of the GSFA tables: (i) to include food additive provisions in the broadest food category, taking into account the hierarchical nature of the food category system; (ii) to list in Table 1 and 2 only those food additives included in Table 3 if the food category is excluded from the general provision of Table 3 (i.e. listed in the Annex to Table 3); and (iii) to include provisions for food additives that share a numerical group ADI, as a group without further restriction on the use of individual additives in that group (e.g. sorbates: INS 200, 201, 203).
- 74. The Committee also noted that no action was needed for those additives listed in Table 3 for food categories: 02.2.2, 06.8.2, 06.8.3, 06.8.4, 06.8.5, 12.9.1, 12.9.2.1 and 12.9.2.3, which were not listed in the Annex to Table 3.

Food category 02.2.2 "Fat spreads, dairy fat spreads and blended spreads"

- 75. The Committee highlighted the need to try avoiding inconsistencies between the food additive provisions for food category 02.2.2 and Codex *Standards for Dairy Fat Spreads* (CODEX STAN 253-2006) and *Fat Spreads and Blended Spreads* (CODEX STAN 256-2006) in order to facilitate the future integration of the provisions of the standards into the GSFA.
- 76. The Committee agreed to include in food category 02.2.2 the following provisions:

Food Additives	Max level (mg/kg)	Notes
Sunset yellow FCF	290	
Allura red AC	290	
Indigotine	290	
Caramel colour class IV – sulfite ammonia process	500	
Annatto extracts, bixin-based	100	
Guaiac resin	1000	
Polysorbates	10000	

77. The Committee further agreed to send to the 32nd Session of the Commission for adoption the provisions for stearoyl-2-lactylates (INS 481(i), 482(i)) at 10000 mg/kg and tocopherols (INS 307 a, b, c) at 500 mg/kg; to revise the provision for annatto extracts, bixin based (INS 160b(i)) at 100 mg/kg associated with note 8; and to discontinue work on the provisions at GMP level for tartrates and tocopherols.

Food category 06.8.1 "Soybean-based beverages"

78. The Committee agreed to include all new provisions as proposed and to include phosphates at 1300 mg/kg as phosphorous and polydimethylsiloxane at 50 mg/kg.

Food categories 06.8.2 "Soybean-based beverages film", 06.8.3 "Soybean curd (tofu)", 06.8.4 "Semi-dehydrated soybean curd", 06.8.5 "Dehydrated soybean curd (kori tofu)", 06.8.6 "Fermented soybeans (e.g. natto, tempe)", 06.8.7 "Fermented soybean curd", 06.8.8 "Other soybean protein products", 12.9 "Soybean-based seasonings and condiments"

79. The Committee agreed to include all new provisions as proposed. In food category 06.8.8, the provision for phosphates at GMP was deleted.

Food category 12.9.1 "Fermented soybean paste (e.g. miso)"

80. The Committee agreed to include all new provisions as proposed and to include riboflavins (INS 100(i),(ii)) at 10 mg/kg. It noted that provisions for phosphates were already included in the parent category 12.9, and thus no action was needed. The Committee also noted that provision for saccharins included saccharins and its calcium, potassium and sodium salts, in accordance with the principles for the development of the GSFA (*see* para. 73). In this regard, it was noted that the food additives provision for the draft regional Standard for Fermented Soybean Paste, developed by CCASIA, included provision for only sodium saccharin and that due to the global nature of the GSFA the possibility to restrict the use to only sodium saccharin (INS 954(iv)) would be considered at a later stage.

Food category 12.9.2.1 "Fermented soybean sauce"

81. The Committee agreed to include all new provisions, as proposed, and to include caramel colour class III – ammonia process (INS 150c) at 20000 mg/kg and benzoates (INS 210, 211, 212, 213) at 1000 mg/kg.

Food category 12.9.2.2 "Non-fermented soybean sauce", Food category 12.9.2.3 "Other soybean sauce", Food category 12.10 "Protein products other than from soybeans"

- 82. The Committee agreed to include all new provisions as proposed. It was also noted that provisions for phosphates were already included in the parent category 12.9, and thus did not need to be included in food category 12.9.2.3.
- 83. With reference to the provisions retained in the GSFA, the Committee agreed to:
 - Circulate for comments the provisions for: carmines (INS 120), beta-carotenes (vegetable) (INS 160a(ii)), carotenoids (160a(i), 160a(iii), 160e, 160f)); chlorophylls copper complexes and chlorophyllins copper complexes potassium and sodium salts (INS 141(i), 141(ii)); cyclamic acid (and sodium and calcium salts) (INS 952); grape skin extracts (INS 163(i)); indigotine (INS 132); and sucralose (INS 955). These provisions will be compiled in the document to be prepared by the United States of America (*see* para. 106); and,
- 84. Retain at Steps 4 or 7 the provisions for annatto extracts, bixin- and norbixin-based (INS 160b(i), 160b(ii)) and lycopenes (INS 160d(i), 160d(ii)).

REPORT OF THE ELECTRONIC WORKING GROUP ON THE GSFA (ESTABLISHED BY THE 39^{TH} CCFA) (Agenda Item 5b)¹³

REPORT OF THE ELECTRONIC WORKING GROUP ON THE GSFA (ESTABLISHED BY THE 40TH CCFA) (Agenda Item 5c)¹⁴

85. The Committee noted that the physical Working Group on the GSFA had considered the recommendations of the two electronic Working Groups on the GSFA established by the 39th and 40th Sessions of the Committee, along with the written comments submitted. The Committee considered the recommendations of the physical Working Group to endorse (Recommendation 4), to discontinue work on (Recommendation 5) and to revoke (Recommendation 6) food additive provisions as follows.

General Consideration

- 86. The Committee agreed with the recommendation of the physical Working Group to hold any decision on food additive provisions in food category 16.0 until the Committee clarifies the need for this food category.
- 87. The Committee noted that note 161 "Subject to national legislation of the importing country aimed, in particular, at consistency with Section 3.2 of the Preamble" was added throughout provisions for various food categories for several artificial colours in order to accommodate the concern of some delegations. In this respect, the Committee agreed that the use of note 161 should be limited as much as possible in order not to undermine the purpose of the GSFA to provide harmonized food additive provisions.
- 88. In view of the concerns expressed by several delegations on the use of colours in specific groups of foods, the Committee agreed that this note would, in principle, be applicable only for provisions for colours for food categories 4.0 "Fruits and vegetables (including mushrooms and fungi, roots and tubers, pulses and legumes, and aloe vera), seaweeds, and nuts and seeds"; 7.0 "Bakery wares"; and 5.1.3 "Cocoa-based spreads, including fillings" and their related subcategories. The Committee noted that the need for note 161 for other food categories could also be examined on a case-by-case basis for a combination of a food category and a food additive.
- 89. The Committee noted the concerns of several delegations on the possible adverse impact of note 161 on the objectives of the GSFA and agreed to request comments on the application of this note, in particular, where and when it should be used.
- 90. The Committee also noted that in some places notes 161 and 183 "Product conforming to the *Standard for chocolate and chocolate products* (CODEX STAN 87-1981) may only use colours for surface decoration" were together associated with food additive provisions for food category 05.1.4 "Cocoa and chocolate products". Noting that note 183 limited the use of colours in products conforming to the *Standard for Chocolate and Chocolate Products* (CODEX STAN 87-1981) only for surface decoration, the Committee agreed to remove note 161 where note 183 was placed.

Recommendation 4

91. The Committee agreed to forward to the 32nd Session of the Commission for adoption at Steps 8 or 5/8 the food additive provisions contained in Appendix 3 to the report of the physical Working Group (CRD2), with the following changes and considerations.

Allura red AC (INS 129)

92. The Committee agreed to change the maximum level for food category 01.1.2 "Dairy-based drinks, flavoured and/or fermented (e.g., chocolate milk, cocoa, eggnog, drinking yoghurt, whey-based drinks)" from 70 to 300 mg/kg for consistency with the food additive provision in the *Standard for Fermented Milks*

¹³ CX/FA 08/40/5 Part 2 Rev; CX/FA 08/40/5 Add.1 (Comments of United States of America, CEFS, ICA, IFMA and IFU); CX/FA 08/40/5 Add.2 (Comments of China, European Community, Norway and IADSA); CCFA40/CRD 9 (Comments of India, Malaysia, Philippine, Republic of Korea, Switzerland, CEFIC and IFMA) CRD9 (Comments of Indonesia)

¹⁴ CX/FA 09/41/6; CX/FA 09/41/6 Add.1 (Comments of European Community, CEFIC, EFEMA, ICGMA, IDF, IFAC and OIV; CX/FA 09/41/6 Add.2 (Comments of Brazil, Chile, India, Switzerland, South Africa and CEFIC); CRD10 (Comments of Indonesia, Mali, Philippines, South Africa and Switzerland); CRD19 (Comments of Republic of Korea); CRD20 (Comments of Chile)

(CODEX STAN 243-2003). Some delegations were of the view that this level might be appropriate only for certain products in food category 01.1.2.

- 93. The Committee agreed to add note 161 to the provisions for several food categories in addition to the food categories agreed above. It was also agreed to reinstate note 95 "For use in surimi and fish roe products only" to the provision for food category 09.2.4.1, which had been inadvertently omitted.
- 94. The Committee agreed to discontinue work on the provision for food category 06.2 "Flours and starches (including soybean powder)" because no technological justification had been provided.

Aspartame-acesulfame salt (INS 962)

95. The Committee agreed to revise the text of notes 113 and 119¹⁵ and to add new notes to all of the provisions for acesulfame K and aspartame as recommended by the electronic Working Group in para. 29 of CX/FA 09/41/6, in order to ensure that combined use of aspartame-acesulfame salt and aspartame or acesulfame K would not lead to exceedance of maximum levels established for these sweeteners.

Carotenoids (INS 160a(i), a(iii), e and f)

96. The Committee agreed to add note 161 to the provision for food category 04.1.2.8 "Fruit preparations, including pulp, purees, fruit toppings and coconut milk".

Chlorophylls and chlorophyllins, copper complexes (INS 141(i) and (ii))

97. The Committee agreed to add a new note to indicate that a maximum level of 500 mg/kg would apply to drinks based on fermented milks in order to ensure consistency with the endorsed maximum level in the *Standard for Fermented Milks* (CODEX STAN 243-2003). The Committee further agreed to add note 161 to the provision for food category 04.1.2.5 "Jams, jellies, marmalades".

Erythrosine (INS 127)

98. The Committee noted the reservation of the European Community, Norway and Switzerland on all provisions for erythrosine.

Fast green FCF (INS 143)

99. The Committee agreed to request information on the technological justification for the use of fast green FCF in food category 06.4.2 "Dried pastas and noodles and like products". The Committee noted the reservation of China for the use of fast green FCF in these products and of the European Community for the use of fast green FCF in all foods.

Indigotine (indigo carmin) (INS 132)

100. The Committee agreed to add note 161 to several food categories in addition to the food categories agreed above. The Committee agreed to return the provision for food category 11.6 "Table-top sweeteners, including those containing high-intensity sweeteners", noting that table-top sweeteners did not usually require colours.

Sucroglycerides (INS 474)

101. The Committee agreed to adopt the maximum level of GMP for food category 04.1.1.2 "Surface-treated fresh fruit" although sucroglycerides were assigned a numerical ADI, noting that it was usually difficult to establish a numerical maximum level for food additives used for surface treatment. The Committee further agreed to delete note D "For use singly or in combination: sucrose esters of fatty acids (INS 473) and sucroglycerides (INS 474)" from the provision for food category 05.3 "Chewing gum", because this would not raise any intake concern.

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¹⁵ New Note 113 "Use level reported as accsulfame potassium equivalents (the reported maximum level can be converted to an aspartame-accsulfame salt basis by dividing by 0.44). Combined use of aspartame-accsulfame salt with individual accsulfame potassium or aspartame should not exceed the individual maximum levels for accsulfame potassium or aspartame (the reported maximum level can be converted to aspartame equivalents by dividing by 0.68)"; New Note 119 "Use level reported as aspartame equivalents (the reported maximum level can be converted to an aspartame-accsulfame salt basis by dividing by 0.64). Combined use of aspartame-accsulfame salt with individual aspartame or accsulfame potassium should not exceed the individual maximum levels for aspartame or accsulfame potassium (the reported maximum level can be converted to accsulfame potassium equivalents by multiplying by 0.68)"

Recommendation 5

102. The Committee agreed to discontinue work on the food additive provisions contained in Appendix 4 to the report of the physical Working Group (CRD2), with the following changes and considerations.

Erythrosine (INS 127)

103. The Committee agreed not to discontinue work on the provisions for food categories 08.2 and 08.3 and to return them to Step 6 in order to request information on the technological justification for use.

Recommendation 6

104. The Committee agreed to recommend to the 32nd Session of the Commission the revocation of the food additive provisions contained in Appendix 5 to the report of the physical Working Group (CRD2).

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Other Business

105. The Committee noted Recommendations 7 to 9 of the physical Working Group, which had been considered under other business. The Committee noted that the recommended actions were intended to resolve some inconsistencies and to provide clarifications in respect of several notes attached to food additive provisions of the GSFA. In view of the time constraints, the Committee agreed to refer these recommendations for further consideration to the physical Working Group on the GSFA, which would meet immediately prior to the next session of the Committee (see para. 107).

Future Work on the GSFA

106. Noting that the physical Working Group had not been able to consider all food additive provisions recommended by the electronic Working Groups (CX/FA 08/40/5 Part 2 and CX/FA 09/41/6), the Committee agreed to request the United States of America to prepare a document compiling all outstanding provisions, along with written comments providing information on the technological justification or safety of use of these food additive provisions. The document would also include food additive provisions considered under Agenda Item 5a (*see* para. 83).

107. The Committee agreed to establish a physical Working Group on the GSFA, which would meet immediately prior to its next session and be chaired by the United States of America and open to all Members and Observers, in order to facilitate consideration of food additive provisions of the GSFA.

108. The Committee, while noting the significant progress made on the GSFA during the session, agreed that it would be worthwhile considering an alternative working mechanism to complete the work on the GSFA in a reasonable period of time. The Committee therefore agreed to issue a Circular Letter, requesting comments and innovative proposals to expedite its work on the GSFA and to request the Codex Secretariat to prepare a consolidated document based on these proposals. The Committee noted that the proposals should be submitted by mid July 2009 so that the Codex Secretariat would be able to analyse them and circulate the document for comments well in advance of the next session, and that the document would contain all submissions in original languages as an attachment.

Status of the Food Additives Provisions of the General Standard for Food Additives 16

109. The status of the food additive provisions of the GSFA is summarized in the Appendices to this report as follows:

- Draft and proposed draft food additives provisions for adoption at Step 8 and Step 5/8 (Appendix IV);
- Food additive provisions recommended for revocation (Appendix V);
- Draft and proposed draft food additive provisions recommended for discontinuation (Appendix VI).

¹⁶ This status refers to all food additive provisions considered under Agenda Items 5a, 5b and 5c

PROCESSING AIDS (Agenda Item 6)

PROPOSED DRAFT GUIDELINES AND PRINCIPLES FOR SUBSTANCES USED AS PROCESSING AIDS (N14-2008) (Agenda Item 6a)¹⁷

110. The Committee recalled that at its 40th session it had agreed to initiate new work on the Guidelines and Principles for the Use of Substances used as Processing Aids and to establish an electronic Working Group, hosted by Indonesia, to prepare proposed draft Guidelines.

- 111. Indonesia briefly introduced the report of the electronic Working Group. The Committee noted that many comments had been submitted and that there were still several unresolved issues, such as the title and scope of the document, the need for a definition of processing aids and the function of the IPA.
- 112. In view of the extensive comments received and time constraints, the Committee agreed not to consider the proposed draft Guidelines at this session and to consider a further revision at its next session.

Status of the proposed draft Guidelines and Principles for Substances Used as Processing Aids (N04-2008)

113. The Committee agreed to return the proposed draft Guidelines and Principles to Step 2 for redrafting by an electronic Working Group hosted by Indonesia, open to all Members and Observers and working in English only, which would prepare revised proposed draft Guidelines, taking into account the written comments submitted to the current session.

INVENTORY OF SUBSTANCES USED AS PROCESSING AIDS (IPA), UPDATED LIST (Agenda Item 6b)¹⁸

114. New Zealand introduced the document, highlighted changes made since the last session and offered to continue to provide further updates of the IPA at the next session of the Committee. The Committee noted that the IPA was recognized as useful information in many countries and that currently no alternative mechanism to provide such information was foreseen. The Committee therefore accepted the kind offer of New Zealand to prepare an updated version of the IPA to include relevant decisions of the Committee (*see* Agenda Item 3) and new information provided in written comments, for consideration at its next session.

INTERNATIONAL NUMBERING SYSTEM (INS) FOR FOOD ADDITIVES PROPOSALS FOR CHANGES AND/OR ADDITION TO THE INTERNATIONAL NUMBERING SYSTEM FOR FOOD ADDITIVES (Agenda Item 7)¹⁹

115. Finland, speaking as the Chairperson of the in-session Working Group ²⁰ on the International Numbering System (INS), introduced the report of the Working Group, as presented in CRD3. The Committee noted that the in-session Working Group considered the following: all the written comments in response to CL 2008/10-FA Part B (point 13) submitted prior to the present session; the referral of the 24th Session of the CCPFV (*see* Agenda Item 2); proposals for changes in the INS contained in CX/FA 09/41/15 and relevant comments.

116. The Committee considered recommendations of the Working Group one by one and, in addition to editorial changes, made the following comments and conclusions.

Recommendation 1

117. The Committee generally agreed with additions/changes to the INS, deletions and re-naming, including technological purposes proposed by the working group.

¹⁷ CX/FA 09/41/7; CX/FA 09/41/7 Add.1 (Comments of Brazil, European Community, AMFEP, CEFIC, CEFS, CIAA, ICBA, ICGMA, IDF; CX/FA 09/41/7 Add.2 (Comments of Chile, India, Malaysia, Switzerland, United States of America); CRD 11 (Comments of Indonesia, Mali, Philippines and Thailand); CRD 20 (Comments of Chile)

¹⁸ CX/FA 09/41/8; CRD 12 (Comments of AMFEP)

¹⁹ CL 2008/10-FA Part B (point 13); CX/FA 09/41/9 (Comments of United States of America, AIDGUM, ICBA, IFAC and ISA); CX/FA 09/41/9 Add.1 (Comments of European Community;, India, CIAA, IFAC and OFCA); CRD3 (Report of the in-session Working Group on International Numbering System – INS); CRD13 (Comments of Switzerland)

²⁰ The following members and organizations attended the in-session Working Group: Angola, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, Czech Republic, Denmark, European Community, Finland, France, Germany, Iraq, Ireland, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Philippines, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, United Kingdom, United States of America, FAO, AIDGUM, CEFIC, IADSA, ICBA, ICGA, ICGMA, IDF, IFAC, IFT, MARINALG International, NATCOL, OFCA

118. The Committee did not agree to assign a new "preservative" technological purpose to ascorbic acid (INS 300), as proposed by the CCPFV, due to the fact that ascorbic acid did not prevent the growth of microorganisms but acts mainly as a colour preserving/retention agent in jams, jellies and marmalade. The Committee agreed to associate acidity regulators and flour treatment agent to ascorbic acid (INS 300) as proposed.

- 119. The Committee noted that an entry for monomagnesium orthophosphate (INS 343(i)) had been inadvertently omitted from the list, and therefore agreed with a new name for this substance of monomagnesium phosphate.
- 120. The Committee agreed that changes in the names of food additives would also be reflected in the GSFA.

Recommendation 2

121. The Committee agreed to circulate proposals for new/revised names and technological purposes submitted very late or with insufficient technological justification as presented in recommendation 2 for comments to be considered by the electronic Working Group (*see* para. 123).

Recommendation 3

122. The Committee noted that INS 160f covered both methyl and ethyl esters of beta-8'-apo-carotenoic acid, but that the methyl ester had never been commercially used as a food additive and therefore agreed to delete the reference to "methyl" ester for this entry.

Recommendations 4/5

- 123. The Committee noted that there were a number of difficulties in handling the work on the INS by the in-session working group, including a lack of principles or rules regarding proposals to make changes to the INS. In order to make the work more efficient, the Committee agreed to establish an electronic Working Group, opened to all members and observers, hosted by Finland. This Working Group will be working in English only with the following terms of reference:
 - To consider the replies to the CL requesting proposals for changes/addition to the INS list and prepare a proposal for circulation for comments at Step 3;
 - To prepare a discussion paper containing principles on the basis of comments received (see para 124) regarding the need for justification for proposals of changes to the INS, concerning: new INS numbers; new INS sub-entries, such as allocating (i), (ii) to different salts under the same INS; changes in technological purpose; deletion of INS numbers; and a format for the submission of INS changes.
- 124. The Committee noted that the preparation of the discussion paper required more input and consideration, and therefore agreed to circulate the principles listed in Recommendation 5 for comments to facilitate the preparation of principles.

Status of the Amendment to the International Numbering System for Food Additives

125. The Committee agreed to forward the proposed draft amendments to the 32nd Session of the Commission for adoption at Step 5/8 (*see* Appendix VII).

SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE IDENTITY AND PURITY OF FOOD ADDITIVES ARISING FROM THE 69^{TH} JECFA (Agenda Item $8)^{21}$

126. The FAO JECFA Secretary presented the results of the 69th meeting of JECFA regarding the specifications for identity and purity of food additives, including flavourings, prepared and withdrawn by JECFA, as outlined in the Annex of CX/FA 09/41/10. It was noted that a total of 20 food additives (new and revised) and 111 flavourings (new) specifications had been adopted as full. The specification for one food additive had been assigned a status as tentative, and the tentative specifications for two food additives had been withdrawn and these were not further considered by the Committee.

²¹ CX/FA 09/41/10; CX/FA 09/41/10 Add.1 (Comments of Chile and IOFI); CRD20 (Comments of Chile)

127. The Committee was informed that for six of the flavourings (apiole, elemicin, estragole, methyl eugenol, myristicin and safrole), naturally present in foods and essential oils, a potential risk to human health had been identified. The Committee agreed not to recommend adoption of the specifications for these flavourings pending the completion of the safety evaluation.

- 128. The Committee agreed not to take action on the specifications, previously adopted by Codex, for a group of flavourings consisting of 40 furan-substituted aliphatic hydrocarbons, alcohols, aldehydes, ketones, carboxylic acids, and related esters, sulfides, disulfides and ethers; and one flavouring 2-isopropyl-N,2,3-trimethylbutyramide (JECFA No. 1595), for which the safety evaluations were not completed due to unresolved safety concerns. The Committee noted that efforts to respond to the request for additional toxicological data were underway for these substances.
- 129. The Committee was informed that specific notes had been introduced in the specifications for the above substances to indicate the status of the safety evaluation.
- 130. One delegation stressed that the outstanding information should be submitted as soon as possible in order to allow a final safety evaluation of these flavourings, as the previous safety evaluations of JECFA were used as the basis for the allowance of flavourings in foods in their country.

Status of the specifications for the Identity and Purity of Food Additives

131. The Committee agreed to forward the Specifications for 20 food additives (new and revised specifications) and 105 flavourings (new specifications) to the 32nd Session of the Commission for adoption at Step 5/8 (*see* Appendix VIII).

PRIORITY LIST OF FOOD ADDITIVES PROPOSED FOR EVALUATION BY JECFA (Agenda Item 9) 22

132. Canada, speaking as the Chairperson of the in-session Working Group on Priorities for Evaluation by JECFA²³, introduced to the Plenary the report of the Working Group, as presented in CRD4. The Committee noted that the in-session Working Group had considered matters related to both Agenda Items 9a and 9b. The Committee also noted that the in-session Working group had also considered polydimethylsiloxane (INS 900a) and a request from the JECFA Secretariat on the re-evaluation of substances evaluated by JECFA a long time ago.

PROPOSALS FOR ADDITIONS AND CHANGES TO THE PRIORITY LIST OF FOOD ADDITIVES PROPOSED FOR EVALUATION BY JECFA (REPLIES TO CL 2008/26-FA) (Agenda Item 9a)²⁴

133. The Committee noted that most of the work on the previous priority list had been scheduled for assessment at the 71st meeting of the JECFA, to be held in June 2009 and that only aluminium compounds and flavourings were remaining from the previous priority list.

New Requests for Evaluation

134. The Committee generally agreed with the list of requests prepared by the in-session Working Group. It was clarified that pullulan (INS 1204) had been included in the priority list for safety assessment including new use as dietary fibre. It was also clarified that Japan would make available a two-generation reproductive toxicity study in addition to bioavailability studies on aluminium compounds (ammonium sulphate, lactate and sulfate) by the end of 2009. The Committee also noted that bioavailability studies for aluminium phosphates would be available from IFAC in 2010.

135. The Committee agreed to forward the Priority List to the 32nd Session of the Commission for approval (*see* Appendix IX).

²² CRD4 (Report of the in-session physical Working Group on Priorities for Evaluation by JECFA)

²³ The following members and organizations attended the physical Working Group: Angola, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Costa Rica, China, Czech Rep, Denmark, European Community, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Japan, Malaysia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Paraguay, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Sweden, Switzerland, South Africa, Thailand, UK, USA, EFEMA, ETA, IADSA, IAI, ICBA, ICGA, ICGMA, IDF, IFAC,IFT, IOFI ISDI, Marinalg International, NATCOL, WHO, FAO

²⁴ CL 2008/26-FA; CX/FA 09/41/9 (Comments of Australia, Japan, Switzerland and IFAC); CX/FA 09/41/9 Add.1 Rev (Comments of European Community and United States of America); CRD18 (Comments of Denmark)

PROPOSALS FOR CHANGES TO THE TEXT OF THE CIRCULAR LETTER ON PRIORITY LIST OF FOOD ADDITIVES PROPOSED FOR EVALUATION BY JECFA (REPLIES TO CL 2008/26-FA) (Agenda Item 9b) 25

136. The Committee considered the proposal prepared by the in-session Working Group for amending point 8 of the "Form on which Information on the Additive to be evaluated by JECFA is provided" (the "Form") of the Circular Letter on the priority list. The Committee also considered the proposal prepared by the in-session Working Group for amending point 9 of the "Form" at the request of the JECFA Secretariat.

- 137. With regard to point 8, requesting information on the status of approval, the Committee agreed to revise the text proposed by the in-session Working Group in order to allow for more flexibility, and noted that countries were relying on JECFA evaluations for approval of the use of compounds of interest. The Committee agreed to the following text to replace the current point 8:
 - 8. Is the compound currently used in food that is legally traded in more than one country? (please identify the countries); or, has the compound been approved for use in food in one or more country? (please identify the country(ies))
- 138. The Committee noted the need to provide more details on the type of data submitted to JECFA and therefore agreed to the following text to replace current point 9:
 - 9. List of data available (please check, if available)

Toxicological data

- 1. Metabolic and pharmacokinetic studies
- 2. Short-term toxicity, long-term toxicity/carcinogenicity, reproductive toxicity, and developmental toxicity studies in animals and genotoxicity studies
- 3. Epidemiological and clinical studies and special considerations
- 4. Other data

Technological data

- 1. Specifications for the identity and purity of the listed compounds (specifications applied during development and toxicological studies; proposed specifications for commerce)
- 2. Technological and nutritional considerations relating to the manufacture and use of the listed compound

Intake assessment data

- 1. Levels of the listed compound used in food or expected to be used in food based on technological function and the range of foods in which they are used
- 2. Estimation of dietary intakes based on food consumption data for foods in which the compound may be used.

Other information as necessary

139. The Committee also agreed to replace the term "food additive" with "compound" throughout the "Form" to recognise that JECFA evaluations were not limited only to food additives.

OTHER MATTERS

Polydimethylsiloxane

140. The Committee agreed to urge countries, organizations and individual companies to provide data on the uses and levels of use of polydimethylsiloxane in food, or any data to address the issue of ocular toxicity of polydimethylsiloxane and to provide this information to JECFA without delay to support the evaluation of polydimethylsiloxane.

²⁵ CL 2008/26-FA; CX/FA 09/41/9 (Comments of Australia and IFAC); CX/FA 09/41/9 Add.1 (Comments of India, United States of America and CIAA); CRD4 (Report of the in-session physical Working Group on Priorities for Evaluation by JECFA); CRD14 (Comments of Philippines and IFAC)

Re-evaluation of substances evaluated by JECFA a long time ago

141. The WHO JECFA Secretariat drew the attention of the Committee to the importance of a systematic review programme on compounds previously reviewed and proposed to start discussion on a mechanism that would allow the re-evaluation of substances when changes in knowledge and scientific advancements would contribute to the assurance of the safety of food additives. In this regard, it was noted that the Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR) had in place a periodic review procedure, which might be beneficial in considering this issue.

142. The Committee noted the importance of the concept of periodic review of JECFA evaluations based on criteria, such as risk, nature of the compounds, time since the last evaluation, etc. In view of time constraints and the need for more information, the Committee requested the JECFA Secretariat to prepare a discussion paper so that the Committee could consider the issue with more information at its next session.

DISCUSSION PAPERS (Agenda Item 10)

DISCUSSION PAPER ON THE SCOPE OF CERTAIN FOOD CATEGORIES OF THE GSFA (Agenda Item 10a)²⁶

- 143. The Committee recalled that at its 40th Session it had established an electronic Working Group to prepare a discussion paper proposing options for resolving uncertainties identified in some food categories in the GSFA.
- 144. The United States of America briefly introduced the report as the chair of the electronic Working Group, which addressed inconsistencies: (i) the use of the word "plain" in the descriptor or the title of several sub-categories of food category 01.2.1.1 "Fermented milks (plain), not heat-treated after fermentation" and in food categories 15.1 "Snacks-potato, cereal, flour or starch based (from roots and tubers, pulses and legumes)" and 15.2 "Processed nuts, including coated nuts and nut mixtures (with e.g., dried fruit)", (ii) Uncertainties related to food category 05.0 "Confectionery"; (iii) use of colours in certain fresh meat products; and (iv) the issue of composite products.

Food category 16.0 "Composite foods - foods that could not be placed in categories 01-15"

- 145. The Committee noted that this food category included foods such as pizza or lasagne sold to consumers and prepared from multiple ingredients, whether ready-to-eat or to be reconstituted prior to consumption.
- 146. The European Community proposed not to maintain this composite food category but to address the issue of the use of additives either by modifying food categories 1-15 or by adding specific footnotes. Some delegations and observers were of the view that there was a clear need to maintain this category as separate food additives were needed for composite foods.
- 147. After some discussion, the Committee agreed to maintain this food category in the GFSA, recognising that products included in this category may need specific additives. It also agreed to request comments on the proposal for the revision of the food category's name and descriptors as contained in paragraph 33 of CX/FA 09/41/13 and for Members and Observers to provide examples of food products in this category, in order to take a more informed decision at its next session.

Use of colours in certain fresh meat products

148. The Committee recalled that some colours were added to certain fresh meat products for purposes other than surface applications.

149. The Committee agreed to request information on the use of colours added to foods falling under the scope of food category 08.1 and its sub-categories for purposes other than surface applications as proposed in paragraph 29 of CX/FA 09/41/13. The comments received would be considered by the next session of the Committee, along with comment submitted at the current session (CRD15) when considering the GSFA.

²⁶ CX/FA 09/41/13; CRD 15 (Comments of Brazil, European Community, India, Indonesia, Japan and Philippines), CRD 21 (Comments of ICA)

Uncertainties related to food category 05.0 "Confectionery"

150. The Committee noted that current descriptors of food category 05.1 "Cocoa products and chocolate products including imitations and chocolate substitutes" and its sub-categories were unclear with respect to certain cocoa- and chocolate-containing confectionery and in principle agreed with the necessity for a revision.

151. The Committee recalled that it had decided that a revision of the food category system should be accompanied by a project document²⁷. However, because of time constraints, the Committee was unable to consider in detail the project document presented by ICA in CRD21. The Committee agreed to ask comments on the project document (*see* Appendix X), in order to facilitate consideration of the proposal at its next session.

Use of the word "plain"

- 152. The Committee noted that the word "plain" was used inconsistently in the descriptor and title of food categories of the GSFA. It further noted that depending on the circumstances "plain" was used to indicate the absence of additives for sweetening purposes, the absence of added flavourings, the absence of added colours, or that the product was not "salty".
- 153. After a short discussion the Committee agreed to the proposals for revising names and descriptors of food categories 01.2.1.1 "Fermented milks (plain), not heat-treated after fermentation", 15.1 "Snacks-potato, cereal, flour or starch based (from roots and tubers, pulses and legumes)" and 15.2 "Processed nuts, including coated nuts and nut mixtures (with e.g. dried fruit)" as presented in recommendations contained in paragraphs 16-18 of CX/FA 09/41/13. The Committee noted that the nature of the revision was mainly editorial. The Committee agreed to forward the revised food category names and descriptors for adoption by the 32nd Session of the Commission (*see* Appendix XI).

Sago flour

154. Due to time constraints, the Committee decided to clarify whether sago flour was covered by food category 06.2.1 "Flours" and if the descriptor of the food category should be revised at its next session (*see* Agenda Items 2 and 4).

DISCUSSION PAPER ON THE IDENTIFICATION OF PROBLEMS AND RECOMMENDATIONS RELATED TO THE INCONSISTENT PRESENTATION OF FOOD ADDITIVE PROVISIONS IN CODEX COMMODITY STANDARDS (Agenda Item 10b) 28

- 155. Due to time constraints, the Committee did not consider the discussion paper prepared by Switzerland.
- 156. The Committee agreed to establish an electronic Working Group hosted by Switzerland, open to all Members and Observers and working in English only, to prepare a revised discussion paper for comments and consideration at its next session.

DISCUSSION PAPER ON INCONSISTENCIES IN THE NAMES OF COMPOUNDS IN THE CODEX SPECIFICATIONS FOR IDENTITY AND PURITY OF FOOD ADDITIVES AND IN THE INTERNATIONAL NUMBERING SYSTEM FOR FOOD ADDITIVES (Agenda Item 10c)²⁹

157. Denmark, speaking as the Chairperson of the electronic Working Group, introduced the report of the Working Group, as presented in CX/FA 09/41/15. The report included recommendations for resolution of the inconsistencies in names of 65 compounds, which could not be considered by the 40th session of the Committee, due to time constraints. The Committee recalled that the Committee had to consider the recommendations under points 3, 4, 5 and 6 of the report, which had not been considered by the in-session Working Group on the INS (*see* Agenda Item 7).

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²⁷ ALINORM 04/27/12, para.66

²⁸ CX/FA 09/41/14

²⁹ CX/FA 09/41/15; CX/FA 09/41/15 Add.1 (Comments of Brazil, European Community, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, CEFIC, ELC and IFAC); CX/FA 09/41/15 Add.2 (Comments of Chile and India); CRD16 (Comments of Indonesia and Iran); CRD20 (Comments of Chile)

Recommendation 3 - CCFA to investigate the use of the additive

158. The Committee agreed to request information to verify: (i) if all salts of fatty acids (INS 470), i.e. with base aluminium, ammonium, calcium, magnesium, potassium and sodium were used as food additives; and (ii) if aluminium sulfate (INS 520), other than the anhydrous form were used as food additives. The information provided would be used by the electronic Working Group on INS (*see* para. 123) to address the inconsistencies in the names of these food additives.

Recommendation 4 - JECFA to consider including synonyms

159. The Committee agreed to request JECFA to consider including in the relevant specifications as synonyms the names for INS 160b(i) "annatto extracts, bixin-based"; INS 160b(ii) "annatto extracts, norbixin-based"; INS 469 "cellulose gum, enzymatically hydrolysed"; and the individual INS names of INS 538 "sodium ferrocyanide"; INS 536 "potassium ferrocyanide" and INS 535 "calcium ferrocyanide".

Recommendation 5 - JECFA to reconsider names

- 160. The Committee noted that a request for changing the name of a compound in specifications should be supported by a strong justification, because these changes might cause problems such as difficulty in identifying the compound in JECFA reports and other technical documents. The Committee therefore agreed to ask JECFA to discuss and consider the possibility of aligning the names for food additives used by JECFA with those in the INS system for the following compounds: ascorbic acid (L-) (INS 300); isopropyl citrates (INS 384); and the diphosphates (INS 450 (i), (ii), (vi), (vii)); and of naming polyphosphates in a consistent manner.
- 161. The Committee questioned the need to distinguish between synthetic and natural riboflavins, and therefore agreed to request the electronic Working Group on the INS (*see* para. 123) to address the inconsistency of the name of riboflavin, synthetic (INS 101(i)).

Recommendation 6 - CCFA to ask JECFA for advice

162. The Committee agreed to refer the question on the appropriate naming of citrates (INS 333(iii)) to JECFA and to provide the list of names proposed by CEFIC.

Other

163. The Committee noted that all issues related to inconsistencies in the names of compounds in the Codex specifications and in the INS system had been addressed. In order to prevent more inconsistencies in the future, the Committee agreed that the CCFA should carefully consider the names of compounds when adding them into the INS and when JECFA specifications were available, refer to the names in JECFA specifications. It further agreed to recommend that JECFA carefully consider the names of compounds listed in the INS for use in the specifications and, when they were considered not to be appropriate, to clearly indicate the reasons in order to facilitate follow-up actions by the Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS AND FUTURE WORK (Agenda Item 11)

Codex Standard for Food Grade Salt (CODEX STAN 150-1985)

164. The Committee noted that a number of sections of the above Standard required updating. In view of time constraints, the Committee accepted the kind offer of Switzerland to prepare a short discussion paper outlining possible options for updating the Standard for consideration at its next session.

DATE AND PLACE OF THE NEXT SESSION (Agenda Item 12)

165. The Committee was informed that its forty-second session was tentatively scheduled to be held in China, from 15 to 19 March 2010. The exact venue and date would be determined by the host Government in consultation with the Codex Secretariat.

SUMMARY STATUS OF WORK

SUBJECT	STEP	FOR ACTION BY:	DOCUMENT REFERENCE (ALINORM 09/32/12)
Draft and proposed draft Food Additive Provisions of the General Standard for Food Additives (GSFA)	8 and 5/8	32 nd CAC	Paras. 60, 70, 77, 109 and Appendix IV
Proposed draft amendments to the International Numbering System (INS) for Food Additives	5/8	32 nd CAC	Para. 125 and Appendix VII
Specifications for the Identity and Purity of Food Additives arising from the 69 th JECFA meeting	5/8	32 nd CAC	Para. 131 and Appendix VIII
Proposed draft Guidelines and Principles for the Use of Substances used as Processing Aids (N04-2008)	2,3	Electronic Working Group 42 nd CCFA	Para. 113
Amendments to the INS List	1,2,3	Electronic Working Group 42 nd CCFA	
Specifications for the Identity and Purity of Food Additives arising from the 71 st JECFA meeting	1,2,3	42 nd CCFA	
Amendment to the Annex to Table 3 of the GFSA	for adoption	32 nd CAC	Para. 9
Amendments to the names and descriptors of the Food Category System of the GSFA	for adoption	32 nd CAC	Para. 153 and Appendix XI
Priority List of Food Additives Proposed for Evaluation by JECFA	for approval	32 nd CAC	Para. 135 and Appendix IX
Food Additive Provisions of the General Standard for Food Additives (GSFA)	for revocation	32 nd CAC	Para. 109 and Appendix V
Draft and proposed draft food additive provisions of the General Standard for Food Additives (GSFA)	discontinued	-	Para. 109 and Appendix VI
Food additive provisions to be considered by the physical Working Group on the GSFA		United States of America	Para. 106
Discussion Paper on identification of problems and recommendations related to the inconsistent presentation of food additive provisions in Codex commodity standards		Electronic Working Group 42 nd CCFA	Para. 156
Discussion Paper on the updating of the <i>Standard</i> for Food Grade Salt (CODEX STAN 150-1985)		Switzerland	Para. 164
Discussion paper on innovative proposals to expedite the work on the GSFA		Codex Secretariat 42 nd CCFA	Para. 108
Discussion paper on principles regarding the need for justification for proposals of changes to the INS		Electronic Working Group 42 nd CCFA	Para. 123
Inventory of Substances used as Processing Aids (IPA), (updated list)		New Zealand	Para. 114
Discussion Paper on mechanisms for re- evaluation of substances by JECFA		JECFA Secretariat 42 nd CCFA	Para. 142
Proposal for the revision of the food category system		42 nd CCFA	Paras 147 and 151 and Appendix X
Working Document for Information and Support to the Discussion on the GSFA		Codex Secretariat	

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Appendix II

ACTION REQUIRED AS A RESULT OF CHANGES IN THE ACCEPTABLE DAILY INTAKE (ADI) STATUS AND OTHER TOXICOLOGICAL RECOMMENDATIONS ARISING FROM THE 69TH JECFA MEETING

INS Number	Food additive	41st CCFA Recommendation	
	Asparaginase from Aspergillus niger expressed in A. niger	Add to the <i>Inventory of Substances used as Processing Aids</i> (IPA).	
1522	Calcium lignosulfonate (40-65)	Request comments/proposals on uses and use levels of calcium lignosulfonate (40-65) for inclusion in the GSFA and/or IPA.	
		Allocate an INS number to calcium lignosulfonate (40-65) (<i>see</i> relevant decision in Agenda Item 7).	
243	Ethyl lauroyl arginate	Request comments/proposals on uses and use levels of ethyl lauroyl arginate, for inclusion in the GSFA.	
	Phospholipase C expressed in <i>Pichia pastoris</i>	Add to the IPA.	
900a	Polydimethylsiloxane	Encourage submission of toxicity studies addressing the specific toxicity issues and actual use levels in foods.	
		Reconsider the provisions for polydimethylsiloxane in the GSFA in the light of the JECFA re-evaluation, tentatively planned in 2010, if necessary.	
960	Steviol glycosides	Request comments/proposals on uses and use levels of steviol glycosides, for inclusion in the GSFA.	
	Sulfites (Dietary exposure assessment)	Request comments/proposals on use levels of sulfites to review adopted and draft provisions in	
220	Sulfur dioxide	the GSFA.	
221	Sodium sulfite	Encourage Members to collect data on the current use of sulfites in food and beverages available in	
222	Sodium hydrogen sulfite	national markets and to investigate whether dietary	
223	Sodium metabisulfite	exposure in some subpopulations exceeds the ADI.	
224	Potassium metabisulfite		
225	Potassium sulfite		
227	Calcium hydrogen sulfite		
228	Potassium bisulfite		
539	Sodium thiosulfate		

Appendix III

STATUS OF ENDORSEMENT AND/OR REVISION OF MAXIMUM LEVELS FOR FOOD ADDITIVES AND PROCESSING AIDS IN CODEX STANDARDS

COMMITTEE ON PROCESSED FRUIT AND VEGETABLES (24TH SESSION)

DRAFT STANDARD FOR JAMS, JELLIES AND MARMALADES`

(at Step 8 of the Procedure)

	Endorsement Status
4. FOOD ADDITIVES Only those food additive classes listed below are technologically justified and may be used in products covered by this Standard. Within each additive class only those food additives listed below, or referred to, may be used and only for the functions, and within limits, specified.	Endorsed
4.1 Acidity regulators, antifoaming agents, firming agents, preservatives and thickeners used in accordance with Table 3 of the Codex <i>General Standard for Food Additives</i> (CODEX STAN 192-1995) are acceptable for use in foods conforming to this Standard.	

4.2 **ACIDITY REGULATORS**

INS No.	Name of the Food Additive	Maximum Level	Endorsement Status
334; 335(i), (ii);	Tartrates	3,000 mg/kg	Endorsed
336(i), (ii); 337			

4.3 ANTIFOAMING AGENTS

INS No.	Name of the Food Additive	Maximum Level	Endorsement Status
900a	Polydimethylsiloxane	10 mg/kg	Endorsed

4.4 Colours

INS No.	Name of the Food Additive	Maximum Level	Endorsement Status
100(i)	Curcumin	500 mg/kg	Endorsed
101(i), (ii)	Riboflavins	200 mg/kg	Endorsed
104	Quinoline Yellow	100 mg/kg	Endorsed
110	Sunset Yellow FCF	300 mg/kg	Endorsed
120	Carmines	200 mg/kg	Endorsed
124	Ponceau 4R (Cochineal Red A)	100 mg/kg	Endorsed
129	Allura Red	100 mg/kg	Endorsed
133	Brilliant Blue FCF	100 mg/kg	Endorsed
140	Chlorophylls	GMP	Endorsed
141(i), (ii)	Chlorophylls and Chlorophyllins, Copper Complexes	200 mg/kg	Endorsed
143	Fast Green FCF	400 mg/kg	Endorsed
150a	Caramel I-Plain	GMP	Endorsed
150b	Caramel II Caustic Sulfite Process	80,000 mg/kg	Endorsed
150c	Caramel III – Ammonia Process	80,000 mg/kg	Endorsed
150d	Caramel IV – Sulfite Ammonia Process	1,500 mg/kg	Endorsed

INS No.	Name of the Food Additive	Maximum Level	Endorsement Status
160a(i), a(iii), e, f	Carotenoids		Endorsed (with editorial
160a(i)	beta-Carotenes (synthetic)		amendment to specifically
160a(iii)	beta-Carotenes (Blakeslea trispora)	500 ma/lra	list the names of the four carotenoids) and to refer that
160e	beta-apo-8'-Carotenal	500 mg/kg singly or in	the ML for the fours
160f	beta-apo-8'-Carotenoic acid, ethyl esters	combination	carotenoids should be
			considered singly or in
			combination
160a(ii)	Carotenes, Beta- (Vegetable)	1,000 mg/kg	Endorsed
160d(i), 160d(iii)	Lycopenes	100 mg/kg	Endorsed
161b(i)	Lutein from Tagetes erecta	100 mg/kg	Endorsed
162	Beet Red	GMP	Endorsed
163(ii)	Grape Skin Extract	500 GMP	Endorsed at 500 mg/kg
172(i)-(iii)	Iron Oxides	200 mg/kg	Endorsed

4.5 **Preservatives**

INS No.	Name of the Food Additive	Maximum Level	Endorsement Status
200-203	Sorbates	1,000 mg/kg	Endorsed
210-213	Benzoates	1,000 mg/kg	Endorsed
220-225, 227,	Sulfites	50 mg/kg as residual SO ₂	Endorsed
228, 539		in the end product,	
		except when made with	
		sulfited fruit when a	
		maximum level of	
		100 mg/kg is permitted	
		in the end product.	

	Endorsement Status
4.6 FLAVOURINGS The following flavourings are acceptable for use in foods conforming to this Standard when used in accordance with good manufacturing practices and in compliance with the <i>Guidelines for the Use of Flavourings</i> (CAC/GL 66-2008): natural flavouring substances that are extracted from the named fruits in the respective product; natural mint flavour; natural cinnamon flavour; vanillin, vanilla or vanilla extracts.	Endorsed (with addition of reference to the <i>Guidelines</i> for the Use of Flavourings (CAC/GL 66/2008))

DRAFT STANDARD FOR CERTAIN CANNED VEGETABLES

General Provisions

(at Step 8 of the Procedure)

	Endorsement Status
4. FOOD ADDITIVES	Endorsed
Only those food additive classes listed below and in the corresponding Annexes are	
technologically justified and may be used in products covered by this Standard. Within each	
additive class only those food additives listed below and in the corresponding Annexes, or	
referred to, may be used and only for the functions, and within limits, specified.	
4.1 Acidity regulators, colours, colour retention agents and calcium salts of firming	
agents used in accordance with Table 3 of the Codex General Standard for Food Additives	
(CODEX STAN 192-1995) are acceptable for use in foods conforming to this standard.	

4.2 COLOURS

INS No.	Name of the Food Additive	Maximum Level	Endorsement Status
102	Tartrazine	100 mg/kg	Endorsed
133	Brilliant Blue FCF	20 mg/kg	Endorsed
143	Fast Green FCF	200 mg/kg	Endorsed
150(c)	Caramel III-Ammonia Process	GMP	Not Endorsed
150(d)	Caramel IV- Sulfite Ammonia Process	50 000 GMP	Endorsed at 50000 mg/kg

4.3 COLOUR RETENTION AGENTS

INS No.	Name of the Food Additive	Maximum Level	Endorsement Status
385, 386	Ethylene Diamine Tetra Acetates		Endorsed (with editorial
385	Calcium disodium ethylene diamine tetra acetate	365 mg/kg Singly or in combination	amendment to specifically list the names of the two
386	Disodium ethylene diamine tetra acetate	Singly of in combination	EDTAs)
512	Stannous Chloride	25 mg/kg calculated as tin. Should not be added to foods in uncoated tin cans.	

PROPOSED DRAFT ANNEX ON SWEET CORN

(at Step 5/8 of the Procedure)

4 FOOD ADDITIVES

4.1 **THICKENERS** (for creamed corn only)

INS No.	Name of the Food Additive	Maximum Level	Endorsement Status
1400	Dextrins, roasted starch		Endorsed
1401	Acid-treated starch		Endorsed
1402	Alkaline-treated starch		Endorsed
1403	Bleached starch		Endorsed
1404	Oxidized starch		Endorsed
1405	Starches, enzyme treated		Endorsed
1410	Monostarch phosphate		Endorsed
1412	Distarch phosphate		Endorsed
1413	Phosphated distarch Phosphated distarch posphate	GMP	Endorsed (with editorial amendment to the name of the food additive)
1414	Acetylated distarch phosphate		Endorsed
1420	Starch acetate		Endorsed
1422	Acetylated distarch adipate		Endorsed
1440	Hydroxypropyl starch		Endorsed
1442	Hydroxypropyl distarch phosphate		Endorsed
1450	Starch sodium octenyl Starch sodium octenyl succinate		Endorsed (with editorial amendment to the name of the food additive)
1451	Acetylated oxidized starch		Endorsed

$\underline{\textbf{COMMITTEE ON NUTRITION AND FOODS FOR SPECIAL DIETARY USES (30^{TH} \, SESSION)}}$

DRAFT ADVISORY LIST OF NUTRIENT COMPOUNDS FOR USE IN FOODS FOR SPECIAL DIETARY USE BY INFANTS AND YOUNG CHILDREN

(at Step 8 of the Procedure)

SECTION D: ADVISORY LIST OF FOOD ADDITIVES FOR SPECIAL NUTRIENT FORMS

	INS No.	Name of the Food Additive	Maximum Level in Ready-to-use Food for infants and young children (mg/kg)	Endorsement Status
(a)	414	Gum arabic (gum acacia)	10	Endorsed as a carrier

$\underline{FAO/WHO\ COORDINATING\ COMMITTEE\ ASIA\ (16^{TH}\ SESSION)}$

DRAFT REGIONAL STANDARD FOR GOCHUJANG

(at Step 8 of the Procedure)

4. FOOD ADDITIVES

The food additives listed below can be used within the scope of a permitted amount.

4.4 ACIDITY REGULATOR

INS No	Name of Food Additives	Maximum level	Endorsement Status
339(i)	Monosodium orthophosphate		Endorsed by 39 th CCFA
339(ii)	Disodium orthophosphate		
340(i)	Monopotassium orthophosphate	5000 mg/kg as phosphorus,	
340(ii)	Dipotassium orthophosphate	singly or in combination	
452(i)	Sodium polyphosphates		Endorsed
452(ii)	Potassium polyphosphates		

PROPOSED DRAFT REGIONAL STANDARD FOR FERMENTED SOYBEAN PASTE

(at Step 5/8 of the Procedure)

	Endorsement Status
4. FOOD ADDITIVES Acidity regulators, antioxidants, colours, flavours enhancers, preservatives, stabilizers and sweeteners listed in Table 3 of the <i>Codex General Standard for Food Additives</i> (CODEX STAN 192-1995) are acceptable for use in food conforming to this standard.	Endorsed

4.1 ACIDITY REGULATORS

INS No.	Name of Food Additive	Maximum Level	Endorsement Status
336(i)	Monopotassium tartrate	Limited by GMP	Not Endorsed (maximum level should be numeric)

4.2 ANTIOXIDANTS

INS No.	Name of Food Additive	Maximum Level	Endorsement Status
539	Sodium thiosulfate	30 mg/kg, as sulfur dioxide	Endorsed

4.3 COLOURS

	INS No.	Name of Food Additive	Maximum Level	Endorsement Status
Ī	101(i)	Riboflavin, synthetic	10 mg/kg	Endorsed

4.4 Preservatives

INS No.	Name of Food Additive	Maximum Level	Endorsement Status
200	Sorbic acid	1000 mg/kg	Endorsed
202	Potassium sorbate	as sorbic acid,	Endorsed
203	Calcium sorbate	singly or in combination	Endorsed
210	Benzoic acid	1000 mg/kg	Endorsed
211	Sodium benzoate	as benzoic acid,	Endorsed
212	Potassium benzoate	singly or in combination	Endorsed

4.5 SWEETENERS

INS No.	Name of Food Additive	Maximum Level	Endorsement Status
950	Acesulfame potassium	350 mg/kg	Endorsed
954 954(iv)	Sodium saccharin	200 mg/kg	Endorsed (with editorial amendment to the INS no.)

4.6 PROCESSING AIDS

INS No.	Name of Processing Aid	Endorsement Status
1101(i)	Protease	Endorsed (with deletion of INS no.)
	Hemicellulase	Endorsed
1104	Lipase	Endorsed (with deletion of INS no.)
472c	Citric and fatty acid esters of glycerol	Endorsed
270	Lactic acid	Endorsed
452(i)	Sodium polyphosphates, glassy	Endorsed
452(ii)	Potassium polyphosphates	Endorsed

PROPOSED DRAFT REGIONAL STANDARD FOR EDIBLE SAGO FLOUR

(at Step 5 of the Procedure)

	Endorsement Status
4. FOOD ADDITIVES Flour treatment agents used in accordance with Tables 1 and 2 of the Codex <i>General Standard for Food Additives</i> (CODEX STAN 192-1995) in food category 06.2.1 "flours" are acceptable for use in foods conforming to this standard.	Endorsed subject to clarification of applicability of food category 06.2.1 to sago flour.

or

4.1 FLOUR TREATMENT AGENTS

INS	Name of Additive	Maximum Level	Endorsement Status	
220	Sulfur dioxide		Endorsed	
221	Sodium sulfite		Endorsed	
222	Sodium hydrogen sulfite		Endorsed	
223	Sodium metabisulfite	200 mg/kg	Endorsed	
224	Potassium metabisulfite	as residual SO ₂	Endorsed	
225	Potassium sulfite	as residual 502	Endorsed	
227	Calcium hydrogen sulfite		Endorsed	
228	Potassium bisulfite		Endorsed	
539	Sodium thiosulfate		Endorsed	
925	Chlorine	2 500 mg/kg (treatment level) Endorsed		
926	Chlorine dioxide	2 500 mg/kg (treatment level)	Not Endorsed	
927a	Azodicarbonamide	45 mg/kg	Endorsed	
928	Benzoyl peroxide	75 mg/kg	Endorsed	
1100	alpha-Amylase from Aspegillus orizae var.	GMP	Endorsed (with editorial	
	alpha-Amylase from Aspergillus oryzae		amendment to the name of the	
	var.		food additive)	
1101(i)	Protease	GMP	Endorsed	

CODEX COMMITTEE ON FATS AND OILS (21ST SESSION)

All provisions are endorsed as proposed by the 21st CCFO (see Annex to CX/FA 09/41/2 Add.1).

Appendix IV

CODEX GENERAL STANDARD FOR FOOD ADDITIVES

DRAFT AND PROPOSED DRAFT FOOD ADDITIVE PROVISIONS

(for adoption at Step 8 and 5/8 of the Procedure)¹

ALLURA RED AC

Allura red AC INS: 129

FoodCatNo	FoodCategory	MaxLevel	Comments	Step	Year
01.1.2	Dairy-based drinks, flavoured and/or fermented (e.g., chocolate milk, cocoa, eggnog, drinking yoghurt, whey-based drinks)	300 mg/kg	52 & 161	8	
01.6.2.2	Rind of ripened cheese	100 mg/kg		8	
01.6.4	Processed cheese	100 mg/kg	161	8	
01.6.5	Cheese analogues	100 mg/kg	3	5/8	
01.7	Dairy-based desserts (e.g., pudding, fruit or flavoured yoghurt)	300 mg/kg	161	8	
02.4	Fat-based desserts excluding dairy-based dessert products of food category 01.7	300 mg/kg	161	8	
03.0	Edible ices, including sherbet and sorbet	150 mg/kg		8	
04.1.2.5	Jams, jellies, marmelades	100 mg/kg	161	8	
04.1.2.7	Candied fruit	300 mg/kg	161	8	
04.1.2.8	Fruit preparations, including pulp, purees, fruit toppings and coconut milk	300 mg/kg	161 & 182	8	
04.1.2.9	Fruit-based desserts, including fruit-flavoured water-based desserts	300 mg/kg	161	8	
04.1.2.11	Fruit fillings for pastries	300 mg/kg	161	8	
04.2.2.3	Vegetables (including mushrooms and fungi, roots and tubers, pulses and legumes, and aloe vera), and seaweeds in vinegar, oil, brine, or soybean sauce	300 mg/kg	161	8	
04.2.2.4	Canned or bottled (pasteurized) or retort pouch vegetables (including mushrooms and fungi, roots and tubers, pulses and legumes, and aloe vera), and seaweeds	200 mg/kg	161	8	
04.2.2.6	Vegetable (including mushrooms and fungi, roots and tubers, pulses and legumes, and aloe vera), seaweed, and nut and seed pulps and preparations (e.g., vegetable desserts and sauces, candied vegetables) other than food category 04.2.2.5	200 mg/kg	92 & 161	8	
05.1.3	Cocoa-based spreads, including fillings	300 mg/kg	161	8	
05.1.4	Cocoa and chocolate products	300 mg/kg	183	8	
05.1.5	Imitation chocolate, chocolate substitute products	300 mg/kg		8	
05.2	Confectionery including hard and soft candy, nougats, etc. other than food categories 05.1, 05.3 and 05.4	300 mg/kg		8	
05.3	Chewing gum	300 mg/kg		8	
05.4	Decorations (e.g., for fine bakery wares), toppings (non-fruit) and sweet sauces	300 mg/kg		8	
06.3	Breakfast cereals, including rolled oats	300 mg/kg		8	
06.5	Cereal and starch based desserts (e.g., rice pudding, tapioca pudding)	300 mg/kg		8	
07.1.2	Crackers, excluding sweet crackers	300 mg/kg	161	8	
07.1.3	Other ordinary bakery products (e.g., bagels, pita, English muffins)	300 mg/kg	161	8	

¹ Draft and proposed draft food additive provisions that are replacing currently adopted provisions of the GSFA are grey highlighted

ALLURA RED AC

Function: colour

FoodCatNo	FoodCategory	MaxLevel	Comments	Step	Year
07.2	Fine bakery wares (sweet, salty, savoury) and mixes	300 mg/kg	161	8	
08.3.2	Heat-treated processed comminuted meat, poultry, and game products	25 mg/kg	161	8	
08.4	Edible casings (e.g., sausage casings)	300 mg/kg	16	8	
09.2.1	Frozen fish, fish fillets, and fish products, including mollusks, crustaceans, and	300 mg/kg	95	8	
09.2.4.1	Cooked fish and fish products	300 mg/kg	95	8	
09.2.4.2	Cooked mollusks, crustaceans, and echinoderms	250 mg/kg		8	
09.2.5	Smoked, dried, fermented, and/or salted fish and fish products, including mollusks, crustaceans, and echinoderms	300 mg/kg	22	8	
09.3.3	Salmon substitutes, caviar, and other fish roe products	300 mg/kg		8	
09.3.4	Semi-preserved fish and fish products, including mollusks, crustaceans, and echinoderms (e.g., fish paste), excluding products of food categories 09.3.1 - 09.3.3	300 mg/kg		8	
10.1	Fresh eggs	100 mg/kg	4	5/8	
10.4	Egg-based desserts (e.g., custard)	300 mg/kg	161	8	
11.4	Other sugars and syrups (e.g., xylose, maple syrup, sugar toppings)	300 mg/kg	161	8	
12.2.2	Seasonings and condiments	300 mg/kg		8	
12.4	Mustards	300 mg/kg		8	
12.5	Soups and broths	300 mg/kg	161	8	
12.6	Sauces and like products	300 mg/kg		8	
13.3	Dietetic foods intended for special medical purposes (excluding products of food category 13.1)	50 mg/kg		8	
13.4	Dietetic formulae for slimming purposes and weight reduction	50 mg/kg		8	
13.5	Dietetic foods (e.g., supplementary foods for dietary use) excluding products of food categories 13.1 - 13.4 and 13.6	300 mg/kg		8	
13.6	Food supplements	300 mg/kg		8	
14.1.4	Water-based flavoured drinks, including "sport," "energy," or "electrolyte" drinks and particulated drinks	300 mg/kg	127 & 161	8	
14.2.2	Cider and perry	200 mg/kg		8	
14.2.4	Wines (other than grape)	200 mg/kg		8	
14.2.6	Distilled spirituous beverages containing more than 15% alcohol	300 mg/kg		8	
14.2.7	Aromatized alcoholic beverages (e.g., beer, wine and spirituous cooler-type beverages, low alcoholic refreshers)	200 mg/kg		8	
15.1	Snacks - potato, cereal, flour or starch based (from roots and tubers, pulses and legumes)	200 mg/kg	161	8	
15.2	Processed nuts, including coated nuts and nut mixtures (with e.g., dried fruit)	100 mg/kg		8	

AMMONIUM SALTS OF PHOSPHATIDIC ACID

Ammonium salts of phosphatidic acid INS: 442

Function: emulsifier, stabilizer

FoodCatNo	FoodCategory	MaxLevel	Comments	Step	Year
05.1.1	Cocoa mixes (powders) and cocoa mass/cake	10000 mg/kg	97	8	
05.1.4	Cocoa and chocolate products	10000 mg/kg		8	
05.1.5	Imitation chocolate, chocolate substitute products	10000 mg/kg		8	

ASCORBYL ESTERS

Ascorbyl palmitate INS: 304 Ascorbyl stearate INS: 305

Function: antioxidant

FoodCatNo	FoodCategory	MaxLevel	Comments	Step	Year
13.1.1	Infant formulae	10 mg/kg	15, 72 & L	8	
13.1.2	Follow-up formulae	50 mg/kg	15 & 72	8	
13.5	Dietetic foods (e.g., supplementary foods for dietary use) excluding products of food categories 13.1 - 13.4 and 13.6	500 mg/kg	10	5/8	

ASPARTAME

Aspartame INS: 951

Function: flavour enhancer, sweetener

FoodCatNo	FoodCategory	MaxLevel	Comments	Step	Year
12.5	Soups and broths	1200 mg/kg	161 & T	8	

ASPARTAME-ACESULFAME SALT

Aspartame-acesulfame salt INS: 962

Function: sweetener

FoodCatNo	FoodCategory	MaxLevel	Comments	Step	Year
01.1.2	Dairy-based drinks, flavoured and/or fermented (e.g., chocolate milk, cocoa, eggnog, drinking yoghurt, whey-based drinks)	350 mg/k	g 113 & 161	5/8	
01.7	Dairy-based desserts (e.g., pudding, fruit or flavoured yoghurt)	350 mg/k	g 113 & 161	5/8	
02.4	Fat-based desserts excluding dairy-based dessert products of food category 01.7	350 mg/k	g 113 & 161	5/8	
04.1.2.4	Canned or bottled (pasteurized) fruit	350 mg/kg	g 113 & 161	5/8	
04.1.2.5	Jams, jellies, marmelades	1000 mg/kg	g 119 & 161	5/8	
04.1.2.8	Fruit preparations, including pulp, purees, fruit toppings and coconut milk	350 mg/kg	g 113 & 161	5/8	
04.1.2.9	Fruit-based desserts, including fruit-flavoured water-based desserts	350 mg/k	g 113 & 161	5/8	
04.2.2.3	Vegetables (including mushrooms and fungi, roots and tubers, pulses and legumes, and aloe vera), and seaweeds in vinegar, oil, brine, or soybean sauce	200 mg/k	g 113 & 161	5/8	
04.2.2.6	Vegetable (including mushrooms and fungi, roots and tubers, pulses and legumes, and aloe vera), seaweed, and nut and seed pulps and preparations (e.g., vegetable desserts and sauces, candied vegetables) other than food category 04.2.2.5	350 mg/k	g 113 & 161	5/8	
05.1.5	Imitation chocolate, chocolate substitute products	500 mg/kg	g 113 & 161	5/8	
07.2	Fine bakery wares (sweet, salty, savoury) and mixes	1000 mg/k	g 77 & 113	5/8	
09.3	Semi-preserved fish and fish products, including mollusks, crustaceans, and echinoderms	200 mg/kg	g 113	5/8	
09.4	Fully preserved, including canned or fermented fish and fish products, including mollusks, crustaceans, and echinoderms	200 mg/kg	g 113	5/8	
13.4	Dietetic formulae for slimming purposes and weight reduction	450 mg/k	g 113	5/8	
13.5	Dietetic foods (e.g., supplementary foods for dietary use) excluding products of food categories 13.1 - 13.4 and 13.6	450 mg/k	g 113	5/8	

BRILLIANT BLUE FCF

Brilliant blue FCF INS: 133

Function: colour

FoodCatNo	FoodCategory	MaxLevel	Comments	Step	Year
01.6.5	Cheese analogues	100 mg/kg	3	5/8	
04.1.2.4	Canned or bottled (pasteurized) fruit	200 mg/kg	161	8	
04.1.2.5	Jams, jellies, marmelades	100 mg/kg	161	8	
04.1.2.6	Fruit-based spreads (e.g., chutney) excluding products of food category 04.1.2.5	100 mg/kg	161	8	
04.1.2.7	Candied fruit	100 mg/kg	161	8	
04.1.2.8	Fruit preparations, including pulp, purees, fruit toppings and coconut milk	100 mg/kg	161 & 182	8	
04.2.2.3	Vegetables (including mushrooms and fungi, roots and tubers, pulses and legumes, and aloe vera), and seaweeds in vinegar, oil, brine, or soybean sauce	500 mg/kg	161	8	
04.2.2.4	Canned or bottled (pasteurized) or retort pouch vegetables (including mushrooms and fungi, roots and tubers, pulses and legumes, and aloe vera), and seaweeds	200 mg/kg	161	8	
04.2.2.6	Vegetable (including mushrooms and fungi, roots and tubers, pulses and legumes, and aloe vera), seaweed, and nut and seed pulps and preparations (e.g., vegetable desserts and sauces, candied vegetables) other than food category 04.2.2.5	100 mg/kg	92 & 161	8	
04.2.2.7	Fermented vegetable (including mushrooms and fungi, roots and tubers, pulses and legumes, and aloe vera) and seaweed products, excluding fermented soybean products of food categories 06.8.6, 06.8.7, 12.9.1, 12.9.2.1 and 12.9.2.3	100 mg/kg	92 & 161	5/8	
05.1.3	Cocoa-based spreads, including fillings	100 mg/kg	161	8	
05.1.4	Cocoa and chocolate products	100 mg/kg	183	8	
05.1.5	Imitation chocolate, chocolate substitute products	100 mg/kg		8	
07.1	Bread and ordinary bakery wares	100 mg/kg	161	8	
07.2	Fine bakery wares (sweet, salty, savoury) and mixes	200 mg/kg	161	8	
08.0	Meat and meat products, including poultry and game	100 mg/kg	4 & 16	8	
09.2.4.1	Cooked fish and fish products	100 mg/kg	95	8	
09.2.4.2	Cooked mollusks, crustaceans, and	100 mg/kg		8	
09.2.5	echinoderms Smoked, dried, fermented, and/or salted fish and fish products, including mollusks, crustaceans, and echinoderms	100 mg/kg	22	8	
12.2.2	Seasonings and condiments	100 mg/kg		8	
12.4	Mustards	100 mg/kg		8	
12.5	Soups and broths	50 mg/kg		8	
12.6	Sauces and like products	100 mg/kg		8	

CARAMEL III - AMMONIA PROCESS

Caramel III - ammonia process INS: 150c

FoodCatNo	FoodCategory	MaxLevel	Comments	Step	Year
01.1.2	Dairy-based drinks, flavoured and/or fermented (e.g., chocolate milk, cocoa, eggnog, drinking yoghurt, whey-based drinks)	2000 mg/kg	52	5/8	
01.3.2	Beverage whiteners	1000 mg/kg		5/8	

CARAMEL III – AMMONIA PROCESS

Function: colour

FoodCatNo	FoodCategory	MaxLevel	Comments	Step	Year
05.1.5	Imitation chocolate, chocolate substitute products	50000 mg/kg		8	
06.3	Breakfast cereals, including rolled oats	50000 mg/kg	AA	5/8	
06.5	Cereal and starch based desserts (e.g., rice pudding, tapioca pudding)	50000 mg/kg		5/8	
06.6	Batters (e.g., for breading or batters for fish or poultry)	50000 mg/kg		5/8	
06.7	Pre-cooked or processed rice products, including rice cakes (Oriental type only)	50000 mg/kg		5/8	
07.1.2	Crackers, excluding sweet crackers	50000 mg/kg	161	5/8	
07.1.3	Other ordinary bakery products (e.g., bagels, pita, English muffins)	50000 mg/kg	161	5/8	
07.1.4	Bread-type products, including bread stuffing and bread crumbs	50000 mg/kg	161	5/8	
07.1.5	Steamed breads and buns	50000 mg/kg	161	5/8	
07.2	Fine bakery wares (sweet, salty, savoury) and mixes	50000 mg/kg	161	5/8	
08.0	Meat and meat products, including poultry and game	GMP	3, 4 & 16	8	2009r
09.2	Processed fish and fish products, including mollusks, crustaceans, and echinoderms	30000 mg/kg		5/8	
15.0	Ready-to-eat savouries	10000 mg/kg		5/8	

CARAMEL IV - SULFITE AMMONIA PROCESS

Caramel IV - sulfite ammonia process INS: 150d

FoodCatNo	FoodCategory	MaxLevel	Comments	Step	Year
01.3.2	Beverage whiteners	1000 mg/kg		5/8	
01.4.4	Cream analogues	5000 mg/kg		5/8	
01.5.2	Milk and cream powder analogues	5000 mg/kg		5/8	
02.4	Fat-based desserts excluding dairy-based dessert products of food category 01.7	20000 mg/kg		5/8	
04.2.2	Processed vegetables (including mushrooms and fungi, roots and tubers, pulses and legumes, and aloe vera), seaweeds, and nuts	50000 mg/kg	92 & 161	5/8	
0.80	Meat and meat products, including poultry and game	GMP	3, 4 & 16	8	2009r
09.2	Processed fish and fish products, including mollusks, crustaceans, and echinoderms	30000 mg/kg	95	5/8	
09.3	Semi-preserved fish and fish products, including mollusks, crustaceans, and echinoderms	30000 mg/kg	95	5/8	
09.4	Fully preserved, including canned or fermented fish and fish products, including mollusks, crustaceans, and echinoderms	30000 mg/kg	95	5/8	
10.2	Egg products	20000 mg/kg	161	5/8	
10.3	Preserved eggs, including alkaline, salted, and canned eggs	20000 mg/kg		5/8	
10.4	Egg-based desserts (e.g., custard)	20000 mg/kg		5/8	
13.3	Dietetic foods intended for special medical purposes (excluding products of food category 13.1)	20000 mg/kg		5/8	
13.4	Dietetic formulae for slimming purposes and weight reduction	20000 mg/kg		5/8	
13.5	Dietetic foods (e.g., supplementary foods for dietary use) excluding products of food categories 13.1 - 13.4 and 13.6	20000 mg/kg		5/8	
13.6	Food supplements	20000 mg/kg		5/8	

CARAMEL IV - SULFITE AMMONIA PROCESS

Function: colour

FoodCatNo	FoodCategory	MaxLevel	Comments	Step	Year
14.1.4	Water-based flavoured drinks, including "sport," "energy," or "electrolyte" drinks and particulated drinks	50000 mg/kg		5/8	
14.2.2	Cider and perry	1000 mg/kg		8	2009r
14.2.4	Wines (other than grape)	1000 mg/kg		8	2009r
14.2.5	Mead	1000 mg/kg		8	
15.0	Ready-to-eat savouries	10000 mg/kg		5/8	

CARMINES

Carmines INS: 120

Function: colour

FoodCatNo	FoodCategory	MaxLevel	Comments	Step	Year
15.3	Snacks - fish based	200 mg/kg	178	5/8	

CAROTENES, BETA- (VEGETABLE)

beta-Carotenes (vegetable) INS: 160a(ii)

Function: colour

FoodCatNo	FoodCategory	odCategory MaxLevel		Step	Year
04.1.2.11	Fruit fillings for pastries	100 mg/kg	180	8	
09.2.4.1	Cooked fish and fish products	1000 mg/kg	95	5/8	
15.1	Snacks - potato, cereal, flour or starch based (from roots and tubers, pulses and legumes)	100 mg/kg	180	5/8	

CAROTENOIDS

beta-Carotenes (synthetic) INS: 160a(i) beta-Carotenes (Blakeslea trispora) INS: 160a(iii) beta-apo-8'-Carotenal INS: 160e beta-apo-8'-Carotenoic acid, methyl or INS: 160f

ethyl ester

FoodCatNo	FoodCategory	MaxLevel	Comments	Step	Year
01.1.2	Dairy-based drinks, flavoured and/or fermented (e.g., chocolate milk, cocoa, eggnog, drinking yoghurt, whey-based drinks)	150 mg/kg	52	8	
01.6.2.1	Ripened cheese, includes rind	100 mg/kg	180	8	
01.6.2.2	Rind of ripened cheese	500 mg/kg	180	5/8	
01.6.2.3	Cheese powder (for reconstitution; e.g., for cheese sauces)	100 mg/kg	180	5/8	
01.6.4	Processed cheese	100 mg/kg	180	8	
01.6.5	Cheese analogues	200 mg/kg	180	5/8	
01.7	Dairy-based desserts (e.g., pudding, fruit or flavoured yoghurt)	100 mg/kg	180	8	
02.3	Fat emulsions mainly of type oil-in-water, including mixed and/or flavoured products based on fat emulsions	200 mg/kg	180	8	
02.4	Fat-based desserts excluding dairy-based dessert products of food category 01.7	150 mg/kg	180	8	
03.0	Edible ices, including sherbet and sorbet	200 mg/kg	180	8	
04.1.2.3	Fruit in vinegar, oil, or brine	1000 mg/kg		5/8	
04.1.2.5	Jams, jellies, marmelades	200 mg/kg		8	
04.1.2.6	Fruit-based spreads (e.g., chutney) excluding products of food category 04.1.2.5	500 mg/kg		8	
04.1.2.7	Candied fruit	200 mg/kg		8	

CAROTENOIDS

FoodCatNo	FoodCategory	MaxLe	vel	Comments	Step	Year
04.1.2.8	Fruit preparations, including pulp, purees, fruit toppings and coconut milk	100 r	mg/kg	161, 180 &182	8	
04.1.2.9	Fruit-based desserts, including fruit-flavoured water-based desserts	150 r	mg/kg		8	
04.1.2.10	Fermented fruit products	500 r	ng/kg		5/8	
04.1.2.11	Fruit fillings for pastries	100 r	ng/kg	180	8	
04.2.2.2	Dried vegetables (including mushrooms and fungi, roots and tubers, pulses and legumes, and aloe vera), seaweeds, and nuts and seeds	1000 r	mg/kg	161	5/8	
04.2.2.7	Fermented vegetable (including mushrooms and fungi, roots and tubers, pulses and legumes, and aloe vera) and seaweed products, excluding fermented soybean products of food categories 06.8.6, 06.8.7, 12.9.1, 12.9.2.1 and 12.9.2.3	50 r	mg/kg	180	5/8	
05.1.5	Imitation chocolate, chocolate substitute products	100 r	ng/kg	180	8	
05.2	Confectionery including hard and soft candy, nougats, etc. other than food categories 05.1, 05.3 and 05.4	100 r	mg/kg	180	8	
05.3	Chewing gum	100 r	ng/kg	180	8	
05.4	Decorations (e.g., for fine bakery wares), toppings (non-fruit) and sweet sauces	100 r	mg/kg	180	8	
06.3	Breakfast cereals, including rolled oats	200 r	ng/kg		8	
06.4.3	Pre-cooked pastas and noodles and like products	1200 r	mg/kg	153 & 180	5/8	
06.5	Cereal and starch based desserts (e.g., rice pudding, tapioca pudding)	150 r	mg/kg	180	8	
06.6	Batters (e.g., for breading or batters for fish or poultry)	500 r	mg/kg		8	
07.1.2	Crackers, excluding sweet crackers	1000 r	ng/kg		5/8	
07.2	Fine bakery wares (sweet, salty, savoury) and mixes	100 r	mg/kg	180	8	
09.4	Fully preserved, including canned or fermented fish and fish products, including mollusks, crustaceans, and echinoderms	100 r	mg/kg	95	8	
10.4	Egg-based desserts (e.g., custard)	150 r	ng/kg		8	
12.2.2	Seasonings and condiments	500 r	ng/kg		8	
12.4	Mustards	300 r	mg/kg		8	
12.5	Soups and broths	300 r	ng/kg		8	
12.6	Sauces and like products	500 r	ng/kg		8	
12.7	Salads (e.g., macaroni salad, potato salad) and sandwich spreads excluding cocoa- and nut-based spreads of food categories 04.2.2.5 and 05.1.3	50 r	mg/kg	180	5/8	
13.3	Dietetic foods intended for special medical purposes (excluding products of food category 13.1)	50 r	mg/kg	180	8	
13.4	Dietetic formulae for slimming purposes and weight reduction	50 r	mg/kg	180	8	
13.5	Dietetic foods (e.g., supplementary foods for dietary use) excluding products of food categories 13.1 - 13.4 and 13.6	300 r	mg/kg	180	8	
13.6	Food supplements	300 r	ng/kg	180	8	
14.1.4	Water-based flavoured drinks, including "sport," "energy," or "electrolyte" drinks and particulated drinks	100 r	mg/kg		8	
14.2.2	Cider and perry	200 r	ng/kg	180	8	
14.2.4	Wines (other than grape)	200 r	ng/kg		8	
14.2.6	Distilled spirituous beverages containing more than 15% alcohol	200 r	mg/kg		8	

CAROTENOIDS

Function: colour

FoodCatNo	FoodCategory	MaxLevel	Comments	Step	Year
14.2.7	Aromatized alcoholic beverages (e.g., beer, wine and spirituous cooler-type beverages, low alcoholic refreshers)	200 mg/kg		8	
15.2	Processed nuts, including coated nuts and nut mixtures (with e.g., dried fruit)	100 mg/kg	180	8	

CHLOROPHYLLS AND CHLOROPHYLLINS, COPPER **COMPLEXES**

Chlorophyllin copper complexes, sodium and potassium salts Chlorophylls, copper complexes INS: 141(i) INS: 141(ii)

FoodCatNo	FoodCategory	MaxLevel	Comments	Step	Year
01.1.2	Dairy-based drinks, flavoured and/or fermented (e.g., chocolate milk, cocoa, eggnog, drinking yoghurt, whey-based drinks)	50 mg/kg	52 & M	5/8	
01.6.1	Unripened cheese	50 mg/kg	161	5/8	
01.6.2.1	Ripened cheese, includes rind	15 mg/kg		8	
01.6.2.2	Rind of ripened cheese	75 mg/kg		5/8	
01.6.2.3	Cheese powder (for reconstitution; e.g., for cheese sauces)	50 mg/kg		5/8	
01.6.4.2	Flavoured processed cheese, including containing fruit, vegetables, meat, etc.	50 mg/kg		5/8	
01.6.5	Cheese analogues	50 mg/kg		5/8	
01.7	Dairy-based desserts (e.g., pudding, fruit or flavoured yoghurt)	500 mg/kg		5/8	
02.4	Fat-based desserts excluding dairy-based dessert products of food category 01.7	500 mg/kg		5/8	
03.0	Edible ices, including sherbet and sorbet	500 mg/kg		5/8	
04.1.2.5	Jams, jellies, marmelades	200 mg/kg	161	8	
04.1.2.6	Fruit-based spreads (e.g., chutney) excluding products of food category 04.1.2.5	150 mg/kg		8	
04.1.2.7	Candied fruit	250 mg/kg		5/8	
04.1.2.9	Fruit-based desserts, including fruit-flavoured water-based desserts	150 mg/kg		8	
05.1.2	Cocoa mixes (syrups)	6.4 mg/kg	62 & 161	5/8	
05.1.3	Cocoa-based spreads, including fillings	6.4 mg/kg	62 & 161	5/8	
05.1.4	Cocoa and chocolate products	700 mg/kg	183	8	
05.1.5	Imitation chocolate, chocolate substitute products	700 mg/kg		8	
05.2.1	Hard candy	700 mg/kg		8	
05.2.2	Soft candy	100 mg/kg		8	
05.2.3	Nougats and marzipans	100 mg/kg		8	
05.3	Chewing gum	700 mg/kg		8	
05.4	Decorations (e.g., for fine bakery wares), toppings (non-fruit) and sweet sauces	100 mg/kg		5/8	
06.4.3	Pre-cooked pastas and noodles and like products	100 mg/kg	153	5/8	
06.5	Cereal and starch based desserts (e.g., rice pudding, tapioca pudding)	75 mg/kg		5/8	
07.1.4	Bread-type products, including bread stuffing and bread crumbs	6.4 mg/kg	62 &161	5/8	
07.2	Fine bakery wares (sweet, salty, savoury) and mixes	75 mg/kg		5/8	
09.2.3	Frozen minced and creamed fish products, including mollusks, crustaceans, and	40 mg/kg	95	5/8	
09.2.4.1	Cooked fish and fish products	30 mg/kg	62 & 95	8	
09.2.4.3	Fried fish and fish products, including mollusks, crustaceans, and echinoderms	40 mg/kg	95	8	

CHLOROPHYLLS AND CHLOROPHYLLINS,

Function: colour

FoodCatNo	FoodCategory	MaxLevel	Comments	Step	Year
09.2.5	Smoked, dried, fermented, and/or salted fish and fish products, including mollusks, crustaceans, and echinoderms	200 mg/kg		5/8	
09.3.1	Fish and fish products, including mollusks, crustaceans, and echinoderms, marinated and/or in jelly	40 mg/kg	16	5/8	
09.3.2	Fish and fish products, including mollusks, crustaceans, and echinoderms, pickled and/or in brine	40 mg/kg	16	5/8	
09.3.3	Salmon substitutes, caviar, and other fish roe products	200 mg/kg		5/8	
09.3.4	Semi-preserved fish and fish products, including mollusks, crustaceans, and echinoderms (e.g., fish paste), excluding products of food categories 09.3.1 - 09.3.3	75 mg/kg	95	5/8	
09.4	Fully preserved, including canned or fermented fish and fish products, including mollusks, crustaceans, and echinoderms	500 mg/kg	95	8	
10.4	Egg-based desserts (e.g., custard)	300 mg/kg	2	5/8	
12.2.2	Seasonings and condiments	500 mg/kg		5/8	
12.4	Mustards	500 mg/kg		8	
12.5	Soups and broths	400 mg/kg	127	8	
12.6	Sauces and like products	100 mg/kg		5/8	
13.6	Food supplements	500 mg/kg	3	8	
14.1.4	Water-based flavoured drinks, including "sport," "energy," or "electrolyte" drinks and particulated drinks	300 mg/kg		8	
15.1	Snacks - potato, cereal, flour or starch based (from roots and tubers, pulses and legumes)	350 mg/kg		5/8	
15.2	Processed nuts, including coated nuts and nut mixtures (with e.g., dried fruit)	100 mg/kg		5/8	
15.3	Snacks - fish based	350 mg/kg		5/8	

ERYTHROSINE

Erythrosine INS: 127

FoodCatNo	FoodCategory	MaxLevel	Comments	Step	Year
01.1.2	Dairy-based drinks, flavoured and/or fermented (e.g., chocolate milk, cocoa, eggnog, drinking yoghurt, whey-based drinks)	300 mg/kg	52	8	
01.7	Dairy-based desserts (e.g., pudding, fruit or flavoured yoghurt)	300 mg/kg		8	
02.1.3	Lard, tallow, fish oil, and other animal fats	300 mg/kg		5/8	
02.3	Fat emulsions mainly of type oil-in-water, including mixed and/or flavoured products based on fat emulsions	300 mg/kg		8	
02.4	Fat-based desserts excluding dairy-based dessert products of food category 01.7	300 mg/kg		8	
03.0	Edible ices, including sherbet and sorbet	300 mg/kg		8	
04.1.2.4	Canned or bottled (pasteurized) fruit	300 mg/kg	54 & 161	8	
04.1.2.6	Fruit-based spreads (e.g., chutney) excluding products of food category 04.1.2.5	300 mg/kg	161	8	
04.1.2.8	Fruit preparations, including pulp, purees, fruit toppings and coconut milk	300 mg/kg	161 & 182	8	
04.1.2.9	Fruit-based desserts, including fruit-flavoured water-based desserts	300 mg/kg	161	8	
04.1.2.11	Fruit fillings for pastries	300 mg/kg	161	8	

ERYTHROSINE

Function: colour

FoodCatNo	FoodCategory	MaxLevel	Comments	Step	Year
04.2.2.3	Vegetables (including mushrooms and fungi, roots and tubers, pulses and legumes, and aloe vera), and seaweeds in vinegar, oil, brine, or soybean sauce	300 mg/kg	161	8	
04.2.2.7	Fermented vegetable (including mushrooms and fungi, roots and tubers, pulses and legumes, and aloe vera) and seaweed products, excluding fermented soybean products of food categories 06.8.6, 06.8.7, 12.9.1, 12.9.2.1 and 12.9.2.3	300 mg/kg	161	5/8	
05.2	Confectionery including hard and soft candy, nougats, etc. other than food categories 05.1, 05.3 and 05.4	300 mg/kg		8	
05.3	Chewing gum	100 mg/kg		8	
05.4	Decorations (e.g., for fine bakery wares), toppings (non-fruit) and sweet sauces	300 mg/kg		8	
06.3	Breakfast cereals, including rolled oats	300 mg/kg		8	
06.5	Cereal and starch based desserts (e.g., rice pudding, tapioca pudding)	300 mg/kg		8	
11.4	Other sugars and syrups (e.g., xylose, maple syrup, sugar toppings)	300 mg/kg		8	
12.2	Herbs, spices, seasonings and condiments (e.g., seasoning for instant noodles)	300 mg/kg		8	
13.6	Food supplements	300 mg/kg		8	
14.1.4	Water-based flavoured drinks, including "sport," "energy," or "electrolyte" drinks and particulated drinks	300 mg/kg		8	

FAST GREEN FCF

Fast green FCF INS: 143

FoodCatNo	FoodCategory	MaxLevel	Comments	Step	Year
02.4	Fat-based desserts excluding dairy-based dessert products of food category 01.7	100 mg/kg		8	
04.1.2.6	Fruit-based spreads (e.g., chutney) excluding products of food category 04.1.2.5	100 mg/kg	161	8	
04.1.2.7	Candied fruit	100 mg/kg	161	8	
04.1.2.8	Fruit preparations, including pulp, purees, fruit toppings and coconut milk	100 mg/kg	161 & 182	8	
04.1.2.9	Fruit-based desserts, including fruit-flavoured water-based desserts	100 mg/kg	161	8	
04.1.2.11	Fruit fillings for pastries	100 mg/kg	161	8	
04.2.2.7	Fermented vegetable (including mushrooms and fungi, roots and tubers, pulses and legumes, and aloe vera) and seaweed products, excluding fermented soybean products of food categories 06.8.6, 06.8.7, 12.9.1, 12.9.2.1 and 12.9.2.3	100 mg/kg	161	5/8	
05.2	Confectionery including hard and soft candy, nougats, etc. other than food categories 05.1, 05.3 and 05.4	100 mg/kg		8	
05.4	Decorations (e.g., for fine bakery wares), toppings (non-fruit) and sweet sauces	100 mg/kg		8	
06.5	Cereal and starch based desserts (e.g., rice pudding, tapioca pudding)	100 mg/kg	161	8	
07.0	Bakery wares	100 mg/kg	161	8	
08.1	Fresh meat, poultry, and game	100 mg/kg	3, 4 & 16	5/8	
08.2	Processed meat, poultry, and game products in whole pieces or cuts	100 mg/kg	3 & 4	5/8	
08.4	Edible casings (e.g., sausage casings)	100 mg/kg	3 & 4	5/8	

FAST GREEN FCF

Function: colour

FoodCatNo	FoodCategory	MaxLevel	Comments	Step	Year
09.4	Fully preserved, including canned or fermented fish and fish products, including mollusks, crustaceans, and echinoderms	100 mg/kg	95	8	
10.4	Egg-based desserts (e.g., custard)	100 mg/kg		8	
12.2.2	Seasonings and condiments	100 mg/kg		8	
12.6.1	Emulsified sauces (e.g., mayonnaise, salad dressing)	100 mg/kg		8	
13.6	Food supplements	600 mg/kg		8	

GRAPE SKIN EXTRACT

Grape skin extract INS: 163(ii)

FoodCatNo	FoodCategory	MaxLevel	Comments	Step	Year
01.1.2	Dairy-based drinks, flavoured and/or fermented (e.g., chocolate milk, cocoa, eggnog, drinking yoghurt, whey-based drinks)	150 mg/kg	52 & 181	5/8	
01.6.2.2	Rind of ripened cheese	1000 mg/kg		5/8	
01.6.4.2	Flavoured processed cheese, including containing fruit, vegetables, meat, etc.	1000 mg/kg		5/8	
01.6.5	Cheese analogues	1000 mg/kg		5/8	
01.7	Dairy-based desserts (e.g., pudding, fruit or flavoured yoghurt)	200 mg/kg	181	8	
02.4	Fat-based desserts excluding dairy-based dessert products of food category 01.7	200 mg/kg	181	5/8	
04.1.2.3	Fruit in vinegar, oil, or brine	1500 mg/kg	161	5/8	
04.1.2.5	Jams, jellies, marmelades	500 mg/kg	161 & 181	5/8	
04.1.2.6	Fruit-based spreads (e.g., chutney) excluding products of food category 04.1.2.5	500 mg/kg	161 & 181	8	
04.1.2.9	Fruit-based desserts, including fruit-flavoured water-based desserts	500 mg/kg	161 & 181	5/8	
04.1.2.10	Fermented fruit products	500 mg/kg	161 & 181	5/8	
04.1.2.11	Fruit fillings for pastries	500 mg/kg	161 & 181	5/8	
04.2.2.7	Fermented vegetable (including mushrooms and fungi, roots and tubers, pulses and legumes, and aloe vera) and seaweed products, excluding fermented soybean products of food categories 06.8.6, 06.8.7, 12.9.1, 12.9.2.1 and 12.9.2.3	100 mg/kg	161 & 181	5/8	
05.1.5	Imitation chocolate, chocolate substitute products	200 mg/kg	181	5/8	
05.3	Chewing gum	500 mg/kg	181	8	
05.4	Decorations (e.g., for fine bakery wares), toppings (non-fruit) and sweet sauces	500 mg/kg	181	5/8	
08.4	Edible casings (e.g., sausage casings)	5000 mg/kg		5/8	
09.2.3	Frozen minced and creamed fish products, including mollusks, crustaceans, and	GMP	16 & 95	8	
09.2.4.1	Cooked fish and fish products	500 mg/kg	95	5/8	
09.2.4.3	Fried fish and fish products, including mollusks, crustaceans, and echinoderms	1000 mg/kg	16 & 95	5/8	
09.2.5	Smoked, dried, fermented, and/or salted fish and fish products, including mollusks, crustaceans, and echinoderms	1000 mg/kg	22	5/8	
09.3.1	Fish and fish products, including mollusks, crustaceans, and echinoderms, marinated and/or in jelly	500 mg/kg	16	5/8	
09.3.2	Fish and fish products, including mollusks, crustaceans, and echinoderms, pickled and/or in brine	1500 mg/kg	16	5/8	
09.3.3	Salmon substitutes, caviar, and other fish roe products	1500 mg/kg		5/8	

GRAPE SKIN EXTRACT

Function: colour

FoodCatNo	FoodCategory	MaxLevel	Comments	Step	Year
09.3.4	Semi-preserved fish and fish products, including mollusks, crustaceans, and echinoderms (e.g., fish paste), excluding products of food categories 09.3.1 - 09.3.3	1500 mg/k	g 16	5/8	
09.4	Fully preserved, including canned or fermented fish and fish products, including mollusks, crustaceans, and echinoderms	1500 mg/k	g 16	5/8	
10.4	Egg-based desserts (e.g., custard)	200 mg/k	g 181	5/8	
12.4	Mustards	200 mg/k	g 181	5/8	
12.5	Soups and broths	500 mg/k	g 181	5/8	
12.6.1	Emulsified sauces (e.g., mayonnaise, salad dressing)	300 mg/k	g 181	5/8	
12.6.2	Non-emulsified sauces (e.g., ketchup, cheese sauce, cream sauce, brown gravy)	300 mg/k	g 181	5/8	
12.6.3	Mixes for sauces and gravies	300 mg/k	g 181	5/8	
12.7	Salads (e.g., macaroni salad, potato salad) and sandwich spreads excluding cocoa- and nut-based spreads of food categories 04.2.2.5 and 05.1.3	1500 mg/k	9	5/8	
13.3	Dietetic foods intended for special medical purposes (excluding products of food category 13.1)	250 mg/k	g 181	5/8	
13.4	Dietetic formulae for slimming purposes and weight reduction	250 mg/k	g 181	5/8	
13.5	Dietetic foods (e.g., supplementary foods for dietary use) excluding products of food categories 13.1 - 13.4 and 13.6	250 mg/k	g 181	5/8	
13.6	Food supplements	500 mg/k	g 181	5/8	
14.1.4	Water-based flavoured drinks, including "sport," "energy," or "electrolyte" drinks and particulated drinks	300 mg/k	g 181	8	
14.2.2	Cider and perry	300 mg/k	g 181	5/8	
14.2.4	Wines (other than grape)	300 mg/k	g 181	5/8	
14.2.7	Aromatized alcoholic beverages (e.g., beer, wine and spirituous cooler-type beverages, low alcoholic refreshers)	300 mg/k	g 181	5/8	
15.1	Snacks - potato, cereal, flour or starch based (from roots and tubers, pulses and legumes)	500 mg/k	g 181	5/8	
15.2	Processed nuts, including coated nuts and nut mixtures (with e.g., dried fruit)	300 mg/k	g 181	5/8	

HYDROXYBENZOATES, PARA-

Ethyl para-hydroxybenzoate INS: 214 Methyl para-hydroxybenzoate INS: 218

Function: preservative

FoodCatNo	FoodCategory	MaxLevel	Comments	Step	Year
01.6.5	Cheese analogues	500 mg/kg	27	8	
05.1.5	Imitation chocolate, chocolate substitute products	300 mg/kg	27	8	
15.1	Snacks - potato, cereal, flour or starch based (from roots and tubers, pulses and legumes)	300 mg/kg	27	5/8	

INDIGOTINE (INDIGO CARMINE)

Indigotine (Indigo carmine) INS: 132

FoodCatNo	FoodCategory	MaxLevel	Comments	Step	Year
01.1.2	Dairy-based drinks, flavoured and/or fermented (e.g., chocolate milk, cocoa, eggnog, drinking yoghurt, whey-based drinks)	300 mg/kg	52	8	
01.6.1	Unripened cheese	200 mg/kg	3	5/8	
01.6.2.2	Rind of ripened cheese	100 mg/kg		8	
01.6.4.2	Flavoured processed cheese, including containing fruit, vegetables, meat, etc.	100 mg/kg		5/8	
01.6.5	Cheese analogues	200 mg/kg	3 & 161	5/8	
01.7	Dairy-based desserts (e.g., pudding, fruit or flavoured yoghurt)	150 mg/kg		8	
02.1.3	Lard, tallow, fish oil, and other animal fats	300 mg/kg	161	5/8	
02.3	Fat emulsions mainly of type oil-in-water, including mixed and/or flavoured products based on fat emulsions	300 mg/kg	161	8	
02.4	Fat-based desserts excluding dairy-based dessert products of food category 01.7	150 mg/kg		8	
03.0	Edible ices, including sherbet and sorbet	150 mg/kg		8	
04.1.2.5	Jams, jellies, marmelades	300 mg/kg	161	8	
04.1.2.6	Fruit-based spreads (e.g., chutney) excluding products of food category 04.1.2.5	300 mg/kg	161	8	
04.1.2.7	Candied fruit	200 mg/kg	161	8	
04.1.2.8	Fruit preparations, including pulp, purees, fruit toppings and coconut milk	150 mg/kg	161 & 182	8	
04.1.2.9	Fruit-based desserts, including fruit-flavoured water-based desserts	150 mg/kg	161	8	
04.1.2.11	Fruit fillings for pastries	150 mg/kg	161	8	
04.2.2.3	Vegetables (including mushrooms and fungi, roots and tubers, pulses and legumes, and aloe vera), and seaweeds in vinegar, oil, brine, or soybean sauce	150 mg/kg	161	8	
04.2.2.6	Vegetable (including mushrooms and fungi, roots and tubers, pulses and legumes, and aloe vera), seaweed, and nut and seed pulps and preparations (e.g., vegetable desserts and sauces, candied vegetables) other than food category 04.2.2.5	200 mg/kg	92 & 161	8	
04.2.2.7	Fermented vegetable (including mushrooms and fungi, roots and tubers, pulses and legumes, and aloe vera) and seaweed products, excluding fermented soybean products of food categories 06.8.6, 06.8.7, 12.9.1, 12.9.2.1 and 12.9.2.3	300 mg/kg	161	5/8	
05.1.4	Cocoa and chocolate products	450 mg/kg	183	8	
05.1.5	Imitation chocolate, chocolate substitute products	300 mg/kg		8	
05.2	Confectionery including hard and soft candy, nougats, etc. other than food categories 05.1, 05.3 and 05.4	300 mg/kg		8	
05.3	Chewing gum	300 mg/kg		8	
05.4	Decorations (e.g., for fine bakery wares), toppings (non-fruit) and sweet sauces	300 mg/kg		8	
06.5	Cereal and starch based desserts (e.g., rice pudding, tapioca pudding)	150 mg/kg		8	
07.2	Fine bakery wares (sweet, salty, savoury) and mixes	200 mg/kg	161	8	
09.1.1	Fresh fish	300 mg/kg	4, 16 & 50	8	
09.2.1	Frozen fish, fish fillets, and fish products, including mollusks, crustaceans, and	300 mg/kg	95	8	
09.2.4.1	Cooked fish and fish products	300 mg/kg	95	8	
09.2.4.2	Cooked mollusks, crustaceans, and echinoderms	250 mg/kg	16	8	

INDIGOTINE (INDIGO CARMINE)

Function: colour

FoodCatNo	FoodCategory	MaxLevel	Comments	Step	Year
09.2.5	Smoked, dried, fermented, and/or salted fish and fish products, including mollusks, crustaceans, and echinoderms	300 mg/kg	22 & 161	8	
09.3.3	Salmon substitutes, caviar, and other fish roe products	300 mg/kg		8	
09.3.4	Semi-preserved fish and fish products, including mollusks, crustaceans, and echinoderms (e.g., fish paste), excluding products of food categories 09.3.1 - 09.3.3	300 mg/kg	161	8	
09.4	Fully preserved, including canned or fermented fish and fish products, including mollusks, crustaceans, and echinoderms	300 mg/kg		8	
10.1	Fresh eggs	300 mg/kg	4 & 161	5/8	
10.4	Egg-based desserts (e.g., custard)	300 mg/kg	161	8	
11.4	Other sugars and syrups (e.g., xylose, maple syrup, sugar toppings)	300 mg/kg	161	8	
12.2.2	Seasonings and condiments	300 mg/kg		8	
12.4	Mustards	300 mg/kg		8	
12.5	Soups and broths	50 mg/kg		8	
12.6	Sauces and like products	300 mg/kg		8	
13.3	Dietetic foods intended for special medical purposes (excluding products of food category 13.1)	50 mg/kg		8	
13.4	Dietetic formulae for slimming purposes and weight reduction	50 mg/kg		8	
13.5	Dietetic foods (e.g., supplementary foods for dietary use) excluding products of food categories 13.1 - 13.4 and 13.6	300 mg/kg		8	
13.6	Food supplements	300 mg/kg		8	
14.1.4	Water-based flavoured drinks, including "sport," "energy," or "electrolyte" drinks and particulated drinks	100 mg/kg		8	
14.2.2	Cider and perry	200 mg/kg		8	
14.2.4	Wines (other than grape)	200 mg/kg		8	
14.2.6	Distilled spirituous beverages containing more than 15% alcohol	300 mg/kg		8	
14.2.7	Aromatized alcoholic beverages (e.g., beer, wine and spirituous cooler-type beverages, low alcoholic refreshers)	200 mg/kg		8	
15.1	Snacks - potato, cereal, flour or starch based (from roots and tubers, pulses and legumes)	200 mg/kg		8	
15.2	Processed nuts, including coated nuts and nut mixtures (with e.g., dried fruit)	100 mg/kg		8	

IRON OXIDES

Iron oxide, black INS: 172(i) Iron oxide, red INS: 172(ii)

Iron oxide, yellow INS: 172(iii)

FoodCatNo	FoodCategory	MaxLevel	Comments	Step	Year
05.3	Chewing gum	10000 mg/kg	161	8	
13.6	Food supplements	7500 mg/kg	3	8	

NISIN

Nisin INS: 234

Function: preservative

FoodCatNo	FoodCategory			MaxLevel	Comments	Step	Year
01.4.3	Clotted cream (plain)			10 mg/kg	28	8	
01.6.2	Ripened cheese			12.5 mg/kg	28	8	
PHOSPH	ATES						
Orthophospho	oric acid	INS:	338	Monosodium orthoph	osphate	INS:	339(i)
Disodium orth	ophosphate	INS:	339(ii)	Trisodium orthophos	ohate	INS:	339(iii)
Monopotassiu	m orthophosphate	INS:	340(i)	Dipotassium orthopho	osphate	INS:	340(ii)
Tripotassium o	orthophosphate	INS:	340(iii)	Monocalcium orthoph	nosphate	INS:	341(i)
Dicalcium orth	ophosphate	INS:	341(ii)	Tricalcium orthophos	phate	INS:	341(iii)
Monoammonii	um orthophosphate	INS:	342(i)	Diammonium orthoph	nosphate	INS:	342(ii)
Monomagnesi	ium phosphate	INS:	343(i)	Dimagnesium orthop	hosphate	INS:	343(ii)
Trimagnesium	orthophosphate	INS:	343(iii)	Disodium diphosphat	e	INS:	450(i)
Trisodium dipl	hosphate	INS:	450(ii)	Tetrasodium diphosp	hate	INS:	450(iii)
Tetrapotassium diphosphate		INS:	450(v)	Dicalcium diphospha	ate	INS:	450(vi)
Calcium dihyd	lrogen diphosphate	INS:	450(vii)	Pentasodium triphos	phate	INS:	451(i)
Pentapotassiu	ım triphosphate	INS:	451(ii)	Sodium polyphospha	te	INS:	452(i)
Potassium pol	lyphosphate	INS:	452(ii)	Sodium calcium poly	phosphate	INS:	452(iii)
Calcium polyp	phosphate	INS:	452(iv)	Ammonium polyphos	phate	INS:	452(v)
Bone phospha	ate	INS:	542				

Function: adjuvant, anticaking agent, antioxidant, acidity regulator, colour retention agent, emulsifier, firming agent,

flavour enhancer, flour treatment agent, humectant, preservative, raising agent, sequestrant, stabilizer,						
FoodCatNo	FoodCategory	MaxLevel	Comments	Step	Year	
01.5.2	Milk and cream powder analogues	4400 mg/kg	33 & 88	5/8		
02.2.2	Fat spreads, dairy fat spreads and blended spreads	2200 mg/kg	33	8		
02.3	Fat emulsions mainly of type oil-in-water, including mixed and/or flavoured products based on fat emulsions	2200 mg/kg	33	8		
04.1.2.6	Fruit-based spreads (e.g., chutney) excluding products of food category 04.1.2.5	1100 mg/kg	33	8		
04.1.2.10	Fermented fruit products	2200 mg/kg	33	8		
04.2.1.2	Surface-treated fresh vegetables (including mushrooms and fungi, roots and tubers, pulses and legumes, and aloe vera), seaweeds, and nuts and seeds	1760 mg/kg	16 & 33	8		
05.1.5	Imitation chocolate, chocolate substitute products	2200 mg/kg	33	8		
06.3	Breakfast cereals, including rolled oats	2200 mg/kg	33	8		
08.2.3	Frozen processed meat, poultry, and game products in whole pieces or cuts	2200 mg/kg	33	8		
08.3	Processed comminuted meat, poultry, and game products	2200 mg/kg	33	8		
10.2.1	Liquid egg products	4400 mg/kg	33 & 67	8		
10.2.2	Frozen egg products	1290 mg/kg	33	8		
11.4	Other sugars and syrups (e.g., xylose, maple syrup, sugar toppings)	1320 mg/kg	33	8		
11.6	Table-top sweeteners, including those containing high-intensity sweeteners	1000 mg/kg	33	8		
13.3	Dietetic foods intended for special medical purposes (excluding products of food category 13.1)	2200 mg/kg	33	8		
13.4	Dietetic formulae for slimming purposes and weight reduction	2200 mg/kg	33	8		
13.5	Dietetic foods (e.g., supplementary foods for dietary use) excluding products of food categories 13.1 - 13.4 and 13.6	2200 mg/kg	33	8		
14.2.5	Mead	440 mg/kg	33 & 88	8		

PHOSPHATES

Function: adjuvant, anticaking agent, antioxidant, acidity regulator, colour retention agent, emulsifier, firming agent,

flavour enha	ncer, flour treatment agent, humecta	ant, preservati	ve, raising agent, seque	estrant, stabilizer,		
FoodCatNo	FoodCategory		MaxLevel	Comments	Step	Year
14.2.6	Distilled spirituous beverages cor than 15% alcohol	ntaining more	440 mg/kg	33 & 88	8	
15.0	Ready-to-eat savouries		2200 mg/kg	33	8	
SORBAT	ES					
Sorbic acid	INS:	200	Sodium sorbate		INS:	201
Potassium sor	rbate INS:	202	Calcium sorbate		INS:	203
Function:	antioxidant, preservative, stabilize	er				

FoodCatNo FoodCategory MaxLevel Comments Step Year 01.3.2 Beverage whiteners 200 mg/kg 42 8 02.2.2 Fat spreads, dairy fat spreads and blended 2000 mg/kg 42 8 spreads 02.3 Fat emulsions mainly of type oil-in-water, 1000 mg/kg 42 8 including mixed and/or flavoured products based on fat emulsions 04.1.2.3 Fruit in vinegar, oil, or brine 1000 mg/kg 42 8 04.1.2.6 Fruit-based spreads (e.g., chutney) excluding 1000 mg/kg 42 8 products of food category 04.1.2.5 04.1.2.10 1000 mg/kg 42 8 Fermented fruit products 04.1.2.11 Fruit fillings for pastries 42 8 1000 mg/kg 04.1.2.12 42 8 Cooked fruit 1200 mg/kg 05.1.5 Imitation chocolate, chocolate substitute products 1500 mg/kg 42 8 05.3 1500 mg/kg 42 8 06.6 Batters (e.g., for breading or batters for fish or 2000 mg/kg 42 8 poultry) 09.2.4.1 Cooked fish and fish products 2000 mg/kg 42 8 09.2.4.2 Cooked mollusks, crustaceans, and 2000 mg/kg 42 & 82 8 echinoderms 10.2.1 5000 mg/kg 42 8 Liquid egg products 10.2.2 Frozen egg products 42 8 1000 mg/kg 10.2.3 Dried and/or heat coagulated egg products 1000 mg/kg 42 8 10.4 Egg-based desserts (e.g., custard) 1000 mg/kg 42 8 11.4 Other sugars and syrups (e.g., xylose, maple 1000 mg/kg 42 8 syrup, sugar toppings) 12.2 Herbs, spices, seasonings and condiments 1000 mg/kg 42 8 (e.g., seasoning for instant noodles) Salads (e.g., macaroni salad, potato salad) and 8 12.7 1500 mg/kg 42 sandwich spreads excluding cocoa- and nutbased spreads of food categories 04.2.2.5 and 05.1.3 13.3 Dietetic foods intended for special medical 1500 mg/kg 42 8 purposes (excluding products of food category 13.1) Dietetic formulae for slimming purposes and 13.4 1500 mg/kg 42 8 weight reduction 15.1 Snacks - potato, cereal, flour or starch based 1000 mg/kg 42 8 (from roots and tubers, pulses and legumes) 15.2 Processed nuts, including coated nuts and nut 1000 mg/kg 8 mixtures (with e.g., dried fruit)

STEAROYL LACTYLATES

Sodium stearoyl lactylate INS: 481(i) Calcium stearoyl lactylate INS: 482(i)

Function: emulsifier, stabilizer, thickener

FoodCatNo FoodCategory MaxLevel Comments Step Year

02.2.2 Fat spreads, dairy fat spreads and blended spreads

10000 mg/kg

8

SUCROGLYCERIDES

Sucroglycerides INS: 474

Function: emulsifier, stabilizer, thickener

FoodCatNo	FoodCategory	MaxLevel	Comments	Step	Year
01.1.2	Dairy-based drinks, flavoured and/or fermented (e.g., chocolate milk, cocoa, eggnog, drinking yoghurt, whey-based drinks)	5000 mg/kg		8	
01.5.1	Milk powder and cream powder (plain)	10000 mg/kg		8	
01.7	Dairy-based desserts (e.g., pudding, fruit or flavoured yoghurt)	5000 mg/kg		8	
02.3	Fat emulsions mainly of type oil-in-water, including mixed and/or flavoured products based on fat emulsions	10000 mg/kg	102	8	
02.4	Fat-based desserts excluding dairy-based dessert products of food category 01.7	5000 mg/kg		8	
03.0	Edible ices, including sherbet and sorbet	5000 mg/kg		5/8	
04.1.1.2	Surface-treated fresh fruit	GMP		8	
04.1.2.9	Fruit-based desserts, including fruit-flavoured water-based desserts	5000 mg/kg		8	
04.2.2.6	Vegetable (including mushrooms and fungi, roots and tubers, pulses and legumes, and aloe vera), seaweed, and nut and seed pulps and preparations (e.g., vegetable desserts and sauces, candied vegetables) other than food category 04.2.2.5	5000 mg/kg		8	
05.2	Confectionery including hard and soft candy, nougats, etc. other than food categories 05.1, 05.3 and 05.4	5000 mg/kg		8	
05.3	Chewing gum	10000 mg/kg		8	
06.5	Cereal and starch based desserts (e.g., rice pudding, tapioca pudding)	5000 mg/kg		8	
07.2	Fine bakery wares (sweet, salty, savoury) and mixes	10000 mg/kg		8	
08.2.2	Heat-treated processed meat, poultry, and game products in whole pieces or cuts	5000 mg/kg	15	8	
08.3.2	Heat-treated processed comminuted meat, poultry, and game products	5000 mg/kg	15	8	
10.4	Egg-based desserts (e.g., custard)	5000 mg/kg		8	
12.5	Soups and broths	2000 mg/kg		8	
12.6	Sauces and like products	10000 mg/kg		8	
13.3	Dietetic foods intended for special medical purposes (excluding products of food category 13.1)	5000 mg/kg		8	
13.4	Dietetic formulae for slimming purposes and weight reduction	5000 mg/kg		8	
14.1.5	Coffee, coffee substitutes, tea, herbal infusions, and other hot cereal and grain beverages, excluding cocoa	1000 mg/kg	F	8	
14.2.6	Distilled spirituous beverages containing more than 15% alcohol	5000 mg/kg		8	

SUNSET YELLOW FCF

Sunset yellow FCF INS: 110

Function: colour

FoodCatNo FoodCategory MaxLevel Comments Step Year

01.7 Dairy-based desserts (e.g., pudding, fruit or flavoured yoghurt) 300 mg/kg 161 8

TOCOPHEROLS

d-alpha-Tocopherol INS: 307a Tocopherol concentrate, mixed INS: 307b

dl-alpha-Tocopherol INS: 307c

Function: antioxidant

FoodCatNo FoodCategory MaxLevel Comments Step Year

02.2.2 Fat spreads, dairy fat spreads and blended spreads

500 mg/kg

8

Food Additive Provisions in Table 3 (at Step 8 of the Procedure)

Magnesium sulfate (INS 518)

Pullulan (INS 1204)

Notes

- Note 2 On dry ingredient, dry weight, dry mix or concentrate basis.
- Note 3 Surface treatment.
- Note 4 For decoration, stamping, marking or branding the product.
- Note 10 As ascorbyl stearate.
- Note 15 Fat or oil basis.
- Note 16 For use in glaze, coatings or decorations for fruit, vegetables, meat or fish.
- Note 22 For use in smoked fish products only.
- Note 27 As para-hydroxybenzoic acid.
- Note 28 ADI conversion: if a typical preparation contains $0.025 \mu g/U$, then the ADI of 33 000 U/kg bw becomes: [(33 000 U/kg bw) x (0.025 $\mu g/U$) x (1 mg/1 000 μg)] = 0.825 mg/kg bw
- Note 33 As phosphorus.
- Note 42 As sorbic acid.
- Note 50 For use in fish roe only.
- Note 52 Excluding chocolate milk.
- Note 54 For use in cocktail cherries and candied cherries only.
- Note 62 As copper.
- Note 67 Except for use in liquid egg whites at 8 800 mg/kg as phosphorus, and in liquid whole eggs at 14 700 mg/kg as phosphorus.
- Note 72 Ready-to-eat basis.
- Note 77 For special nutritional uses only.
- Note 82 For use in shrimp; 6 000 mg/kg for Crangon crangon and Crangon vulgaris.
- Note 88 Carryover from the ingredient.
- Note 92 Excluding tomato-based sauces.
- Note 95 For use in surimi and fish roe products only.
- Note 97 In the finished product/final cocoa and chocolate products.
- Note 102 For use in fat emulsions for baking purposes only.
- Note 113 Use level reported as acesulfame potassium equivalents (the reported maximum level can be converted to an aspartame-acesulfame salt basis by dividing by 0.44). Combined use of aspartame-acesulfame salt with individual acesulfame potassium or aspartame should not exceed the individual maximum levels for acesulfame potassium or aspartame (the reported maximum level can be converted to aspartame equivalents by dividing by 0.68).
- Note 127 As served to the consumer.
- Note 153 For use in instant noodles only.
- Note 161 Subject to national legislation of the importing country aimed, in particular, at consistency with Section 3.2 of the Preamble.
- Note 178 Expressed as carminic acid.
- Note 180 Expressed as beta-carotene.
- Note 181 Expressed as anthocyanin.
- Note 182 Except for use in coconut milk.
- Note 183 Products conforming to the Standard for chocolate and chocolate products [CODEX STAN 87 1981] may only use colours for surface decoration.
- Note F For use in canned liquid coffee only.
- Note L INS 304 (ascorbyl palmitate) only.
- Note M Except for use in fermented milk drinks at 500 mg/kg.
- Note T Not to exceed the maximum use level for aspartame (INS 951) singly or in combination with aspartame-acesulfame salt (INS 952).
- Note AA Excluding Rolled Oats

Appendix V

CODEX GENERAL STANDARD FOR FOOD ADDITIVES REVOCATION OF FOOD ADDITIVE PROVISIONS

CARAMEL III - AMMONIA PROCESS

Caramel III - ammonia process INS: 150c

Function: colour

FoodCatNo	FoodCategory	MaxLevel	Comments	Step
01.1.2	Dairy-based drinks, flavoured and/or fermented (e.g., chocolate milk, cocoa, eggnog, drinking yoghurt, whey-based drinks)	150 mg/kg	52	8
01.3.2	Beverage whiteners	GMP		8
06.3	Breakfast cereals, including rolled oats	6500 mg/kg		8
06.5	Cereal and starch based desserts (e.g., rice pudding, tapioca pudding)	GMP		8
07.2	Fine bakery wares (sweet, salty, savoury) and mixes	GMP		8
09.2	Processed fish and fish products, including mollusks, crustaceans, and echinoderms	GMP	50	8
15.0	Ready-to-eat savouries	GMP		8

CARAMEL IV - SULFITE AMMONIA PROCESS

Caramel IV - sulfite ammonia process INS: 150d

FoodCatNo	FoodCategory	MaxLevel	Comments	Step
01.3.2	Beverage whiteners	GMP		8
01.4.4	Cream analogues	GMP		8
01.5.2	Milk and cream powder analogues	GMP		8
02.4	Fat-based desserts excluding dairy-based dessert products of food category 01.7	GMP		8
04.2.2.3	Vegetables (including mushrooms and fungi, roots and tubers, pulses and legumes, and aloe vera), and seaweeds in vinegar, oil, brine, or soybean sauce	500 mg/kg		8
04.2.2.4	Canned or bottled (pasteurized) or retort pouch vegetables (including mushrooms and fungi, roots and tubers, pulses and legumes, and aloe vera), and seaweeds	GMP		8
04.2.2.5	Vegetable (including mushrooms and fungi, roots and tubers, pulses and legumes, and aloe vera), seaweed, and nut and seed purees and spreads (e.g., peanut butter)	GMP		8
04.2.2.6	Vegetable (including mushrooms and fungi, roots and tubers, pulses and legumes, and aloe vera), seaweed, and nut and seed pulps and preparations (e.g., vegetable desserts and sauces, candied vegetables) other than food category 04.2.2.5	GMP	92	8
09.2	Processed fish and fish products, including mollusks, crustaceans, and echinoderms	GMP	50	8
09.3.3	Salmon substitutes, caviar, and other fish roe products	GMP	50	8
09.4	Fully preserved, including canned or fermented fish and fish products, including mollusks, crustaceans, and echinoderms	500 mg/kg	50	8
10.4	Egg-based desserts (e.g., custard)	GMP		8

CARAMEL IV - SULFITE AMMONIA PROCESS

Function: colour

FoodCatNo	FoodCategory	MaxLevel	Comments	Step
13.3	Dietetic foods intended for special medical purposes (excluding products of food category 13.1)	GMP		8
13.4	Dietetic formulae for slimming purposes and weight reduction	GMP		8
13.5	Dietetic foods (e.g., supplementary foods for dietary use) excluding products of food categories 13.1 - 13.4 and 13.6	GMP		8
13.6	Food supplements	GMP		8
14.1.4	Water-based flavoured drinks, including "sport," "energy," or "electrolyte" drinks and particulated drinks	GMP		8
15.0	Ready-to-eat savouries	GMP		8

FAST GREEN FCF

Fast green FCF INS: 143

Function: colour

FoodCatNo	FoodCategory	MaxLevel	Comments	Step
07.1.1	Breads and rolls	100 mg/kg	161	8
07.2	Fine bakery wares (sweet, salty, savoury) and mixes	100 mg/kg		8

Notes

Note 50 For use in fish roe only.

Note 52 Excluding chocolate milk.

Note 92 Excluding tomato-based sauces.

CODEX GENERAL STANDARD FOR FOOD ADDITIVES

DISCONTINUATION OF WORK ON DRAFT AND PROPOSED DRAFT FOOD ADDITIVE PROVISIONS

ACESULFAME POTASSIUM

Acesulfame potassium INS: 950

Function: flavour enhancer, sweetener

FoodCatNo	FoodCategory	MaxLevel	Comments	Step
01.2	Fermented and renneted milk products (plain), excluding food category 01.1.2 (dairy-based drinks)	500 mg/kg		3

ALITAME

Alitame INS: 956

Function: sweetener

FoodCatNo	FoodCategory	MaxLevel	Comments	Step
01.4.4	Cream analogues	100 mg/kg		3

ALLURA RED AC

Allura red AC INS: 129

Function: colour

FoodCatNo	FoodCategory	MaxLevel	Comments	Step
01.6.1	Unripened cheese	200 mg/kg	3	3
02.3	Fat emulsions mainly of type oil-in-water, including mixed and/or flavoured products based on fat emulsions	GMP		6
04.1.2.4	Canned or bottled (pasteurized) fruit	200 mg/kg	161	6
06.2	Flours and starches (including soybean powder)	300 mg/kg		6
07.2.1	Cakes, cookies and pies (e.g., fruit-filled or custard types)	2200 mg/kg		6
07.2.2	Other fine bakery products (e.g., doughnuts, sweet rolls, scones, and muffins)	300 mg/kg		6
07.2.3	Mixes for fine bakery wares (e.g., cakes, pancakes)	300 mg/kg		6
14.1.4.1	Carbonated water-based flavoured drinks	300 mg/kg		6
14.1.4.2	Non-carbonated water-based flavoured drinks, including punches and ades	300 mg/kg		6
14.1.4.3	Concentrates (liquid or solid) for water-based flavoured drinks	1572 mg/kg		6
14.1.4.1	Carbonated water-based flavoured drinks	40 mg/kg	6	3

ALUMINIUM SILICATE

Aluminium silicate INS: 559

Function: adjuvant, anticaking agent

FoodCatNo	FoodCategory	MaxLevel	Comments	Step
14.1.4.3	Concentrates (liquid or solid) for water-based flavoured drinks	10000 mg/kg	6 & 174	3

ANNATTO EXTRACTS, NORBIXIN-BASED

Annatto extracts, norbixin-based

INS: 160b(ii)

Function: colour

FoodCatNo	FoodCategory	MaxLevel	Comments	Step
11.3	Sugar solutions and syrups, also (partially) inverted, including treacle and molasses, excluding products of food category 11.1.3	100 mg/kg	185	3

BRILLIANT BLUE FCF

Brilliant blue FCF INS: 133

Function: colour

FoodCatNo	FoodCategory	MaxLevel	Comments	Step
01.6.1	Unripened cheese	200 mg/kg	3	3

CALCIUM ALUMINIUM SILICATE

Calcium aluminium silicate INS: 556

Function: anticaking agent

FoodCatNo	FoodCategory	MaxLevel	Comments	Step
14.1.4.3	Concentrates (liquid or solid) for water-based flavoured drinks	10000 mg/kg	6 & 174	3

CARAMEL III - AMMONIA PROCESS

Caramel III - ammonia process INS: 150c

Function: colour

FoodCatNo	FoodCategory	MaxLevel	Comments	Step
09.2.1	Frozen fish, fish fillets, and fish products, including mollusks, crustaceans, and	GMP	50	6
09.2.4.1	Cooked fish and fish products	GMP	50	6
09.2.5	Smoked, dried, fermented, and/or salted fish and fish products, including mollusks, crustaceans, and echinoderms	GMP	50	6

CARAMEL IV - SULFITE AMMONIA PROCESS

Caramel IV - sulfite ammonia process INS: 150d

FoodCatNo	FoodCategory	MaxLevel	Comments	Step
01.8.1	Liquid whey and whey products, excluding whey cheeses	50000 mg/kg		3
02.3	Fat emulsions mainly of type oil-in-water, including mixed and/or flavoured products based on fat emulsions	20000 mg/kg		3
04.2.2.2	Dried vegetables (including mushrooms and fungi, roots and tubers, pulses and legumes, and aloe vera), seaweeds, and nuts and seeds	GMP	76	6
04.2.2.7	Fermented vegetable (including mushrooms and fungi, roots and tubers, pulses and legumes, and aloe vera) and seaweed products, excluding fermented soybean products of food categories 06.8.6, 06.8.7, 12.9.1, 12.9.2.1 and 12.9.2.3	GMP		6
04.2.2.8	Cooked or fried vegetables (including mushrooms and fungi, roots and tubers, pulses and legumes, and aloe vera), and seaweeds	GMP		6

CARAMEL IV - SULFITE AMMONIA PROCESS INS: 150d

colour

FoodCatNo	FoodCategory	MaxLevel	Comments	Step
08.0	Meat and meat products, including poultry and game	200000 mg/kg	4 & 16	3
09.2.1	Frozen fish, fish fillets, and fish products, including mollusks, crustaceans, and	GMP	50	6
09.2.4.1	Cooked fish and fish products	GMP	50	6
09.2.5	Smoked, dried, fermented, and/or salted fish and fish products, including mollusks, crustaceans, and echinoderms	GMP	50	6

CAROTENES, BETA- (VEGETABLE)

beta-Carotenes (vegetable) INS: 160a(ii)

Function: colour

FoodCatNo	FoodCategory	MaxLevel	Comments	Step
11.3	Sugar solutions and syrups, also (partially) inverted, including treacle and molasses, excluding products of food category 11.1.3	50 mg/kg	180	3
15.1	Snacks - potato, cereal, flour or starch based (from roots and tubers, pulses and legumes)	25 mg/kg		6

CAROTENOIDS

beta-Carotenes (synthetic)

INS: 160a(i)

beta-Carotenes (Blakeslea trispora)

INS: 160a(iii)

beta-apo-8'-Carotenoic acid, methyl or ethyl ester

INS: 160a(iii)

Function: colour

FoodCatNo	FoodCategory	MaxLevel	Comments	Step
11.3	Sugar solutions and syrups, also (partially) inverted, including treacle and molasses, excluding products of food category 11.1.3	50 mg/kg	3	

CHLOROPHYLLS AND CHLOROPHYLLINS, COPPER COMPLEXES

Chlorophylls, copper complexes INS: 141(i) Chlorophyllin copper complexes, sodium INS: 141(ii)

and potassium salts

FoodCatNo	FoodCategory	MaxLevel	Comments	Step
01.6.2.1	Ripened cheese, includes rind	50 mg/kg		3
01.6.4	Processed cheese	50 mg/kg		3
01.7	Dairy-based desserts (e.g., pudding, fruit or flavoured yoghurt)	200 mg/kg		6
02.4	Fat-based desserts excluding dairy-based dessert products of food category 01.7	GMP		6
06.4.3	Pre-cooked pastas and noodles and like products	GMP	153	6
06.5	Cereal and starch based desserts (e.g., rice pudding, tapioca pudding)	6.4 mg/kg	62	6

FAST GREEN FCF

Fast green FCF INS: 143

Function: colour

FoodCatNo	FoodCategory	MaxLevel	Comments	Step
06.4.3	Pre-cooked pastas and noodles and like products	100 mg/kg	153	6

HYDROXYBENZOATES, PARA-

Ethyl para-hydroxybenzoate INS: 214 Methyl para-hydroxybenzoate INS: 218

Function: preservative

FoodCatNo	FoodCategory	MaxLevel	Comments	6 3 6 6
04.1.1.3	Peeled or cut fresh fruit	12 mg/kg	27	6
11.6	Table-top sweeteners, including those containing high-intensity sweeteners	1500 mg/kg	27	3
12.5	Soups and broths	300 mg/kg	27	6
12.7	Salads (e.g., macaroni salad, potato salad) and sandwich spreads excluding cocoa- and nut-based spreads of food categories 04.2.2.5 and 05.1.3	300 mg/kg	27	6
14.1.2.2	Vegetable juice	1000 mg/kg	27	6
14.1.2.4	Concentrates for vegetable juice	1000 mg/kg	27	6
14.1.3.2	Vegetable nectar	200 mg/kg	27	6
14.1.3.4	Concentrates for vegetable nectar	200 mg/kg	27	6
16.0	Composite foods - foods that could not be placed in categories 01 - 15	1000 mg/kg	27	6

INDIGOTINE (INDIGO CARMINE)

Indigotine (Indigo carmine) INS: 132

Function: colour

FoodCatNo	FoodCategory	MaxLevel	Comments	Step
05.1.3	Cocoa-based spreads, including fillings	100 mg/kg		6
07.0	Bakery wares	300 mg/kg		6
11.3	Sugar solutions and syrups, also (partially) inverted, including treacle and molasses, excluding products of food category 11.1.3	300 mg/kg		6

LYCOPENES

Lycopene (synthetic) INS: 160d(ii) Lycopene (Blakeslea trispora) INS: 160d(iii)

FoodCatNo	FoodCategory	MaxLevel	Comments	Step
14.1.2	Fruit and vegetable juices	1000 mg/kg	127	3
14.1.3.1	Fruit nectar	1000 mg/kg		3
14.1.3.2	Vegetable nectar	1000 mg/kg		3
14.1.3.3	Concentrates for fruit nectar	1000 mg/kg	127	3
14.1.3.4	Concentrates for vegetable nectar	1000 mg/kg	127	3
14.1.5	Coffee, coffee substitutes, tea, herbal infusions, and other hot cereal and grain beverages, excluding cocoa	1000 mg/kg	160	3

PHOSPHATES

Orthophosphoric acid	INS:	338	Monosodium orthophosphate	INS:	339(i)
Disodium orthophosphate	INS:	339(ii)	Trisodium orthophosphate	INS:	339(iii)
Monopotassium orthophosphate	INS:	340(i)	Dipotassium orthophosphate	INS:	340(ii)
Tripotassium orthophosphate	INS:	340(iii)	Monocalcium orthophosphate	INS:	341(i)
Dicalcium orthophosphate	INS:	341(ii)	Tricalcium orthophosphate	INS:	341(iii)
Monoammonium orthophosphate	INS:	342(i)	Diammonium orthophosphate	INS:	342(ii)
Monomagnesium phosphate	INS:	343(i)	Dimagnesium orthophosphate	INS:	343(ii)
Trimagnesium orthophosphate	INS:	343(iii)	Disodium diphosphate	INS:	450(i)
Trisodium diphosphate	INS:	450(ii)	Tetrasodium diphosphate	INS:	450(iii)
Tetrapotassium diphosphate	INS:	450(v)	Dicalcium diphosphate	INS:	450(vi)
Calcium dihydrogen diphosphate	INS:	450(vii)	Pentasodium triphosphate	INS:	451(i)
Pentapotassium triphosphate	INS:	451(ii)	Sodium polyphosphate	INS:	452(i)
Potassium polyphosphate	INS:	452(ii)	Sodium calcium polyphosphate	INS:	452(iii)
Calcium polyphosphate	INS:	452(iv)	Ammonium polyphosphate	INS:	452(v)
Bone phosphate	INS:	542			

Function: adjuvant, anticaking agent, antioxidant, acidity regulator, colour retention agent, emulsifier, firming agent, flavour enhancer, flour treatment agent, humectant, preservative, raising agent, sequestrant, stabilizer,

FoodCatNo	FoodCategory	MaxLevel	Comments	Step
04.1.2.3	Fruit in vinegar, oil, or brine	1100 mg/kg	33	6
04.2.1.1	Untreated fresh vegetables (including mushrooms and fungi, roots and tubers, pulses and legumes [(including soybeans)], and aloe vera), seaweeds, and nuts and seeds	200 mg/kg	33	6

PONCEAU 4R (COCHINEAL RED A)

Ponceau 4R (Cochineal red A) INS: 124

Function: colour

FoodCatNo	FoodCategory	MaxLevel	Comments	Step
05.1.2	Cocoa mixes (syrups)	50 mg/kg		6
05.1.3	Cocoa-based spreads, including fillings	100 mg/kg		6
16.0	Composite foods - foods that could not be placed in categories 01 - 15	500 mg/kg		6

SACCHARINS

Saccharin INS: 954(i) Calcium saccharin INS: 954(ii)

Potassium saccharin INS: 954(iii) Sodium saccharin INS: 954(iv)

Function: sweetener

FoodCatNo	FoodCategory	MaxLevel	Comments	Step
04.1.2.7	Candied fruit	2000 mg/kg	161	3

SODIUM ALUMINIUM PHOSPHATES

Sodium aluminium phosphate-acidic INS: 541(i) Sodium aluminium phosphate-basic INS: 541(ii)

Function: aciditiy regulator, emulsifier, raising agent, stabilizer, thickener

FoodCatNo	FoodCategory	MaxLevel	Comments	Step
14.1.4.3	Concentrates (liquid or solid) for water-based flavoured drinks	2000 mg/kg	6 &127	6

SODIUM ALUMINOSILICATE

Sodium aluminosilicate INS: 554

Function: anticaking agent

FoodCatNo	FoodCategory	MaxLevel	Comments	Step
01.7	Dairy-based desserts (e.g., pudding, fruit or flavoured yoghurt)	10000 mg/kg	6 & 174	3
10.2.3	Dried and/or heat coagulated egg products	20000 mg/kg	6	3

SORBATES

Sorbic acid INS: 200 Sodium sorbate INS: 201

Potassium sorbate INS: 202 Calcium sorbate INS: 203

Function: antioxidant, preservative, stabilizer

FoodCatNo	FoodCategory	MaxLevel	Comments	Step
04.1.1	Fresh fruit	1000 mg/kg	42	6
09.2.1	Frozen fish, fish fillets, and fish products, including mollusks, crustaceans, and	2000 mg/kg	42	6
09.2.2	Frozen battered fish, fish fillets, and fish products, including mollusks, crustaceans, and	2000 mg/kg	42	6
09.2.3	Frozen minced and creamed fish products, including mollusks, crustaceans, and	2000 mg/kg	42	6
12.3	Vinegars	1000 mg/kg	42	6
14.2.1	Beer and malt beverages	500 mg/kg	42	6
16.0	Composite foods - foods that could not be placed in categories 01 - 15	1000 mg/kg	42	6

SUCROGLYCERIDES

Sucroglycerides INS: 474

Function: emulsifier, stabilizer, thickener

FoodCatNo	FoodCategory	MaxLevel	Comments	Step
05.1.1	Cocoa mixes (powders) and cocoa mass/cake	10000 mg/kg		6
14.2.2	Cider and perry	5000 mg/kg		6
14.2.4	Wines (other than grape)	5000 mg/kg		6
14.2.5	Mead	5000 mg/kg		6

SUNSET YELLOW FCF

Sunset yellow FCF INS: 110

FoodCatNo	FoodCategory	MaxLevel	Comments	Step
05.1.2	Cocoa mixes (syrups)	50 mg/kg		6
05.1.3	Cocoa-based spreads, including fillings	100 mg/kg		6
16.0	Composite foods - foods that could not be placed in categories 01 - 15	500 mg/kg		6

TARTRATES

L(+)-Tartaric acid INS: 334 Monosodium tartrate INS: 335(i) Disodium tartrate INS: 335(ii) Monopotassium tartrate INS: 336(i) Dipotassium tartrate INS: 336(ii) INS: 337 Potassium sodium tartrate aciditiy regulator, adjuvant, anticaking agent, antioxidant, bulking agent, emulsifier, flour treatment agent, Function:

humectant, preservative, raising agent, sequestrant, stabilizer, thickener

FoodCatNo	FoodCategory	MaxLevel	Comments	Step
02.2.2	Fat spreads, dairy fat spreads and blended spreads	GMP	45	7

Notes

Note 185 As norbixin.

Note 2 Note 3	On dry ingredient, dry weight, dry mix or concentrate basis. Surface treatment.
Note 4	For decoration, stamping, marking or branding the product.
Note 6	As aluminium.
Note 16	For use in glaze, coatings or decorations for fruit, vegetables, meat or fish.
Note 27	As para-hydroxybenzoic acid.
Note 33	As phosphorus.
Note 42	As sorbic acid.
Note 45	As tartaric acid.
Note 50	For use in fish roe only.
Note 62	As copper.
Note 76	Use in potatoes only.
Note 127	As served to the consumer.
Note 153	For use in instant noodles only.
Note 160	For use in ready-to-drink products and pre-mixes for ready-to-drink products only.
Note 161	Subject to national legislation of the importing country aimed, in particular, at consistency with
	Section 3.2 of the Preamble.
Note 174	3 7 7
N	556), and aluminium silicate (INS 559).
Note 180	Expressed as beta-carotene.

PROPOSED DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL NUMBERING SYSTEM FOR FOOD ADDITIVES

(At Step 5/8 of the Procedure)

INS	Additive	Proposed new name	Proposed change in Technological purpose(s)
140	Chlorophyll	Chlorophylls	purpose(s)
150a	Caramel I - plain	Caramel I – plain (Caustic caramel)	
160f	Carotenoic acid, methyl or ethyl ester, β-apo-8'-	Carotenoic acid, ethyl ester, β-apo-8'-	
181	Tannins, food grade	Tannic acid (Tannins)	
235	Pimaricin (Natamycin)	Natamycin (Pimaricin)	
300	Ascorbic acid		antioxidant, acidity regulator, flour treatment agent
315	Isoascorbic acid (Erythorbic acid)	Erythorbic acid (Isoascorbic acid)	
316	Sodium isoascorbate	Sodium erythorbate (Sodium isoascorbate)	
335(ii)	Disodium tartrate	Sodium L(+)-tartrate	
337	Potassium sodium tartrate	Potassium sodium L(+)-tartrate	
338	Orthophosphoric acid	Phosphoric acid	
339(i)	Monosodium orthophosphate	Sodium dihydrogen phosphate	
339(ii)	Disodium orthophosphate	Disodium hydrogen phosphate	
339(iii)	Trisodium orthophosphate	Trisodium phosphate	
340(i)	Monopotassium orthophosphate	Potassium dihydrogen phosphate	
340(ii)	Dipotassium orthophosphate	Dipotassium hydrogen phosphate	
340(iii)	Tripotassium orthophosphate	Tripotassium phosphate	
341(i)	Monocalcium orthophosphate	Calcium dihydrogen phosphate	
341(ii)	Dicalcium orthophosphate	Calcium hydrogen phosphate	
341(iii)	Tricalcium orthophosphate	Tricalcium phosphate	
342(i)	Monoammonium orthophosphate	Ammonium dihydrogen phosphate	
342(ii)	Diammonium orthophosphate	Diammonium hydrogen phosphate	
343(i)	Monomagnesium orthophosphate	Monomagnesium phosphate	
343(ii)	Dimagnesium orthophosphate	Magnesium hydrogen phosphate	
343(iii)	Trimagnesium orthophosphate	Trimagnesium phosphate	
350(i)	Sodium hydrogen malate	Sodium hydrogen DL-malate	
350(ii)	Sodium malate	Sodium DL-malate	
392	Rosemary extract		antioxidant
407	Carrageenan and its ammonium, calcium, magnesium, potassium and sodium salts (includes furcellaran)	Carrageenan	
414	Gum arabic		thickener, stabilizer, emulsifier, bulking agent, glazing agent, carrier
445	Glycerol esters of wood rosin	Glycerol ester of wood rosin	
460(i)	Microcrystalline cellulose	Microcrystalline cellulose (Cellulose gel)	
471	Mono- and diglycerides		emulsifier, stabilizer, antifoaming agent

INS	Additive	Proposed new name	Proposed change in Technological purpose(s)
479	Th	Th	Technological purpose(s)
4/9	Thermally oxidized soya bean oil with mono- and di-	Thermally oxidized soya bean oil	
	glycerides of fatty acids	interacted with mono- and diglycerides of fatty acids	
504(::)	2 3		
504(ii)	Magnesium hydrogen carbonate	Magnesium hydroxide carbonate	
514	Sodium sulfates		acidity regulator
514(i)	Sodium sulfate		acidity regulator
514(ii)	Sodium hydrogen sulfate		acidity regulator
515	Potassium sulfates		acidity regulator
515(i)	Potassium sulfate		acidity regulator
515(ii)	Potassium hydrogen sulfate		acidity regulator
518	Magnesium sulfate		firming agent, flavour
			enhancer
542	Bone phosphate (essentially	Bone phosphate	
	calcium phosphate, tribasic)		
553(i)	Magnesium silicate	Magnesium silicate (Synthetic)	
621	Monosodium glutamate	Monosodium L-glutamate	
622	Monopotassium glutamate	Monopotassium L-glutamate	
623	Calcium glutamate	Calcium di-L-glutamate	
	(D,L-)		
624	Monoammonium glutamate	Monoammonium L-glutamate	
625	Magnesium glutamate	Magnesium di-L-glutamate	
630	Inosinic acid	5'-Inosinic acid	
632	Potassium inosinate	Dipotassium 5'-inosinate	
905b	Petrolatum (Petroleum jelly)	Petroleum jelly (Petrolatum)	
907	Hydrogenated poly-decenes	Hydrogenated poly-1-decene	
952(ii)	Potassium cyclamate		sweetener
953	Isomalt (Isomaltitol)	Isomalt (Hydrogenated isomaltulose)	
1200	Polydextroses A , N	Polydextroses	
1517	Glycerol diacetate		carrier
1519	Benzyl alcohol		carrier
1522	Calcium lignosulfonate (40-		carrier, encapsulating
	65)		agent

Appendix VIII

PROPOSED DRAFT SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE IDENTITY AND PURITY OF FOOD ADDITIVES

(At Step 5/8 of the Procedure)

FOOD ADDITIVES (20 ENTRIES)

INS	Name	INS	Name	
no.		no.		
	Asparaginase from Aspergillus niger expressed in A. niger (N)	172(i), 172(ii),	Iron oxides (R)	
	expressed in A. mger (iv)	172(iii), 172(iii)		
1522	Calcium lignosulfonate (40-65) (N)	953	Isomalt (R)	
161g	Canthaxanthin (R)	343(i)	Monomagnesium phosphate (N)	
410	Carob bean gum (R)	131	Patent blue V (R)	
410	Carob bean gum (clarified) (R)		Phospholipase C expressed in <i>Pichia pastoris</i> (N)	
141(ii)	Chlorophyllins copper complexes sodium and potassium salts (R)		Phytosterols, phytostanols and their esters (N)	
243	Ethyl lauroyl arginate (N)	900a	Polydimethylsiloxane (R)	
143	Fast green FCF (R)	960	Steviol glycosides (R)	
412	Guar gum (R)	110	Sunset yellow FCF (R)	
412	Guar gum (clarified) (R)	450(ii)	Trisodium diphosphate (N)	

N: new specifications; R: revised specifications

FLAVOURINGS (105 ENTRIES)

JECFA	Name	JECFA	Name	
No.		No.		
1793	(Z)-2-Penten-1-ol	1845	(E)-5-Nonen-2-one	
1794	(E)-2-Decen-1-ol	1846	(Z)-3-Hexenyl 2-oxopropionate	
1795	(Z)-Pent-2-enyl hexanoate	1847	(+/-)-cis- and trans-4,8-Dimethyl-3,7-	
			nonadien-2-ol	
1796	(E)-2-Hexenyl octanoate	1848	(E)-1,5-Octadien-3-one	
1797	trans-2-Hexenyl 2-methylbutyrate	1849	10-Undecen-2-one	
1798	Hept-trans-2-en-1-yl acetate	1850	2,4-Dimethyl-4-nonanol	
1799	(E,Z)-Hept-2-en-1-yl isovalerate	1851	8-Nonen-2-one	
1800	trans-2-Hexenal glyceryl acetal	1852	Menthyl valerate	
1801	trans-2-Hexenal propylene glycol acetal	1853	2-(l-Menthoxy)ethanol	
1802	cis- and trans-1-Methoxy-1-decene	1854	1-Menthyl acetoacetate	
1803	(E)-Tetradec-2-enal	1855	1-Menthyl (R,S)-3-hydroxybutyrate	
1804	(E)-2-Pentenoic acid	1856	1-Piperitone	
1805	(E)-2-Octenoic acid	1857	2,6,6-Trimethylcyclohex-2-ene-1,4-dione	
1806	Ethyl <i>trans</i> -2-butenoate	1858	Menthyl pyrrolidone carboxylate	
1807	Hexyl 2-butenoate	1859	3,9-Dimethyl-6-(1-methylethyl)-1,4-	
			dioxaspiro[4.5]decan-2-one	
1808	Ethyl <i>trans</i> -2-hexenoate	1860	8-p-Menthene-1,2-diol	
1809	(E,Z)-Methyl 2-hexenoate	1861	d-2,8-p-Menthadien-1-ol	
1810	Hexyl trans-2-hexenoate	1862	Dehydronootkatone	
1811	Methyl trans-2-octenoate	1863	Isobornyl isobutyrate	
1812	Ethyl trans-2-octenoate	1864	1-Bornyl acetate	
1813	(E,Z)-Methyl 2-nonenoate	1865	Thujyl alcohol	
1814	Ethyl trans-2-decenoate	1866	Vetiverol	
1815	Ethyl (E)-2-methyl-2-pentenoate	1867	Vetiveryl acetate	

JECFA No.	Name	JECFA No.	Name	
1816	2-Methylbutyl 3-methyl-2-butenoate	1868	3-Pinanone	
1817	(+/-) (E,Z)-5-(2,2-Dimethylcyclopropyl)-3-methyl-2-pentenal	1869	Isobornyl 2-methylbutyrate	
1818	(E,Z)-4-Methylpent-2-enoic acid	1870	Verbenone	
1819	(+/-)-4-Ethyloctanal	1871	Methyl hexanoate	
1820	(E)-Geranyl 2-methylbutyrate	1872	Hexyl heptanoate	
1821	(E)-Geranyl valerate	1873	Hexyl nonanoate	
1822	(E)-Geranyl tiglate	1874	Hexyl decanoate	
1823	(E)-Citronellyl 2-methylbut-2-enoate	1875	Heptyl heptanoate	
1824	(E)-Ethyl tiglate	1876	Dodecyl propionate	
1825	(E,Z)-Geranic acid	1877	Dodecyl butyrate	
1826	Prenyl formate	1878	4-Hydroxy-3,5-dimethoxy benzaldehyde	
1827	Prenyl acetate	1879	Vanillin 3-(1-menthoxy)propane-1,2-diol acetal	
1828	Prenyl isobutyrate	1880	Sodium 4-methoxybenzoyloxyacetate	
1829	Prenyl caproate	1881	Divanillin	
1830	(+/-)-Dihydrofarnesol	1882	Vanillin propylene glycol acetal	
1831	(E,Z)-3,7,11-Trimethyldodeca-2,6,10-trienyl acetate	1883	4-Methoxybenzoyloxyacetic acid	
1832	(E,Z)-Phytol	1884	Methyl isothiocyanate	
1833	(E,Z)-Phytyl acetate	1885	Ethyl isothiocyanate	
1834	Methyl 2-methyl-2-propenoate	1886	Isobutyl isothiocyanate	
1835	Isopropenyl acetate	1887	Isoamyl isothiocyanate	
1836	1-Octen-3-yl acetate	1888	Isopropyl isothiocyanate	
1837	1-Octen-3-yl butyrate	1889	3-Butenyl isothiocyanate	
1838	6-Methyl-5-hepten-2-yl acetate	1890	2-Butyl isothiocyanate	
1839	3-(Hydroxymethyl)-2-octanone	1891	Amyl isothiocyanate Amyl isothiocyanate	
1840	(+/-) [R-(E)]-5-Isopropyl-8-methylnona-6,8-dien-2-one	1892	4-(Methylthio)butyl isothiocyanate	
1841	(+/-)-cis and trans-4,8-Dimethyl-3,7- nonadien-2-yl acetate	1893	4-Pentenyl isothiocyanate	
1842	(+/-)-1-Hepten-3-ol	1894	5-Hexenyl isothiocyanate	
1843	(E,Z)-4-Octen-3-one	1895	Hexyl isothiocyanate	
1844	(E)-2-Nonen-4-one	1896	5-(Methylthio)pentyl isothiocyanate	
		1897	6-(Methylthio)hexyl isothiocyanate	

Appendix IX

PRIORITY LIST OF COMPOUNDS PROPOSED FOR EVALUATION BY JECFA

COMPOUND	Question(s) to be answered	Data availability (when, what)	Proposed by
315 Flavourings (68 new and 247 currently on Priority List) (Priority 1)	Safety assessment and specifications	End of 2009	The United States of America
Pullulan (Priority 1)	Exposure assessment, including new use as a dietary fibre	In 2009	Switzerland
Pullulanase (Priority 1)	Safety assessment and specifications	September 2009	Denmark
Steviol glycosides (Priority 1)	Revisions of specifications (preparations containing rebaudiosides D and F)	June 2009	Australia
Sucrose esters of fatty acids (Priority 1)	Revision of specifications	November 2009	The United States of America
Aluminium compounds (ammonium sulfate,	Safety assessment (bioavailability, developmental toxicity, multi-generation	End of 2009	Japan
lactate and sulfate)	toxicity)	Bioavailability studies,	
		plus	
		2-generation reproductive toxicity study	
Aluminium phosphates		In 2010 (IFAC)	
		Bioavailability studies	

Appendix X

Project Document – Proposal for:

Revision of the Food Category System (FCS) of the General Standard for Food Additives (GSFA; CODEX STAN 192-1995)

(for consideration by 42nd CCFA)

1. The purpose and scope of the revision work to the FCS of the GSFA

The purpose of this work is to consider revision of the FCS of the GSFA (CODEX STAN 192-1995, Annex B) so that food categories that include cocoa and chocolate products, hard and soft candy, and chocolate substitute products would be assigned more appropriately within the hierarchy of the FCS.

This proposal aims to:

- Revise food category 05.0 (Confectionery), excluding food category 05.3 (Chewing gum), so that chocolate, as defined in the Codex Standard for Chocolate and Chocolate Products (CODEX STAN 87-1981), as well as comparable non-standardized chocolate products and products that use standardized chocolate, would be more appropriately categorized within the GSFA.
- Revise the descriptors for food category 05.0 (Confectionery) and its sub-categories, excluding food category 05.3 (Chewing gum) with respect to certain cocoa- and chocolate-containing confections. In particular, cocoa-containing hard and soft candies, "compound chocolate" and "compound chocolate coating" products, and sugar-based or chocolate-based coatings for confectionery.

It should be noted that through the revision of the scope of the FCS, it may be necessary to consider the revision of food additive provisions in tables 1 and 2 in the affected food categories.

The FCS is an essential component of the GSFA. Provisions for food additives in the GSFA are established based on information of their use in foods that are included in the different food categories. Correct arrangement of the food categories is essential for appropriate interpretation of the GSFA.

2. Relevance and timeliness

The proposed revision of the FCS will improve the clarity, transparency, and accuracy of the GSFA. Currently, the categorization of confectionery in the GSFA and the descriptors of those categories do not completely or accurately reflect these types of products. A pragmatic review of the categories and their descriptors is needed to correct their current ambiguity.

Several key issues exist within the current categorization of 05.1 (Cocoa products and chocolate products including imitations and chocolate substitutes), 05.2 (Confectionery including hard and soft candy, nougats, etc. other than food categories 05.1, 05.3, and 05.4) and 05.4 (Decorations (e.g., for fine bakery wares), toppings (non-fruit), and sweet sauces) that require new work to fully address these issues:

- I. The current descriptors of food category 05.1 and its sub-categories are unclear with respect to certain cocoa- and chocolate-containing confections. In particular, cocoa-containing hard and soft candies, "compound chocolate" and "compound chocolate coating" products, and coatings (sugar-based or chocolate-based) for confectionery.
- II. Cocoa may be used as an ingredient in confections such as hard candies (e.g., cocoa-containing lozenges) or soft candies (e.g., cocoa-containing toffee or caramel). However, the descriptors of categories 05.2.1 (Hard candy) and 05.2.2 (Soft candy) do not include these cocoa-containing confections.
- III. "Compound chocolate" and "compound chocolate coatings" may contain chocolate liquor, cocoa and greater than 5% vegetable fat (other than cocoa butter), and are used and consumed in a similar way as chocolate. These products are not within the scope of chocolate as defined in the Codex Standard for Chocolate and Chocolate Products. Thus, they may be considered as types of chocolate-containing confections. However, the descriptor of food category 05.1.5 (Imitation chocolate, chocolate substitute products) does not include these products.

IV. Sugar- and chocolate-based coatings for confectionery are currently within the scope of food category 05.4 (Decorations (e.g., for fine bakery wares), toppings (non-fruit) and sweet sauces). Unlike certain coatings for baked goods (e.g., icing for cakes and cookies) that are also included in food category 05.4, sugar- and chocolate-based coatings for confectionery are not consumed as such (i.e., they are sold or consumed only as a component of a confection, such as a chocolate with a hard sugar "shell" or a chocolate-enrobed crème). Therefore, based on the principles of the GSFA's food category system, sugar- and chocolate-based coatings for confectionery should not be included in food category 05.4.

The proposal to revise the FCS may require:

(i) revision of the food additive provisions in Tables 1 and 2 of the GSFA to reflect the reassignment of the food categories;

3. The main aspects to be covered

The GSFA (CODEX STAN 192-1995) would be revised as follows:

- (ii) the FCS would be revised according to the proposal (Annex B of the GSFA);
- (iii) provisions in Tables 1 and 2 of the GSFA in the affected food categories (05.1, 05.2, and 05.4) would be reassigned according to the proposal.

4. Assessment against Criteria for Establishment of Work Priorities

General Criteria

The proposal will contribute to consumer protection from the point of view of health, food safety, ensuring fair practices in the food trade and taking into account the identified needs of developing countries. It will ensure minimization of potential impediments to international trade from diverse interpretations of the GSFA and diverse national legislations.

Criteria Applicable to General Subjects

- a. Diversification of national legislations and apparent resultant or impediments to international trade. Given the complexity of the category and the diversity of various national legislations for the categorization of confectionery there is a requirement to sufficiently harmonize the inconsistencies carried in this category so that trade is not impeded on an international basis. Sufficient categorization of the FCS hierarchy will provide a harmonized standard and aid significantly in this regard. Some international organizations have suggested a need for harmonization of the standards for confectionery so that international trade is not impeded and so that the consumer is sufficiently protected
- b. Scope of work and establishment of priorities between the various sections of work. The FCS is an integral part of the GSFA. It is anticipated that the proposal will improve the accuracy and transparency of the FCS, and will better reflect food additive use in confections. This will improve consumer protection and ensure fair practice in food trade. The proposal therefore aims to initially clarify the descriptors for food categories for certain cocoa- and chocolate-containing confections, such as cocoa-containing hard and soft candies, "compound chocolate" and "compound chocolate coating" products, and coatings (sugar-based or chocolate-based) for confectionery. Secondly, it aims to clarify the appropriate food category for products that contain chocolate and other ingredients (e.g., chocolate-enrobed crèmes, caramels, and jelly-based centers, chocolate covered in a sugar-based "shell," chocolate products with coloured decorations, and chocolate containing nuts and fruit as integral ingredients) that are currently included under food category 05.1.4 (Cocoa and chocolate products). Once appropriate revision of the descriptors has been completed as per the CODEX standards of identity, a review of the food additive provisions of the altered categories will occur in tables I and II of the GSFA.
- c. Work already undertaken by other international organizations in this field and/or suggested by the relevant international intergovernmental bodies. This work is part on the ongoing work on GSFA.

Appendix XI

CODEX GENERAL STANDARD FOR FOOD ADDITIVES

FOOD CATEGORY SYSTEM - REVISION OF NAMES AND DESCRIPTORS OF FOOD CATEGORIES 0.1.2.1.1, 15.1 AND 15.2

(for adoption)

01.2.1.1 Fermented milks (plain), not heat-treated after fermentation

Includes fluid and non-fluid plain products, such as yoghurt and sweetened yoghurt. (a)

(a) The use of food additives other than stabilizers and thickeners for reconstitution and recombination, if permitted by national legislation in the country of sale, is not acceptable in plain fermented milks, as defined by the Codex Standard for Fermented Milks (CODEX STAN 243-2003). Yoghurt as defined in this standard does not permit the use of colours and flavours as optional ingredients.

15.1 Snacks – potato, cereal, flour or starch based (from roots and tubers, pulses and legumes)

Includes all plain and flavoured savoury snacks, with or without added flavourings, but excludes plain unsweetened crackers (category 07.1.2). Examples include potato chips, popcorn, pretzels, rice crackers (senbei), flavoured crackers (e.g., cheese-flavoured crackers), bhujia (namkeen; snack made of a mixture of flours, maize, potatoes, salt, dried fruit, peanuts, spices, colours, flavours, and antioxidants), and papads (prepared from soaked rice flour or from black gram or cow pea flour, mixed with salt and spices, and formed into balls or flat cakes).

15.2 Processed nuts, including coated nuts and nut mixes (e.g., with dried fruit)

Includes all types of whole nuts processed by, e.g., dry-roasting, roasting, marinating or boiling, either in shell or shelled, salted or plain unsalted. Yoghurt-, cereal-, and honey-covered nuts, and dried fruit-nut-and-cereal snacks (e.g., "trail mixes") are classified here. Chocolate-covered nuts are classified in 05.1.4.