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DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR A NEW DISCUSSION PAPER ON DIVERGENCE OF FOOD ADDITIVE PROVISIONS

(To be discussed under agenda item 4(b) alignment)

Prepared by Chair of Endorsement/Alignment Working Group

CCFA53 agreed to request [country one], with [country two, country three etc.] as co-authors, to prepare a discussion paper which would be included on the agenda for CCFA54.

The discussion paper will identify the outstanding issues with respect to avoiding future divergence between the GSFA, commodity standards and other texts. These issues include avoiding adoption of new or revised commodity standards containing food additive provisions beyond a general reference to the GSFA and examining the process by which the CCFA develops future food additive provisions based on information from other¹ committees, including commodity committees, relating to technological justification and functional classes of additives appropriate for use in foods covered by the standards developed by other committees. The discussion paper is to identify a comprehensive range of options for the consideration of CCFA54.

¹ "other" committees consist of committees that are not commodity committees but still put forward standards with food additive sections such as CCNFSDU or regional committees.