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**Agenda Item 8**

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## JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME

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**Agenda item 8: DISCUSSION PAPER ON DIVERGENCE BETWEEN THE GENERAL STANDARD FOR FOOD ADDITIVES (GSFA), CODEX COMMODITY STANDARDS AND OTHER TEXTS – IDENTIFICATION OF OUTSTANDING ISSUES**

Malaysia would like to thank China as author, Canada and the European Union (EU) as co-author for preparing this discussion paper to identify the outstanding issues with respect to avoiding future divergence between GSFA and commodity standards.

Malaysia supports the work by CCFA to align the food additives provisions of the commodity standards with the GSFA.

We fully support for CCFA to amend related clauses in Procedural Manual including paragraph 60 of Section 2 Elaboration of Codex Standards and Related Texts to address GSFA as a single reference for food additive. This work could be done once the alignment work is completed as this is CCFA priority.

In the meantime, CCFA should advise the active commodity committees to consider the GSFA provision as much as possible and that additional or limited food additive applicable to the commodity standard could be communicated to CCFA to be reflected in the GSFA by using notes to avoid future divergence between commodity standards and GSFA.