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## JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME

### CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD LABELLING

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(Comments from South Africa)

#### **Agenda item 2b Matters outstanding from CCFL43: use of the terms flavour and flavourings in labelling, CX/FL 17/44/2 Add.1**

South Africa support-

- the use of the word “flavouring” without any further descriptors when used in list of ingredients;
- Do not support the use of descriptors such as “natural”, “nature identical” or “artificial”
- May refer to particular flavor as part of descriptor of name on main panel e.g. Apple flavoured drink where the word flavoured is the preferred word to use in this context

#### **Agenda item 5. Date Marking (Draft Revision of the General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods CODEX STAN 1 -1985**

1. South Africa supports deletion of “as consumed” in the definition for “Use by”. Products with use-by dates can often be frozen for consumption beyond the use-by date. For example cheese could be frozen and still be perfectly safe to eat. The stated storage conditions would probably provide for this guidance. It seems unduly limiting to include “or consumed” in the definition. This concern may be addressed in future in phase 2 of the date marking revision under “Storage instructions and expected shelf life on products post opening.”

2. South Africa supports new work on phase 2 issues.

#### **Agenda item 7. Front-of-pack labelling (discussion paper), CX/FL 17/44/7**

- South Africa supports new work on FoP keeping in mind that it is not the intention of this work to establish a specific global scheme of front-of-pack nutrition labelling.
- Supports harmonized nutritional criteria for at least energy, total fat, saturated fat, total sugars and Sodium.