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PROPOSED DRAFT NRV-NCD FOR EPA AND DHA LONG CHAIN OMEGA-3 FATTY ACIDS

Comments of Ecuador, the European Union, Peru, Thailand and the African Union

ECUADOR

(i) Comentarios generales

Ecuador agradece el trabajo realizado, y se mantiene en la posición de apoyar como ya lo hizo en el año 2015 el valor de VRN para los ácidos grasos omega 3 de la cadena larga: ácido eicosapentaenoico (EAP) y ácido docosahexaenoico (DHA) propuesto (250 mg/día), ya que luego del análisis del documento se observa que dicho valor ha sido propuesto en base a diferente bibliografía y bajo las recomendaciones de Organismos Científicos Reconocidos.

(ii) Comentarios específicos

Ecuador en base al comentario general expuesto no posee comentarios específicos al presente documento.

EUROPEAN UNION

The European Union (EU) would like to thank Chile and the Russian Federation for coordinating the working group in which the EU participated. The EU supports the conclusions and recommendations of CX/NFSDU 16/38/8, that an NRV-NCD for EPA and DHA of 250 mg/day is included in paragraph 3.4.4.2 NRV-NCD of the Guidelines on Nutrition Labelling (CAC/GL 2-1985) as presented in Appendix I.

PERU

Observaciones generales: Perú en el marco del Codex Alimentarius está de acuerdo con el apéndice 1 del documento CX/NFSDU 16/38/8. Perú considera que el establecimiento de un VRN-ENT para EPA y DHA de 250 mg es correcto, basado en el Informe Técnico de la OMS 2003 y en las consultas de expertos de la FAO/OMS 2010.

Específicas:

No hubo.

THAILAND

General comments

1. We agree with the document in principle.
2. The establishment of NRV-NCD for EPA and DHA should elaborate the value of the maximum safety for consumers on a basis of convincing/ generally accepted scientific evidence. However, the NRV-NCD for EPA and DHA should be the minimum effect value for risk reduction of Non-communicable diseases.

Specific comments

Appendix I

We agree with the Proposed Draft NRV-NCD for EPA and DHA for inclusion in the Guidelines on Nutrition Labelling (CAC/GL 2-1985) at step 3 as appears in Appendix I as follows:

“3.4.4.2 NRVs-NCD

EPA¹¹ and DHA¹² 250 mg¹³

¹¹ Eicosapentaenoic acid

¹² Docosahexaenoic acid

¹³ The establishment of an NRV was based on convincing/generally accepted evidence for a relationship with NCD risk as reported in the Diet, Nutrition and the Prevention of Chronic Diseases. WHO Technical Report Series 916, WHO, 2003; and in the FAO/WHO Expert Consultations. Technical report Series 91 and 978, WHO, 2010.”

AFRICAN UNION

Issue: Adopt proposed NRV-NCD of 250 mg for Eicosapentaenoic (EPA) acid and Docosahexaenoic acid (DHA)

Comment: AU suggests to hold the proposal at Step 3 and allow for further consultation and further studies

Rationale: Based on available literature and scientific information, there is no convincing evidence to determine this NRV.