



JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME

CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD ADDITIVES

Forty-fourth Session

Hangzhou, China, 12-16 March 2012

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

The session will be held at the Hyatt Regency Hangzhou, Hangzhou, China
from Monday 12 March at 9.30 hours to Friday 16 March 2012

The meeting of the Working Group on the Codex *General Standard for Food Additives* will be held at the same
venue from Friday 9 March 2012 at 09.00 hours to Saturday 10 March 2012 at 18.00 hours

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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1	Adoption of the Agenda	CX/FA 12/44/1
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2(a)	Draft Risk Analysis Principles applied by the CCFA	CX/FA 12/44/3
3	Matters of Interest arising from FAO/WHO and from the 74 th Meeting of the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA)	CX/FA 12/44/4
4(a)	Endorsement and/or Revision of Maximum Levels for Food Additives and Processing Aids in Codex Standards	CX/FA 12/44/5
4(b)	Discussion paper on the alignment of the food additive provisions of the standards for meat products and relevant provisions of the GSFA	CX/FA 12/44/6
<u>Codex General Standard for Food Additives (GSFA)</u>		
5(a)	Pending draft and proposed draft food additives provisions and related matters	CX/FA 12/44/7
5(b)	Comments and information on several food additives (replies to CL 2011/4-FA, Part B, points 9, 10 and 11 and CL 2011/17-FA)	CX/FA 12/44/8 REP11/FA App. VI and VII
5(c)	Draft and proposed draft food additive provisions (provisions in Table 1 and 2 of Table 3 food additives with “acidity regulators and “emulsifier, stabilizer and thickener” function)	CX/FA 12/44/9
	Proposed horizontal approach for consideration of provisions in Table 1 and 2 of food additives listed in Table 3 with “acidity regulators and “emulsifier, stabilizer and thickener” function	CX/FA 12/44/9 Add.1
	Comments at Step 6 and Step 3	CX/FA 12/44/9 Add.2

Working documents will be uploaded onto the Codex website: www.codexalimentarius.net/ or direct ftp-link:

<ftp://ftp.fao.org/codex/ccfa44>

Delegates should bring to the meeting all documents which have been distributed, as the number of additional copies which can be made available at the session is limited.

Agenda Item	Subject Matter	Document Reference
5(d)	Provisions for aluminium containing food additives of the GSFA	CX/FA 12/44/10
5(e)	Discussion paper on description of food category 16.0 of the GSFA	CX/FA 12/44/11
5(f)	Discussion paper on use of note 161 in the GSFA	CX/FA 12/44/12
<u>Other Standards and related Texts at Step 4</u>		
6	Draft revision of the <i>Standard for Food Grade Salt</i> (CODEX STAN 150-1985) (N08-2010)	REP11/FA App. IX
	- Comments at Step 6	CX/FA 12/44/13
<u>International Numbering System (INS) for Food Additives</u>		
7	Proposals for Changes and/or Addition to the International Numbering System for Food Additives	CX/FA 12/44/14
	- Comments at Step 3	CX/FA 12/44/14 Add.1
<u>Specifications for the Identity and Purity of Food Additives</u>		
8	Specifications for the Identity and Purity of Food Additives Arising from the 74 th JECFA Meeting	CX/FA 12/44/15
	- Comments at Step 3	CX/FA 12/44/15 Add.1
<u>Priority List of Food Additives Proposed for Evaluation by JECFA</u>		
9(a)	Proposals for Additions and Changes to the Priority List of Food Additive proposed for evaluation by JECFA (replies to CL 2011/8-FA)	CX/FA 12/44/16
9(b)	Discussion paper on mechanisms for re-evaluation of substances by JECFA	CX/FA 12/44/17
<u>Others</u>		
10	Prototype of a database on processing aids	CX/FA 12/44/18
11	Other Business and Future Work	
12	Date and Place of Next Session	
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INFORMATION DOCUMENTS

Information document to the discussion on the GSFA	FA/44 INF/01
Information document on food additive provisions in commodity standards	FA/44 INF/02
Inventory of Substances used as Processing Aids (IPA), Updated List	FA/44 INF/03

NOTES ON THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Agenda Item 1: Adoption of the Agenda (Doc. Ref. CX/FA 12/44/1)

The Committee will be invited to adopt the Provisional Agenda, as contained in document CX/FA 12/44/1, as the Agenda for the Session.

Agenda Item 2: Matters Referred by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and Other Codex Committees and Task Forces (Doc. Ref. CX/FA 12/44/2)

Document CX/FA 12/44/2, prepared by the Codex Secretariat, includes matters referred to the Committee by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and other Codex Committees and Task Forces.

Agenda Item 2(a): Draft Risk analysis principles applied by the CCFA (Doc. Ref. CX/FA 12/44/3)

Document CX/FA 12/44/3, prepared by the Codex Secretariat, is a revision of the current *Risk Analysis Principles Applied by the Codex Committee on Food Additives and the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods*, where all references to CCCF have been deleted (*see* REP11/FA, para. 15).

Agenda Item 3: Matters of Interest arising from FAO/WHO and from the 74th Meeting of the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA) (Doc. Ref. CX/FA 12/44/4)

Document CX/FA 12/44/4, prepared by FAO and WHO, includes matters from FAO and WHO and from the 74th JECFA meeting referred to the Committee for information and action.

Agenda Item 4(a): Endorsement and/or revision of Maximum Levels for Food Additives and Processing Aids in Codex Standards (Doc. Ref. CX/FA 12/44/5)

Document CX/FA 12/44/5 compiles food additive and processing aid provisions in draft and proposed draft commodity standards submitted by various Codex Committees to the CCFA for endorsement.

Agenda Item 4 (b): Discussion paper on the alignment of the food additive provisions of the standards for meat products and relevant provisions of the GSFA (Doc. Ref. CX/FA 12/44/6)

The discussion paper presents a proposal for the alignment of the food additives provisions of the five Codex commodity standards for meat products with the relevant provisions of the GSFA (*see* REP11/FA, para. 49).

Codex General Standard for Food Additives (GSFA)

Agenda Item 5 (a): Pending draft and proposed draft food additives provisions and related matters (Doc. Ref. CX/FA 12/44/7)

This item refers to pending draft and proposed draft provisions and related matters that have not been considered by the 43rd CCFA due to time constraints (*see* REP11/FA paras 73 and 74). Document CX/FA 12/44/7 compiles: (i) pending proposals included in document CX/FA 11/43/9; and (ii) comments and information on several food additives (replies to CL 2010/7-FA, Part B and CL 2010/39-FA).

Agenda Item 5 (b): Comments and information on several food additives (replies to CL 2011/4-FA, Part B, points 9, 10 and 11) (Doc. Ref. CX/FA 12/44/8 and REP11/FA Appendices VI and VII)

Document CX/FA 12/44/8 compiles replies to CL 2011/4-FA, Part B, namely:

Point 9: comments at Step 3 on provision for cassia gum (INS 427) in Table 3 and information on its use and use levels in food categories listed in the Annex to Table 3;

Point 10: Comments at Step 6 and 3 on several draft and proposed draft provisions: erythrosine (INS 127); lauric arginate ethyl ester (INS 243); steviol glycosides (INS 960); sulfites (INS 220-228, 539) in Table 1 and Table;

Point 11: additional information on specific provisions for steviol glycosides (INS 960) in Table 1 and Table 2;

The document also includes replies to CL 2011/17-FA concerning the draft provision for carotenoids in food category 02.1.2 “Vegetable oils and fats”.

Agenda Item 5 (c): Draft and proposed draft food additive provisions (provisions in Table 1 and 2 of Table 3 food additives with “acidity regulators and “emulsifier, stabilizer and thickener” function) (Doc. Ref. CX/FA 12/44/9 and CX/FA 12/44/9 Add.1)

Document CX/FA 12/44/9 compiles Table 1 and 2 draft and proposed draft provisions of “acidity regulators” and “emulsifiers, stabilizers, thickeners” Table 3 food additives. Document CX/FA 12/44/9 Add.1 is a proposal for a horizontal approach for consideration of these provisions (i.e. identifies those food categories in the Annex to table 3 in which the use of acidity regulators” and “emulsifiers, stabilizers, thickeners” is technologically justified and those food categories in which it is not) (*see* REP 11/FA paras 71-73). Comments at Step 6 and Step 3 are compiled in document CX/FA 12/44/9 Add.2.

Agenda Item 5 (d): Provisions for aluminium containing food additives (Doc. Ref. CX/FA 12/44/10)

Document CX/FA 12/44/10 includes a revised compilation of proposals for the revision of the aluminium containing food additive provisions, presented at the 43rd CCFA and recommendations for adoption, discontinuation or revocation of proposals, including those for new uses (*see* REP 11/FA para. 91).

Agenda Item 5 (e): Discussion paper on description of food category 16.0 of the GSFA (Doc. Ref. CX/FA 12/44/11)

The discussion paper presents detailed description of the products to be included in food category 16.0 and proposals for the revision of the name and descriptor of the food category as necessary (*see* REP11/FA, para. 106).

Agenda Item 5 (f): Discussion paper on use of note 161 of the GSFA (Doc. Ref. CX/FA 12/44/12)

The discussion paper is a further revision of the discussion paper presented at the 43rd CCFA and includes recommendations to facilitate a uniform implementation of Section 3.2 of the Preamble of the GSFA to address the use of Note 161 (*see* REP11/FA, para. 114).

Other Standards and related Texts at Step 4**Agenda Item 6: Draft revision of the *Standard for Food Grade Salt* (CODEX STAN 150-1985) (N08-2010) (Doc. Ref. REP 11/FA App. IX and CX/FA 12/44/13)**

Document CX/FA 12/44/13 compiles comments at Step 6 on the draft revision of the *Standard for Food Grade Salt* (CODEX STAN 150-1985) in response to CL 2011/17-FA.

International Numbering System (INS) for Food Additives**Agenda Item 7: Proposals for Changes and/or Addition to the International Numbering System for Food Additives (Doc. Ref. CX/FA 12/44/14)**

Document CX/FA 12/44/14 is the report of the electronic Working Group on INS, established by the 43rd CCFA, to consider the replies to CL 2011/7-FA requesting proposals for changes/addition to the INS list and to discuss changes to technological purposes that due to time constraints could not be considered at the 43rd CCFA (*see* REP11/FA, para. 146). Comments at Step 3 are compiled in CX/FA 12/44/14 Add.1.

Specifications for the Identity and Purity of Food Additives**Agenda Item 8: Specifications for the Identity and Purity of Food Additives Arising from the 74th JECFA Meeting (Doc. Ref. CX/FA 12/44/15)**

Document CX/FA 12/44/15 references specifications arising from the 74th JECFA Meeting (Rome, Italy, 14-23 June 2011). The summary report is available at: ftp://ftp.fao.org/ag/agn/jecfa/JECFA_74_Summary_Report_4July2011.pdf (FAO JECFA website) and at: <http://www.who.int/ipcs/food/jecfa/summaries/en/index.html> (WHO JECFA website). The specifications are available on the on-line edition of the Combined Compendium of Food Additive Specifications at: <http://www.fao.org/ag/agn/jecfa-additives/search.html>. Comments at Step 3 are compiled in document CX/FA 12/44/15 Add.1.

Priority List of Food Additives Proposed for Evaluation by JECFA**Agenda Item 9(a): Proposals for Additions and Changes to the Priority List of Food Additive proposed for evaluation by JECFA (replies to CL 2011/8-FA) (Doc. Ref. CX/FA 12/44/16)**

Document CX/FA 12/44/16 compiles proposals for addition and changes to the Priority List of Food Additive proposed for evaluation by JECFA, submitted in response to CL 2011/8-FA.

Agenda Item 9(b): Discussion Paper on mechanisms for re-evaluation of substances by JECFA (Doc. Ref. CX/FA 12/44/17)

Document CX/FA 12/44/17 is the report of the electronic Working Group, established by the 43rd CCFA, to: (i) establish criteria to prioritise food additive for re-evaluation; (ii) establish a detailed list of the 107 food colours evaluated by JECFA since 1956; (iii) to compile information on these colours from members and other organizations, including from the industry producing food additives; and (iv) establish a prioritised list of food colours based on the prioritization criteria for action by the CCFA, including for consideration for re-evaluation by JECFA (*see* REP11/FA, para 167).

Others**Agenda Item 10: Prototype of a database on processing aids (Doc. Ref. CX/FA 12/44/18)**

Document CX/FA 12/44/18 presents a prototype of the database on processing aids, prepared by China (*see* REP11/FA, para. 172).

Agenda Item 11: Other Business and Future Work

The Committee will discuss issues, raised under Item 1, as other business and/or proposals for future work

Agenda Item 12: Date and Place of Next Session

The Committee will be advised of the tentative dates and place of the next Session.

Agenda Item 13: Adoption of the Report

In accordance with Rule X.1 of the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the Committee shall adopt a report of its 44th Session based on a draft provided by the Codex Secretariat.