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#### COMMENTS SUBMITTED ON THE DRAFT REVISIONS TO THE ANNEX TO TABLE 3 OF THE CODEX GENERAL STANDARD FOR FOOD ADDITIVES SUBMITTED IN RESPONSE TO CL 2002/10-FAC

The following comments have been received from IFU, ISDI, OFCA :

#### **IFU:**

The IFU is strongly involved in the revision of the Codex Standards on Fruit and Vegetable Juices, dealing with the Food Categories

- 14.1.2 Fruit and vegetable juices
  - 14.1.2.1 Canned or bottled (pasteurized) fruit juice
  - 14.1.2.2 Canned or bottled (pasteurized) vegetable juice
  - 14.1.2.3 Concentrates (liquid or solid) for fruit juice
  - 14.1.2.4 Concentrates (liquid or solid) for vegetable juice
  
- 14.1.3 Fruit and vegetable nectars
  - 14.1.3.1 Canned or bottled (pasteurized) fruit nectar
  - 14.1.3.2 Canned or bottled (pasteurized) vegetable nectar
  - 14.1.3.3 Concentrates (liquid or solid) for fruit nectar
  - 14.1.3.4 Concentrates (liquid or solid) for vegetable nectar

The work of the revision within our Federation started and concentrated on fruit juices, fruit nectars and the respective concentrates. It became clear from the very beginning, that the revised Codex Standard, as already the existing Standard, will contain only a very short list of additives. It is of great interest for the global fruit juice industry to keep fruit juices and fruit nectars as natural as possible, which does not allow the use of all additives on Table 3 of the GSFA. We requested therefore that 14.1.2.1, 14.1.2.3, 14.1.3.1 and 14.1.3.3 be

integrated into the Annex to Table 3 of the GSFA, which has been finalized at the last Session of the CCFAC in March 2002.

In the meantime the work of the revision of the vegetable part of the Codex Standard started and although the draft is still at step 3 it is clear already now, that also the list of additives for vegetable juices, vegetable nectars and their concentrates will be very limited, and therefore the arguments for the fruit juice part are valid also for the vegetable part. In addition to this it seems to be clear by now, that the original idea, to merge the fruit juice standard with the vegetable juice standard will not be realised, so that it will not be possible to cover the vegetable juice part on the Annex to Table 3 of the GSFA by the fruit juice part.

**We therefore request the inclusion of the following positions of the Food Category System in the Annex to Table 3 of the GSFA:**

**14.1.2.2 Canned or bottled (pasteurized) vegetable juice**

**14.1.2.4 Concentrates (liquid or solid) for vegetable juice**

**14.1.3.2 Canned or bottled (pasteurized) vegetable nectar**

**14.1.3.4 Concentrates (liquid or solid) for vegetable nectar**

**ISDI:** (International Special Dietary Foods Industries)

As category 13.3 is not listed in Annex to Table 3, additives without ADI listed in Table 3 are authorised for the whole category i.e. adults **and** infants and young children. For this reason ISDI, in previous comments, has been requesting changes in the Food categorisation system and suggested that Category 13.3 be divided into two subcategories. ISDI welcomes the fact that this consideration has been taken into account in the last draft of the Proposed draft revised Food Category System (CX/FAC 02/6).

**ISDI would like to reiterate its wish to exclude all infants and young children from the table 3 of the GSFA, and therefore requests that category 13.3.2 is added to the list of the annex of table 3.** In that case additives without ADI will not automatically be authorised for dietetic foods for special medical purposes intended for infants and young children. As for categories 13.1 and 13.2, specific provisions for this category must then be included in the tables 1 and 2 of the GSFA Codex. This proposal allows a limitation of the additive use for infants and young children not in good health.

**OFCA** (the Organisation des Fabricants de produits Cellulosiques Alimentaire):

OFCA, the “Organisation des Fabricants de produits Cellulosiques Alimentaires” represents the manufacturers of food grade cellulose derivatives in the European Union. OFCA has a recognised NGO status for the meetings of the Codex Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants.

With reference to the allocation of an ADI “not specified” for INS 468, croslinked sodium carboxymethyl cellulose (attachment 1) it has become opportune to include INS 468 in the Draft General Standard for Food Additives (GSFA). This product is applied (EU, USA) as desintegrant.

OFCA would like to request you to include INS 468 in Table 3 to the Draft GSFA. with the objective to recognise the use of this additive.

If needed OFCA will be at your disposal for further clarification during the next working group meeting during the 35<sup>th</sup> CCFAC Meeting in Arusha, Tanzania.