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Codex Alimentarius Commission, Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme
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Subject: **Distribution of the Report of the Forty-third Session of the Codex Committee on Food Additives (REP11/FA)**

The report of the Forty-third Session of the Codex Committee on Food Additives will be considered by the 34th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Geneva, Switzerland, 4-9 July 2011).

PART A – MATTERS FOR ADOPTION BY THE 34TH SESSION OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION

Draft and Proposed Draft Standards and Related Texts at Steps 8 or 5/8 of the Procedure

1. **Food additive provisions of the *General Standard for Food Additives (GSFA)*, at Steps 8 and 5/8, respectively (para. 75 and Appendix III);**
2. **Proposed draft revision of the Food Category System of the GSFA (food categories 5.1, 5.3 and 5.4) (N07-2010) (para. 102 and Appendix VIII);**
3. **Proposed draft amendments to the *International Numbering System for Food Additives*, at Step 5/8 (para. 147 and Appendix XII);**
4. **Proposed draft *Specifications for the Identity and Purity of Food Additives*, at Step 5/8 (para. 153 and Appendix XIII).**

Proposed Draft Standards and Related Texts at Step 5 of the Procedure

5. **Proposed draft revision of the *Standard for Food Grade Salt (CODEX STAN 150-1985) (N08-2010)*, at Step 5 (para. 136 and Appendix XI);**

Other matters for adoption

6. **Amendments to food additives provisions for antioxidants and preservatives of food category 04.1.2.2 “dried fruits” of the GSFA (para. 25);**
7. **Amendment to Section 4 “Carry-over of Food Additives” of the Preamble of the GSFA (para. 121 and Appendix IX);**
8. **Amendment to “Explanatory notes on the lay-out of the INS” Section 1 of the *Class Names and International Numbering System for Food Additives (CAC/GL 36-1989)* (para. 148);**

Governments and international organizations wishing to submit comment on the above texts should do so in writing, *preferably by e-mail*, to the Secretariat, Codex Alimentarius Commission, Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme, FAO, Viale delle Terme di Caracalla, 00153 Rome, Italy (e-mail: codex@fao.org, fax : +39 06 57054593) **before 15 May 2011.**

PART B - REQUEST FOR COMMENTS AND INFORMATION

9. **Comments at Step 3 on the provision for cassia gum (INS 427) in Table 3 of the GSFA and information on its use and use levels in food categories listed in the Annex to Table 3 of the GSFA (para. 22);**
10. **Comments at Step 6 and 3 on several draft and proposed draft provisions for erythrosine (INS 127); lauric arginate ethyl ester (INS 243); steviol glycosides (INS 960); sulfites (INS 220-228, 539) in Table 1 and Table 2 of the GSFA (para. 75 and Appendix VI);**
11. **Specific additional information on specific provisions for steviol glycosides (INS 960)) in Table 1 and Table 2 of the GSFA (para. 76 and Appendix VII);**

Governments and international organizations wishing to submit comments on the above matters should do so in writing, *preferably by e-mail*, to the Secretariat of the Codex Committee on Food Additives, National Institute of Nutrition and Food Safety, China CDC, 7 Panjiayuan Nanli, Chaoyang District, Beijing 100021, China (e-mail: secretariat@ccfa.cc, Telefax: + 86 10 67711813;), with a copy to the Secretariat, Codex Alimentarius Commission, Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme, FAO, Viale delle Terme di Caracalla, 00153 Rome, Italy (e-mail: codex@fao.org, *preferably* fax : +39 06 57054593) **before 15 October 2011.**