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COMMENTS ON DRAFT STANDARDS AND RELATED TEXTS SUBMITTED BY THE 24TH SESSION OF FAO/WHO COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR AFRICA¹

BACKGROUND

This document compiles the comments on the draft standards submitted at Step 8 or Step 5/8 and the proposed draft standards submitted at Step 5 of the Procedure. The compiled comments are those received through the Codex Online Commenting Systems (OCS), and in reply to the Circular Letters as indicated in the respective annex.

The comments are as shown in Annex I, II, III.

OCS is an online tool that enables Codex Contact Points to submit comments on draft texts in a standardized way, thus providing more transparency and better management of comments on different Codex texts as requested through Circular Letters.

EXPLANATORY NOTES ON ANNEX I, II, III.

The comments received are presented in a table format, with two columns as follows:

First column – Presents the comments with the rationale.

Second column – Presents the provider of the comments (name of country or observer)

¹ This document compiles comments submitted through OCS, or via email by the time this document was issued, in reply to CL 2022/61/OCS-AFRICA, CL 2022/62/OCS-AFRICA and CL 2022/69/OCS-AFRICA

**COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT REGIONAL STANDARD FOR DRIED MEAT, IN REPLY TO CL 2022/61/OCS-AFRICA
(AT STEP 8)**

Comments of Botswana, Egypt, Eritrea, Kenya, Mauritius Morocco and Iraq,

| COMMENT | MERMBER / OBSERVER |
|--|---------------------------|
| Botswana support adoption of this standard at step 8 | Botswana |
| Egypt appreciates the work done in the document and agrees with its adoption | Egypt |
| The document is recommended for adoption | Eritrea |
| Position: Kenya supports the recommendations of CCAFRICA24 for final adoption of the Regional Draft Dried Meat Standards at step 8. Rationale: Adoption of the Draft Dried Meat Standard is timely and instrumental to the African Continent in its efforts to streamline intra/ inter African trade through the implementation of the recently ratified African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) Agreement. The standard can be translated into national legislation to facilitate African countries to trade with the dried meat products that is consumed regionally. This will also safeguard public health and improve health outcomes, in that safe, nutritious food will be available for human consumption. | Kenya |
| The recommendations of CCAFRICA24 for final adoption of the Regional Draft Dried Meat Standards at step 8 are supported. Rationale: Adoption of the Draft Dried Meat Standard is timely and instrumental to the African Continent in its efforts to streamline intra/ inter African trade through the implementation of the recently ratified African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) Agreement. The standard could facilitate African countries to trade the dried meat products that is consumed regionally. This will also safeguard public health and improve health outcomes, in that safe, nutritious food will be available for human consumption. | Mauritius |
| Morocco supports the adoption of the project standard | Morocco |
| Yes | Iraq |

Annex II**COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED DRAFT GUIDELINES FOR DEVELOPING HARMONIZED FOOD SAFETY LEGISLATION FOR THE CCAFRICA REGION, IN REPLY TO CL 2022/62/OCS-AFRICA****(STEP 5/8)***Comments of Botswana, Eritrea, Kenya, Mauritius, Morocco Uganda and Iraq*

| COMMENT | MEMBER / OBSERVER |
|---|--------------------------|
| <p>Botswana approved the adoption of this guidelines at step 5/8 with the following considerations:</p> <p>1. Definition: xi. the use of the word Public in "Legislation includes acts, regulations, requirements or procedures, issued by competent public authorities, related to foods and covering the protection of public health, the protection of consumers and conditions of fair trading. (CXG 47-2003).</p> <p>" Comment - replace the word public to Competent authority;</p> <p>Rationale: for consistency with definition of competent authority, otherwise public authority should also be defined. Competent Authority covers government or public authority.</p> | Botswana |
| <p>The document is recommended for adoption at stage 5</p> | Eritrea |
| <p>Position: Kenya supports the recommendation for final adoption as made by CCAFRICA24. Rationale: All outstanding issues have been addressed and the guidelines are important for the CCAFRICA region to support development/review of food safety legislation.</p> | Kenya |
| <p>This text is ready for adoption</p> | Mauritius |
| <p>Morocco has no objection to the adoption of these Guidelines</p> | Morocco |
| <p>Uganda supports the recommendation for final adoption. Rationale: All outstanding issues have been addressed and the guidelines are important for the CCAFRICA region to support development/review of food safety legislation.</p> | Uganda |
| <p>Yes</p> | Iraq |

**COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED DRAFT REVISIONS TO THE LABELLING PROVISION ON NON-RETAIL CONTAINERS IN AFRICA REGIONAL STANDARDS
(CXS 325R-2017; CXS 334R-2020; AND CXS 335R-2020), IN REPLY TO CL 2022/69/OCS-AFRICA**

Comments of Egypt, Kenya and Iraq

| COMMENT | MERMBER / OBSERVER |
|---|-------------------------------|
| Egypt appreciates the work done in the document and agrees with its adoption | Egypt |
| Position: Kenya supports the recommendations/proposals by CCAFRICA24 to revise the clauses of the 3 regional standards on Labelling of non-retail containers Rationale: To align with the Codex General Standard for the Labelling of Non-retail Containers of Foods (CXS 346-2021). | Kenya |
| Yes | Iraq |