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Agenda Item 1

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CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD ADDITIVES

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

The Thirty-ninth Session of the Codex Committee on Food Additives and its Working Groups will be held at the Kunlun Hotel, 2 Xin Yuan Nan Lu, Chaoyang District, Beijing, China, as follows:

<u>Working Groups on:</u>	
Codex General Standard for Food Additives	Sunday, 22 April 2007 from 09:00 to 18:00 hours
Guidelines on the Use of Flavourings	Monday, 23 April 2007 from 09:00 to 12:00 hours
Specifications	Monday, 23 April 2007 from 14:00 to 16:00 hours
<u>Plenary Session:</u>	Tuesday, 24 April 2007 at 09:30 hours to Saturday, 28 April 2007

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4 (a)	67 th Meeting of the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA)	
4 (b)	Action Required as a Result of Changes in the Acceptable Daily Intake (ADI) Status	CX/FA 07/39/4
5	Endorsement and/or Revision of Maximum Levels for Food Additives and Processing Aids in Codex Standards	CX/FA 07/39/5
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6	Inclusion of Food Additive Provisions of Commodity Standards into the Codex General Standard for Food Additives (GSFA)	
6 (a)	Report of the Electronic Working Group on the Inclusion of the Food Additive Provisions of the Commodity Standards into the GSFA	CX/FA 07/39/6
	• Comments	CX/FA 07/39/6-Add. 1
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6 (b)	Report of the Electronic Working Group on the Revision of the Procedural Manual	CX/FA 07/39/7
	• Comments	CX/FA 07/39/7-Add. 1
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7	Consideration of the Codex General Standard for Food Additives (GSFA)	
7 (a)	<u>Food Additives Provisions of the Codex General Standard for Food Additives (GSFA)</u>	
	Working Document for Information and Support to the Discussion on the GSFA	CX/FA 07/39/8
	Report of the <i>ad hoc</i> Working Group on the GSFA	CRD 1
	Report of the Electronic Working Group on the GSFA	CX/FA 07/39/9 (Part 1) CX/FA 07/39/9 (Part 2)
	• Comments	CX/FA 07/39/9-Add. 1
	•	CX/FA 07/39/9-Add. 2 (Original language only)

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7 (b)	Maximum Use Levels of Pullulan (INS 1204) (in response to CL 2006/40-FA-Part 1)	CX/FA 07/39/10 CX/FA 07/39/10-Add. 1 (Original language only)
7 (c)	Discussion Paper on revisions to the GSFA's Food Category System	CX/FA 07/39/11
8	Proposed Draft Guidelines for the Use of Flavourings (N03-2006) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments at Step 3 • • Report of the <i>ad hoc</i> Working Group on the Guidelines for the Use of Flavourings 	CX/FA 07/39/12 CX/FA 07/39/12-Add. 1 CX/FA 07/39/12-Add. 2 (Original language only) CRD 2
9	Processing Aids	
9 (a)	Discussion Paper on Guidelines and Principles on the Use of Processing Aids	CX/FA 07/39/13
9 (b)	Processing Aids Inventory of (IPA), Updated List	CX/FA 07/39/14
10	International Numbering System (INS) for Food Additives	
10 (a)	Draft Revision of the Codex <i>Class Names and International Numbering System</i> - CAC/GL 36-1989 (N07-2005) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments at Step 6 (in response to CL 2006/37-FA) 	ALINORM 06/29/12, App. XV CX/FA 07/39/15
10 (b)	Proposals for Addition and/or Amendments to the International Numbering System for Food Additives (in response to CL 2006/40-FA-Part 2)	CX/FA 07/39/16 CX/FA 07/39/16-Add. 1 (Original language only)
11	Specifications for the Identity and Purity of Food Additives Specifications for the Identity and Purity of Food Additives Arising from the 67 th JECFA Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments • Report of the <i>ad hoc</i> Working Group on Specifications 	CX/FA 07/39/17 CX/FA 07/39/17-Add. 1 CRD 3
12	Priority List of Food Additives Proposed for Evaluation by JECFA (response to CL 2006/41-FA)	CX/FA 07/39/18 CX/FA 07/39/18-Add. 1 (Original language only)
13	Other Business and Future Work	
14	Date and Place of Next Session	
15	Adoption of the Draft Report	

NOTES ON THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Agenda Item 1 - Adoption of the Agenda (CX/FA 07/39/1): The Committee will be invited to adopt the Provisional Agenda as the Agenda for the Session.

Agenda Item 2 - Appointment of the Rapporteur: The Committee will be invited to appoint a Rapporteur to the Session.

Agenda Item 3 - Matters Referred by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and Other Codex Committees and Task Forces (CX/FA 07/39/2): The document is an information paper prepared by the Codex Secretariat concerning matters referred from the Codex Alimentarius Commission and other Codex Committees and Task Forces.

Agenda Item 4 - Matters of Interest Arising from FAO/WHO (CX/FA 07/39/3): The document is an information paper prepared by the FAO/WHO.

Agenda Item 4 (a) - 67th Meeting of the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA): The FAO and WHO Joint Secretaries to JECFA will present a summary of the results of the 67th JECFA Meeting (Rome, Italy, 20-29 June 2006). The report/summary report are available online at: http://www.fao.org/ag/agn/jecfa/whatisnew_en.stm .

Agenda Item 4 (b) - Action Required as a Result of Changes in the Acceptable Daily Intake (ADI) Status (CX/FA 07/39/4): Changes in the ADI status of food additives as reported by the 67th JECFA meeting are summarized in working document CX/FA 07/39/4.

Agenda Item 5 - Endorsement and/or Revision of Maximum Levels for Food Additives in Codex Standards (CX/FA 07/39/5): As per the Codex Alimentarius Procedural Manual, the Codex Secretariat will make a report to the Committee concerning the endorsement of provisions for food additives in Codex Standards on the basis of proposals arising from other Codex Committees.

AGENDA ITEM 6 – INCLUSION OF FOOD ADDITIVE PROVISIONS OF COMMODITY STANDARDS INTO THE CODEX GENERAL STANDARD FOR FOOD ADDITIVES (GSFA)

Agenda Item 6 (a) - Report of the Electronic Working Group on the Inclusion of the Food Additives Provisions of the Commodity Standards into the GSFA (CX/FA 07/39/6): The 38th Session of the Committee agreed to establish an electronic Working Group, led by the United States, to prepare a discussion paper describing in full the impacts of the revisions on the food additive provisions in the relevant GSFA food categories with a one-to-many relationship to a commodity standard, for circulation, comments and further discussion at the next session of the Committee. The Committee agreed that the discussion would also contain proposals to revise the GSFA to integrate the food additive provisions of the Codex commodity standards and encouraged the Working Group to consider solutions that could be applied consistently throughout commodities. It was agreed that in developing these proposals, any additional restrictions on the use of food additives that are exceptions to the general principles used in the development of the GSFA will be considered based on the following criteria: i) The use of a specific food additive in a food conforming to all other provisions (e.g., name, labelling, and hygiene) of an individual Codex commodity standard is not safe; ii) The specific food additive can not perform its intended functional effect in the Codex standardized food because of physico-chemical considerations respecting either the food additive or the standardized food; iii) The use of a specific food additive in a food conforming to an individual Codex commodity standard would mislead the consumer; and iv) Any exceptions to the general principles of the GSFA must be fully documented and supported by information provided to CCFAC. The Committee also agreed that, to the extent possible, exceptions to the general principles of the GSFA would be implemented in the simplest, most transparent and pragmatic manner possible, for example, by the use of notes in GSFA Food Additive Tables 1 and 2, revisions to the Annex to Table 3, or by revisions to the GSFA Food Category System (ALINORM 06/29/12, paras. 64-67).

Comments on the report of the electronic Working Group on the inclusion of the Food Additives Provisions of the Commodity Standards into the GSFA are contained in working document CX/FA 07/39/6-Add. 1.

Agenda Item 6 (b) - Report of the Electronic Working Group on the Revision of the Procedural Manual (CX/FA 07/39/7): The 38th Session of the Committee endorsed the recommendation of the physical Working Group to establish an electronic Working Group led by Switzerland to consider the relevant amendments to the Procedural Manual, including: i) Format for Codex commodity standards, section on food additives; ii) Relations between commodity committees and general committees, section on food additives and contaminants; and iii) Terms of reference of the Committee and to prepare a report with a first proposal of amendments to the Procedural Manual for circulation, comments and further consideration at the next session of the Committee (ALINORM 06/29/12, para. 68).

Comments on the report of the electronic Working Group on the Revision of the Procedural Manual are contained in working document CX/FA 07/39/6-Add. 1.

AGENDA ITEM 7 – CONSIDERATION OF THE CODEX GENERAL STANDARD FOR FOOD ADDITIVES (GSFA)

Agenda Item 7 (a) - Food Additives Provisions of the Codex General Standard for Food Additives (GSFA)

Working Document for Information and Support to the Discussion on the GSFA (CX/FA 07/39/8): The 38th Session of the Committee agreed to request the Codex Secretariat to prepare every year an updated version of the “Working document for information and support to the discussion on the GSFA” similar to CX/FAC 06/38/8 (ALINORM 06/29/12, para. 72).

Report of the *ad hoc* Working Group on the GSFA (CRD 1) : The 38th Session of the Committee decided to reconvene the physical *ad hoc* Working Group on the Codex General Standard for Food Additives prior to its next session, under the Chairmanship of the United States (ALINORM 06/29/12, para. 74).

Report of the Electronic Working Group on the GSFA (CX/FA 07/39/9): The 38th Session of the Committee agreed to re-establish the electronic Working Group on the GSFA, led by the United States to consider the outstanding recommendations contained in CX/FAC 06/38/10, comments contained in CX/FAC 06/38/9 Parts 1 and 2, relevant decisions of the 37th and 38th CCFAC and new comments submitted in response to the CL 2006/34-FA. It was agreed that the electronic Working Group would take a horizontal approach to its discussion of the provisions for colours and sweeteners in its priority list and that the report will contain recommendations to the Committee with a view towards advancing these provisions in the Codex Step process and making progress on the GSFA (ALINORM 06/29/12, para. 79).

Comments on the report of the electronic Working Group on the GSFA are contained in working document CX/FA 07/39/9-Add. 1.

Agenda Item 7 (b) - Maximum Use Levels of Pullulan (INS 1204) (CX/FA 07/39/10): The 38th Session of the Committee, noting that JECFA had evaluated Pullulan (INS 1204) as “Not Specified”, agreed to include it in Table 3 at Step 4 and to request proposed use levels in the food categories listed in the Annex to Table 3 (ALINORM 06/29/12, para. 36).

Proposals for use levels of Pullulan in the food categories listed in the Annex to Table 3 of the GSFA, submitted in response to CL 2006/40-FA, Part 1, are contained in working document CX/FA 07/39/10.

Agenda Item 7 (c) - Discussion Paper on Revision to the GSFA’s Food Category System (CX/FA 07/39/11): The 38th Session of the Committee agreed to establish an electronic Working Group, led by Indonesia, to develop a discussion paper and, according to the procedure established at its 36th Session, include a project document for the revision of the Food Category System of the GSFA. (ALINORM 06/29/12, para. 215).

Agenda Item 8 - Proposed draft Guidelines for the Use of Flavourings (N03-2006) (CX/FA 07/39/12): The 29th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission approved the elaboration of the Guidelines for the Use of Flavourings as new work for the Committee (ALINORM 06/29/41, para. 124 and App. VIII). The 38th Session of the Committee agreed that, subject to the approval of the Commission, an electronic Working Group led by the United States would prepare a proposed draft Guideline for circulation, comments at Step 3 and further consideration at its next session. It was suggested that data on intake estimation of flavouring agents by JECFA and other relevant data should be taken into consideration when elaborating the draft Guidelines. Further, the Committee agreed to establish a physical Working Group prior to its next Session, under the Chairmanship of the European Community, to consider the proposed draft Guideline along with comments submitted at Step 3 (ALINORM 06/29/12, paras 87-88).

Comments at Step 3 on the proposed draft Guidelines for the Use of Flavourings are contained in working document CX/FA 07/39/12-Add. 1. The report of the physical Working Group will be presented to the Committee under Conference Room Document 2.

AGENDA ITEM 9 - INVENTORY OF PROCESSING AIDS (IPA)

Agenda Item 9 (a) - Discussion Paper on Guidelines and Principles on the Use of Processing Aids (CX/FA 07/39/13): The 38th Session of the Committee agreed that there was a need for guidance about the use of processing aids. For this purpose, it was agreed to establish an electronic Working Group, led by Indonesia, to develop a discussion paper on guidelines and principles on the use of processing aids, which would address: technological justification; safe use and suitable controls on processing aids; the relationship between processing aids and food additives; and other issues related to processing aids (ALINORM 06/29/12, para. 92).

Agenda Item 9 (b) - Inventory of Processing Aids (IPA), Updated List (CX/FA 07/39/14): The 38th Session of the Committee accepted the offer of the Delegation of New Zealand to prepare a further updated version of the IPA for consideration at its next session, with the improvements indicated in CX/FAC 06/38/13, para. 16 (ALINORM 06/29/12, para. 93).

AGENDA ITEM 10 - INTERNATIONAL NUMBERING SYSTEM (INS) FOR FOOD ADDITIVES

Agenda Item 10 (a) - Draft Revision of the Codex Class Names and International Numbering System - CAC/GL 36-1989 (N07-2005) (ALINORM 06/29/12, Appendix XV): The 29th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission adopted the proposed draft revision at Step 5 and advanced it to Step 6, as proposed by the Committee (ALINORM 06/29/41, paras 99-102 and Appendix V).

Comments submitted at Step 6 in response to CL 2006/37-FA are contained in working document CX/FA 07/39/15.

Agenda Item 10 (b) - Proposals for Addition and/or Amendments to the International Numbering System for Food Additives (CX/FA 07/39/16): The 32nd Session of the Committee agreed to request comments for additional revisions to the INS System on a standing basis (ALINORM 01/12, para. 74). Comments for additional revisions to the INS System, submitted in response to CL 2006/40-FA, Part 2, are contained in working document CX/FA 07/39/16.

Agenda Item 11 - Specifications for the Identity and Purity of Food Additives arising from the 67th JECFA (CX/FA 07/39/17): The document references specifications arising from the 67th JECFA Meeting. The 38th Session of Committee decided to reconvene the *ad hoc* Working Group on Specifications prior to its 39th Session under the Chairmanship of Denmark (ALINORM 06/29/12, para. 107). The specifications are available on-line at <http://www.fao.org/ag/agn/jecfa-additives/search.html>.

Comments on the Specifications for Identity and Purity of Food Additives arising from the 67th JECFA are contained in document CX/FA 07/39/17-Add. 1. The report of the *ad hoc* Working Group on Specifications will be presented to the Committee under Conference Room Document 3.

Agenda Item 12 - Priority List of Food Additives Proposed for Evaluation by JECFA (CX/FA 07/39/18): The 38th Session of the Committee agreed to ask the Codex Secretariat, in collaboration with the JECFA Secretariat, to request new proposals for additions or amendments to the Priority List for consideration at its next session in a separate Circular Letter, which would also include the questionnaire for submission (ALINORM 06/29/12, para. 209). Comments submitted in response to CL 2006/41-FA are contained in working document CX/FA 07/39/18.

Agenda Item 13 - Other Business and Future Work: Other business and/or proposals for future work, subject to the approval of the Codex Alimentarius Commission or its Executive Committee, will be considered.

Agenda Item 14 - Date and Place of Next Session: The Committee will be advised of the tentative dates and place of the next Session.

Agenda Item 15 - Adoption of the Report: The Committee shall adopt a report of its 39th Session based on a draft provided by the Codex Secretariat.