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PROPOSED DRAFT SPECIFICATIONS FOR IDENTITY AND PURITY OF FOOD ADDITIVES ARISING FROM THE 84TH JECFA MEETING

Comments of the Philippines and ISC

Philippines

The Philippines supports the adoption of the specifications designated as “Full” for the following food additives:

1. Brilliant blue FCF (R) (INS 133)
2. β -Carotene-rich extract from *Dunaliella salina* (N)
3. Fast Green FCF (R) (INS 143)
4. Gum ghatti (R) (INS 419)
5. Microcrystalline cellulose (R) (INS 460(i))
6. Silicon dioxide, amorphous (R) (INS 551)
7. Sodium aluminium silicate (R) (INS 554)
8. Steviol glycosides (R) (INS 960)
9. Sucrose esters of fatty acids (R) (INS 473)

Rationale:

Based from the 84th JECFA meeting last 6-15 June 2017, the food additives (Brilliant blue FCF (R) (INS 133), β -Carotene-rich extract from *Dunaliella salina* (N), Fast Green FCF (R) (INS 143) and Gum ghatti (R) (INS 419) are evaluated toxicologically and concluded that dietary exposure to these additives do not present any health concern for any age group. While the food additives (Microcrystalline cellulose (R) (INS 460(i)), Silicon dioxide, amorphous (R) (INS 551), Sodium aluminium silicate (R) (INS 554), Steviol glycosides (R) (INS 960) and Sucrose esters of fatty acids (R) (INS 473)) were re-evaluated by JECFA and the specifications were revised and removed the tentative status.