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Agenda Item 2,3,6

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## JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME

### CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD LABELLING

Forty-third Session

Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, 9 – 13 May 2016

(Comments from Kenya)

## AGENDA ITEM 2 (CX/FL 16/43/2) - MATTERS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE BY THE CAC AND OTHER CODEX SUBSIDIARY BODIES

### 5. MATTERS FOR ACTION

Executive Committee of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CCEXEC70)

#### **Work Management**

6. CCEXEC70 requested all Committees to consider the need to develop an approach for the management of their work similar to that used by CCFH (while recognizing the differences in topics, working procedures, etc. among various committees).

#### **SPECIFIC COMMENT**

Kenya recognized the considerations made by the delegates of CAC-38 in 2015 regarding Work Management and would like the committee of CCFL to take them into consideration while discussing work management for Codex Commodities. These considerations are also recommended by Kenya as follows in addition to d) mentioned below:

- a) The work leading to a definition of the scope for the evaluation of work management should focus on the goals of the Codex Strategic Plan 2014-2019.
- b) The work should seek to enhance efficiency and effectiveness in the standard setting process and focus on those areas where members could productively make progress and reach consensus and not reopen proposals, which had been rejected in the past.
- c) The process for designing the review and evaluation and for identifying priorities for further consideration should be inclusive, member-driven, transparent and efficient.
- d) The work of Codex should consider and be based on the work of FAO/WHO Scientific advisors to prevent voting.

We would also propose that the work management be implemented in the next strategic plan but not the current one.

#### **General Comment**

**Concerning the work management of CCFH, we would like some clarification on the " ranking", if it is based on science and how the "weighting" were arrived at'. There is need for more information on the guidelines used to come up with CCFH work management.**

## AGENDA ITEM 3 (CX/FL 16/43/3) - CONSIDERATION OF LABELLING PROVISION IN DRAFT CODEX STANDARDS

(CCASIA, CCSCH, CCFFV, CCFA)

### **A.FAO/WHO COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR ASIA (CCASIA)**

**Note: CAC38 adopted the draft regional Standard at Step 8, subject to the endorsement of the food labelling provisions by CCFL**

**Regional Standard for Non-Fermented Soybean Products SEE CAC -38 PARA 23****8. LABELLING****SPECIFIC COMMENT**

We have accepted the labelling part and support the work of CCASIA to be endorsed by CAC-39 session.

**B. COMMITTEE ON SPICES AND CULINARY HERBS (CCSCH)*****Proposed Draft Standard for Cumin (at Step 5)*****8. LABELLING**

8.1 The products covered by the provisions of this Standard shall be labelled in accordance with the *General Standard for the Labelling of Pre-packaged Foods* (CODEX STAN 1-1985). In addition, the following specific provisions apply:

**Specific Comment**

**We support the advancement of this proposed draft standard for Cumin to the next stage however, the labelling of Non-Retail containers needs to be amended as indicated below.**

**8.3 Labelling of Non-Retail Containers**

Information for non-retail containers shall be given either on the container or in accompanying documents, except that the name of the product, lot identification, and the name and address of the manufacturer, packer, distributor or importer, as well as storage instructions, shall appear on the container. ~~However, lot identification, and the name and address of the manufacturer, packer, distributor or importer may be replaced by an identification mark, provided that such a mark is clearly identifiable with the accompanying documents.~~

**Justification:**

***There is no "mark" which can have lot identification, and the name and address of the manufacturer, packer, distributor or importer and yet the sample of the lot was not attached to this document for clarification for the consumer.***

**Proposed Draft Standard for Dried Thyme (at Step 5)****SPECIFIC COMMENT**

**We support the advancement of this proposed draft standard for dried Thyme to the next stage however the labelling of Non-Retail containers needs to be amended.**

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**C. COMMITTEE ON FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES (CCFFV)****Proposed Draft Standard for Aubergines(at Step 5/8)****6.2.2 Nature of Produce**

**Name of the produce** "aubergines" if the contents are not visible from the outside. Name of the variety and/or commercial type ~~(optional).~~

**Specific Comment on 'Optional' above**

The variety should not be **optional** but compulsory. Mixture of aubergines, or equivalent denomination, in the case of a mixture of distinctly different commercial types of aubergines. ~~If the produce is not visible from the outside, the commercial types and the quantity of each in the package must be indicated.~~

**SPECIFIC COMMENT**

We would propose that whether the product is visible or not the name should be declared for the consumer/retailer to know the content

**D. COMMITTEE ON FOOD ADDITIVES (CCFA)**

**Proposed draft revision of the General Standard for the Labelling of food additives when sold as such(CODEX STAN 107-1981)(For adoption at Step 5/8)**

**4.1 Details of the food additive****Specific comments**

**We propose to retain the bold part**

c. In the case of mixtures of flavourings, the name of each flavouring present in the mixture need not to be given. The generic expression "flavour" or "flavouring" may be used, together with a true indication of the nature of the flavour.

**SPECIFIC COMMENTS**

***When indicating the origin or source of the product, the generic expression ~~may~~ "shall" be qualified by the words "natural" in the case of natural flavourings as defined in CAC/GL 66-2008, "artificial" in the case of synthetic flavourings as defined in CAC/GL 66-2008, or a combination of these words, as appropriate. We therefore replace "may" with "shall" to make it compulsory.***

**Justification**

This is because you cannot carryout organoleptic properties through the label and artificial/ or natural flavouring shall be declared due allergen issues

**AGENDA ITEM 6 (CX/FL/16/43/6)- LABELLING OF NON-RETAIL CONTAINERS (DISCUSSION PAPER)****GENERAL COMMENT**

***Kenya appreciate the work done by India on the labelling of Non-Retail Containers and we would like to support the work to continue to give guidance on such labelling for the sake of protecting the consumers and retail sellers.***