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**Agenda Item 1**

**CX/FA 11/43/1**

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## JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME

### CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD ADDITIVES

#### Forty-third Session

**Xiamen (Fujian Province), China, 14-18 March 2011**

#### PROVISIONAL AGENDA

The session will be held at the Seaview Resort, No.3999, Huandao Road, Siming District, Xiamen  
(Fujian Province), China  
from Monday 14 March at 9.30 hours to Friday 18 March 2011

The meeting of the Working Group on the Codex *General Standard for Food Additives* will be held at the same  
venue from Friday 11 March 2011 at 09.00 hours to Saturday 12 March 2011 at 18.00 hours

#### PROVISIONAL AGENDA

| <b>Agenda<br/>Item</b>   | <b>Subject Matter</b>   | <b>Document Reference</b>  |
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| 1  | Adoption of the Agenda  | <a href="#">CX/FA 11/43/1</a>  |
| 2  | Matters Referred by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and Other<br>Codex Committees and Task Forces   | <a href="#">CX/FA 11/43/2</a>  |
| 3  | Matters of Interest arising from FAO/WHO and from the 73 <sup>rd</sup> Meeting of<br>the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA)             | <a href="#">CX/FA 11/43/3</a>  |
| 4(a)   | Endorsement and/or Revision of Maximum Levels for Food Additives and<br>Processing Aids in Codex Standards  | <a href="#">CX/FA 11/43/4</a>  |
| 4(b)   | Discussion paper on food additive provisions in the <i>Standard for infant<br/>formulas and formula for special medical purposes</i> (CODEX STAN 72-<br>1981) | <a href="#">CX/FA 11/43/5</a>  |
| 4(c)   | Discussion paper on the alignment of the food additive provisions of the<br>standards for meat products and relevant provisions of the GSFA                   | <a href="#">CX/FA 11/43/6</a>  |
| <b><u>Codex General Standard for Food Additives (GSFA)</u></b> |   |  |
| 5(a)   | Draft and proposed draft food additive provisions of the GSFA   | <a href="#">CX/FA 11/43/7</a>  |
| 5(b)   | Proposed draft food additives provisions (new and revised)<br>- Comments at Step 3  | <a href="#">CX/FA 11/43/8</a><br><a href="#">CX/FA 11/43/08 Corr1</a><br><a href="#">CX/FA 11/43/8 Add.1</a><br><a href="#">CX/FA 11/43/8 Add.2</a><br>(original language<br>only) |
| 5(c)   | Comments and information on several food additives (replies to CL<br>2010/7-FA, Part B and CL 2010/39-FA)   | <a href="#">CX/FA 11/43/9</a>  |

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<ftp://ftp.fao.org/codex/ccfa43>

Delegates should bring to the meeting all documents which have been distributed, as the number of additional copies which can be made  
available at the session is limited.

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| 5(d)   | Provisions for aluminium containing food additives  | <a href="#">CX/FA 11/43/10</a>                                   |
| 5(e)   | Proposed draft revision of the food category system (food categories 5.1, 5.2 and 5.4) (N07-2010)                                     | <a href="#">CX/FA 11/43/11</a>                                   |
|  | - Comments at Step 3  | <a href="#">CX/FA 11/43/11 Add.1</a>                             |
|  | -   | <a href="#">CX/FA 11/43/11 Add.2</a><br>(original language only) |
| 5(f)   | Revision of the name and descriptors of food category 16.0  | <a href="#">CX/FA 11/43/12</a>                                   |
| 5(g)   | Discussion paper on use of note 161   | <a href="#">CX/FA 11/43/13</a>                                   |
| 5(h)   | Discussion paper on the revision of Session 4 “Carry-over of food additives into food” of the Preamble of the GSFA                    | <a href="#">CX/FA 11/43/14</a>                                   |
| <b><u>Other Standards and related Texts at Step 4</u></b>                      |   |  |
| 6  | Proposed draft revision of the Codex <i>Standard for Food Grade Salt</i> (CODEX STAN 150-1985) (N08-2010)                             | <a href="#">CX/FA 11/43/15</a>                                   |
|  | - Comments at Step 3  | <a href="#">CX/FA 11/43/15 Add.1</a>                             |
|  |   | <a href="#">CX/FA 11/43/15 Add.2</a><br>(original language only) |
| <b><u>International Numbering System (INS) for Food Additives</u></b>          |   |  |
| 7  | Proposals for Changes and/or Addition to the International Numbering System for Food Additives  | <a href="#">CX/FA 11/43/16</a>                                   |
|  | - Comments at Step 3  | <a href="#">CX/FA 11/43/16 Add.1</a>                             |
|  |   | <a href="#">CX/FA 11/43/16 Add.2</a><br>(original language only) |
| <b><u>Specifications for the Identity and Purity of Food Additives</u></b>     |   |  |
| 8  | Specifications for the Identity and Purity of Food Additives Arising from the 73 <sup>rd</sup> JECFA Meeting                          | <a href="#">CX/FA 11/43/17</a>                                   |
|  | - Comments at Step 3  | <a href="#">CX/FA 11/43/17 Add.1</a>                             |
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| <b><u>Priority List of Food Additives Proposed for Evaluation by JECFA</u></b> |   |  |
| 9(a)   | Proposals for Additions and Changes to the Priority List of Food Additive proposed for evaluation by JECFA (replies to CL 2010/10-FA) | <a href="#">CX/FA 11/43/18</a>                                   |
|  |   | <a href="#">CX/FA 11/43/18 Add.1</a><br>(original language only) |
| 9(b)   | Discussion paper on mechanisms for re-evaluation of substances by JECFA   | <a href="#">CX/FA 11/43/19</a>                                   |
| <b><u>Others</u></b>   |   |  |
| 10   | Discussion paper on development of a database on processing aids  | <a href="#">CX/FA 11/43/20</a>                                   |

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| 11                 | Other Business and Future Work |                           |
| 12                 | Date and Place of Next Session |                           |
| 13                 | Adoption of the Draft Report   |                           |

### **INFORMATION DOCUMENTS**

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|---|-------------------------------------|
| Information document to the discussion on the GSFA                      | <a href="#"><u>FA/43 INF/01</u></a> |
| Information document on food additive provisions in commodity standards | <a href="#"><u>FA/43 INF/02</u></a> |
| Inventory of Substances used as Processing Aids (IPA), Updated List     | <a href="#"><u>FA/43 INF/03</u></a> |

## NOTES ON THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

### **Agenda Item 1: Adoption of the Agenda (Doc. Ref. CX/FA 11/43/1)**

The Committee will be invited to adopt the Provisional Agenda, as contained in document CX/FA 11/43/1, as the Agenda for the Session.

### **Agenda Item 2: Matters Referred by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and Other Codex Committees and Task Forces (Doc. Ref. CX/FA 11/43/2)**

Document CX/FA 11/43/2, prepared by the Codex Secretariat, includes matters referred to the Committee by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and other Codex Committees and Task Forces.

### **Agenda Item 3: Matters of Interest arising from FAO/WHO and from the 73<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA) (Doc. Ref. CX/FA 11/43/3)**

Document CX/FA 11/43/3, prepared by FAO and WHO, includes matters from FAO and WHO and from the 73<sup>rd</sup> JECFA meeting referred to the Committee for information and action.

### **Agenda Item 4(a): Endorsement and/or revision of Maximum Levels for Food Additives and Processing Aids in Codex Standards (Doc. Ref. CX/FA 11/43/4)**

Document CX/FA 11/43/4 compiles food additive and processing aid provisions in draft and proposed draft commodity standards submitted by various Codex Committees to the CCFA for endorsement.

### **Agenda Item 4(b): Discussion paper on food additive provisions in the *Standard for infant formulas and formula for special medical purposes* (CODEX STAN 72-1981) (Doc. Ref. CX/FA 11/43/5)**

Document CX/FA 11/43/5 reviews the issues on food additive provisions in the *Standard for infant formulas and formula for special medical purposes* (CODEX STAN 72-1981) that are still pending for advice to the CCNFSDU and contains proposals on how to address these issues (*see* ALINORM 10/33/12, paras 168-169).

### **Agenda Item 4 (c): Discussion paper on the alignment of the food additive provisions of the standards for meat products and relevant provisions of the GSFA (Doc. Ref. CX/FA 11/43/6)**

Document CX/FA 11/43/6 presents a proposals for the alignment of the food additives provisions of the five Codex commodity standards for meat products with the adopted food additive provisions of food categories 08.2 “processed meat, poultry and game products in whole pieces and cuts” and 08.3 “Processed comminuted meat, poultry and game products” and relevant sub-categories of the GSFA and an analysis of problems and solutions identified in carrying out this work (*see* ALINORM 10/33/12, para. 162).

## Codex General Standard for Food Additives (GSFA)

### **Agenda Item 5 (a): Draft and proposed draft food additive provisions of the GSFA (Doc. Ref. CX/FA 11/43/7)**

Document CX/FA 11/43/7 compiles pending proposals included in document CX/FA 10/42/5 that have not been considered by the 42<sup>nd</sup> CCFA.

### **Agenda Item 5 (b): Proposed draft food additives provisions (new and revised) (Doc. Ref. CX/FA 11/43/8)**

Document CX/FA 11/43/8 presents new and revised proposed draft provisions for: lauric arginate ethyl esters (INS 243); steviol glycosides (INS 960), sulfites (INS 220-225, 227, 228, 539) and erythrosine (INS 127) (*see* ALINORM 10/33/12, paras 65, 67, 69 and 146). Comments at Step 3 are compiled in document CX/FA 11/43/8 Add.1.

### **Agenda Item 5 (c): Comments and information on several food additives (Doc. Ref. CX/FA 11/43/9)**

Document CX/FA 11/43/9 compiles comments and information submitted in response to CL 2010/7-FA Part B (points 11-14) and CL 2010/39-FA on:

- Provisions for lycopenes (INS 161d(i)(ii)(iii)) and sodium hydrogen sulphate (INS 514) in Table 3 of the GSFA;
- Proposals on uses and use levels for lycopenes (INS 161d(i)(ii)(iii)) and sodium hydrogen sulphate (INS 514) for food categories listed in the Annex to Table 3;
- Uses and use levels of sucrose oligoesters (SOE) type I and type II (INS 473a);
- Uses of caramel III, ammonia process (INS 150c), nisin (INS 234) and phosphates in various food categories; and
- Uses and use levels of cyclotetraglucose (INS 1504(i)) and cyclotetraglucose syrup (INS 1504(ii)).

**Agenda Item 5 (d): Provisions for aluminium containing food additives (Doc. Ref. CX/FA 11/43/10)**

Document CX/FA 11/43/10 presents proposals for the revision of maximum use levels for aluminium containing food additives, i.e. sodium aluminium phosphates (acidic and basic) (INS 541(i), (ii)), sodium ammonium sulfate (INS 523), sodium aluminium silicate (INS 554), calcium aluminium silicate (INS 556) and aluminium silicate (INS 559) (*see* ALINORM 10/33/12, para. 83).

**Agenda Item 5 (e): Proposed draft revision of the food category system (food categories 5.1, 5.2 and 5.4) (N07-2010) (Doc. Ref. CX/FA 11/43/11)**

Document CX/FA 11/43/11 presents a proposed draft revision of food categories: 5.1 “Cocoa products and chocolate products including imitations and chocolate substitutes”, 5.2 “Confectionery, including hard and soft candy, nougats, etc. other than food categories 05.1, 05.3 and 05.4” and 5.4 “Decorations (e.g. for fine bakery wares), toppings (non fruit) and sweet sauces” and their relevant subcategories. The document also includes an analysis of possible impacts on food additives provisions of the GSFA (*see* ALINORM 10/33/12, para. 88-89). Comments at step 3 are compiled in document CX/FA 11/43/11 Add.1.

**Agenda Item 5 (f): Revision of the name and descriptors of food category 16.0 (Doc. Ref. CX/FA 11/43/12)**

Document CX/FA 11/43/12 compiles proposals for revision of the name and descriptors of food category 16.0 “Composite foods - foods that could not be placed in categories 01-15” and example of these products (*see* ALINORM 10/33/12, para. 86).

**Agenda Item 5 (g): Discussion paper on use of note 161 (Doc. Ref. CX/FA 11/43/13)**

The discussion paper presents proposals for criteria and conditions of the use of note 161 “Subject to national legislation of the importing country aimed, in particular, at consistency with Section 3.2 of the Preamble” in the GSFA (*see* ALINORM 10/33/12, paras 70-75).

**Agenda Item 5 (h): Discussion paper on the revision of Session 4 “Carry-over of food additives into food” of the Preamble of the GSFA (Doc. Ref. CX/FA 11/43/14)**

The discussion paper will allow the Committee to make an informed decision with regard to the request of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Commission to determine whether it is necessary to revise Section 4 “Carry-over of food additives into food” of the Preamble of the GSFA to take on board the divergences between Section 4 and the “Carry-over Principles of Food Additives” in Volume 1 of Codex Alimentarius (*see* ALINORM 10/33/12, paras 11-14).

**Other Standards and related Texts at Step 4****Agenda Item 6: Proposed draft revision of the Codex Standard for Food Grade Salt (CODEX STAN 150-1985) (N08-2010) (Doc. Ref. CX/FA 11/43/15)**

Document CX/FA 11/43/15 presents a proposed draft revision of Codex Standard for Food Grade Salt (CODEX STAN 150-1985) (*see* ALINORM 10/33/12, para 167). Comments at Step 3 are compiled in CX/FA 11/43/15 Add.1.

**International Numbering System (INS) for Food Additives****Agenda Item 7: Proposals for Changes and/or Addition to the International Numbering System for Food Additives (Doc. Ref. CX/FA 11/43/16)**

Document CX/FA 11/43/16 is the report of the electronic Working Group on INS, established by the 42<sup>nd</sup> CCFA, to consider the replies to CL 2010/9-FA requesting proposals for changes/addition to the INS list (*see* ALINORM 10/33/12, para 133). Comments at Step 3 are compiled in CX/FA 11/43/16 Add.1.

**Specifications for the Identity and Purity of Food Additives****Agenda Item 8: Specifications for the Identity and Purity of Food Additives Arising from the 73<sup>rd</sup> JECFA Meeting (Doc. Ref. CX/FA 11/43/17)**

The document references specifications arising from the 73<sup>rd</sup> JECFA Meeting (Geneva, Switzerland 8-17 June 2010). The summary report is available at: [http://www.fao.org/ag/agn/agns/files/jecfa73\\_final.pdf](http://www.fao.org/ag/agn/agns/files/jecfa73_final.pdf) (FAO JECFA website) and at: <http://www.who.int/ipcs/food/jecfa/summaries/en/index.html> (WHO JECFA website). The specifications are available on the on-line edition of the Combined Compendium of Food Additive Specifications at: <http://www.fao.org/ag/agn/jecfa-additives/search.html>. Comments at Step 3 are compiled in document CX/FA 11/43/17 Add.1.

**Priority List of Food Additives Proposed for Evaluation by JECFA**

**Agenda Item 9(a): Proposals for Additions and Changes to the Priority List of Food Additive proposed for evaluation by JECFA (replies to CL 2010/10-FA) (Doc. Ref. CX/FA 11/43/18)**

Document CX/FA 11/43/18 compiles proposals for addition and changes to the Priority List of Food Additive proposed for evaluation by JECFA, submitted in response to CL 2010/10-FA.

**Agenda Item 9(b): Discussion Paper on mechanisms for re-evaluation of substances by JECFA (Doc. Ref. CX/FA 11/43/19)**

The discussion paper, prepared by the JECFA Secretariat, presents proposals related to mechanism for periodic re-evaluation of substances by JECFA (*see* ALINORM 10/33/12, para 150).

**Others**

**Agenda Item 10: Discussion paper on development of a database on processing aids (Doc. Ref. CX/FA 11/43/20)**

The discussion paper presents a proposal for the structure and content of a database on information on processing aids and criteria for the entry and update of the database (*see* ALINORM 10/33/12, paras 120-121).

**Agenda Item 11: Other Business and Future Work**

The Committee will discuss issues, raised under Item 1, as other business and/or proposals for future work

**Agenda Item 12: Date and Place of Next Session**

The Committee will be advised of the tentative dates and place of the next Session.

**Agenda Item 13: Adoption of the Report**

In accordance with Rule X.1 of the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the Committee shall adopt a report of its 43<sup>rd</sup> Session based on a draft provided by the Codex Secretariat.