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#### **PROPOSED DRAFT REVISION TO THE STANDARD FOR NAMED VEGETABLE OILS (CXS 210-1999) : CHANGE IN THE TEMPERATURE FOR THE ANALYSIS OF REFRACTIVE INDEX AND APPARENT DENSITY OF PALM SUPEROLEIN**

(Comments from India and Kenya)

#### **India**

We do not support changing the temperature for analysis of Refractive Index and Apparent Density of Palm Superolein to 30°C. We strongly support the use of 40°C as measurement temperature in line with the temperature defined for other oils. Also, as per our national regulations, 40°C is the usual temperature of taking readings of refractive index. Moreover, we believe that Codex standard should harmonize with the method and temperature requirement defined under AOCS, which prescribe the temperature as 40, 50, 60 or 80°C.

If required, the specified values for Refractive Index and Apparent Density may be modified to be in sync with the actual readings at 40°C.

#### **Kenya**

In order to be consistent with the temperature required for analysis of Refractive Index and Apparent Density for most other oils found in the Standard, the Kenya proposes that the temperature for analysis be maintained at 40 °C.