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Agenda Item 4a, 4b, 5d and 6

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## JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME

### CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD ADDITIVES

#### Fiftieth Session

#### Comments of Nigeria

##### Item 4a

#### 1. ENDORSEMENT AND/OR REVISION OF MAXIMUM LEVELS FOR FOOD ADDITIVES AND PROCESSING AIDS IN CODEX STANDARDS (CX/FA 18/50/5)

##### (a) Brilliant Blue FCF: INS 133

**Position:** Nigeria wishes to comment that there is need to change the ADI in this standard as well as the maximum permissible level to 150mg/kg.

**Rationale:** The maximum permissible level of 150mg/kg was based on the ADI of 0-12.5mg/kg between whereas JECFA 84<sup>th</sup> established that the ADI of 0-6 mg/kg bw/day was the safe range for all age groups hence the need to change it.

##### (b) Benzoates

**Position:** Nigeria recommends revision of the proposed level of benzoates from 300mg/kg to 250mg/kg.

**Rationale:** This is based on tentative levels permissible as adopted by the CCFA49.

##### Item 4b

Nigeria wishes to express its appreciation on the work done by the eWG on alignment of food additive provisions in the fourteen standards related to fish and fish product and one related to canned pears, canned mangoes and canned pineapples with GSFA provisions.

Nigeria therefore wishes to support the eWG proposals for the alignment of food additive Provisions.

**Rationale:** The document contains the necessary guidance to assist commodity committees to systematically carry out alignment of their food additive provisions in commodity standards with the GSFA. This will lessen the workload of CCFA.

##### Item 5d

**Position:** Nigeria does not support recommendation 1.

**Rationale:** There is no need to define these terms as they are clear in the GSFA as currently published.

**Position:** Nigeria does not support recommendation 2.

**Rationale:** Use of food additives in unprocessed foods should be on a case by case basis (As per food category and/or food sub-categories.)

**Position:** Nigeria does not support this recommendation 3.

**Rationale:** Based on the rationale on recommendation 1 position above, this recommendation is not supported.

##### Item 6

**Position:** Nigeria supports the recommendations of the electronic working group and amendments in annex 1 on new or additional functional class or technological purpose.

**Rationale:** The proposals are requests from respective commodity committees with the requisite competence.