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JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME

CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD LABELLING THIRTIETH SESSION HALIFAX, CANADA, 6 - 10 MAY 2002

DRAFT AMENDMENT TO THE GENERAL STANDARD FOR THE LABELLING OF PREPACKAGED FOODS
(CLASS NAMES)
(ALINORM 01/22A, APPENDIX VI)

GOVERNMENT COMMENTS AT STEP 6

COMMENTS FROM:

CANADA

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CANADA:

- Canada is aware of the "Guidelines for the Use of Non-Meat Protein Products in Processed Meat and Poultry Products" (CAC/GL 15-1991), developed by the Codex Committee on Processed Meat and Poultry Products. These guidelines define "milk protein products" as "milk products as covered by Article 2 of the Code of Principles concerning Milk and Milk Products with a protein content of at least 25% (m/m)in the fat free dry matter, which, if designated with a name of a standardized milk product, conform to the applicable standard."
- Canada believes it is inappropriate to consider product containing as little as 51% protein as "Milk Protein" since such products could contain up to 49% non-protein constituents. Products named by the source of the protein or the common name of the protein isolate plus "protein" should be at least 90% of the protein. It is not considered a class name.
- Considering ingredient representation and the inclusion of a wider number of products in the class name, we confirm our previous position:

Canada would not object to the use of the proposed single class name, "Milk Protein Products" for products containing a minimum milk protein level of 35% (m/m) of any type of milk protein.