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Agenda Item 6

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## JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME

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### PROPOSED DRAFT AMENDMENT/REVISION OF THE *STANDARD FOR FISH OILS* (CX/FO 329-2017): INCLUSION OF CALANUS OIL

#### Comments in reply to CL 2023/62/OCS-FO

*Comments of Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Ecuador, Egypt, Iraq, Saudi Arabia and GOED, ICUMSA*

#### Background

1. This document compiles comments received through the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS) in response to CL 2023/62/OCS-FO issued in October 2023. Under the OCS, comments are compiled in the following order: general comments are listed first, followed by comments on specific sections.

#### Explanatory notes on the Annex

2. The comments submitted through the OCS are hereby attached as **Annex I** and are presented in table format.

**ANNEX I****General comments**

<b>COMMENT</b>	<b>MEMBER / OBSERVER</b>
Brazil appreciates the work developed by Norway and informs that there are no additional comments to the standard for Calanus oil proposed on CL 2023/62-FO.	<b>Brazil</b>
Canada thanks the Electronic Working Group chaired by Norway for the work to develop the proposed revision to the Standard for Fish Oil to include Calanus Oil. Canada supports the addition of this named fish oil to the standard. We only have minor editorial comments as follows:	<b>Canada</b>
Chile has no comments.	<b>Chile</b>
China appreciated the hard work done by the working group led by Norway. China has no other comments.	<b>China</b>
Ecuador appreciates the work done to prepare the document "PROPOSED DRAFT AMENDMENT/REVISION TO THE STANDARD FOR FISH OILS (CXS 329-2017): INCLUSION OF CALANUS OIL". Ecuador has no comments on the description, essential composition and quality factors, or methods of analysis and sampling, since no product named "calanus oil" is registered with our country's food regulatory authority, and no national reference standard exists. However, we encourage the continuation of this work and look forward to any future requests, which we will reply to with more information, if available.	<b>Ecuador</b>
Egypt thanks The EWG chair for the good work and agrees with the request of the CCFO28, to consider advancing as currently drafted for calanus oil for inclusion in the Codex Standard for FISH OILS (CXS 329-2017) as presented in the Annex to EWG report	<b>Egypt</b>
Agree.	<b>Iraq</b>
GOED thanks Norway for its work on the "Proposed Draft Amendment/Revision to the Standard for Fish Oils (CXS 329-20017): Inclusion of Calanus Oil." GOED participated in the Norwegian-led EWG established in 2022 and supports the EWG's request for CCFO28 to consider the proposed amendments/revisions to the Standard for Fish oils (CXS 329-2017) in Appendix I with a view to advance them in the Step process.	<b>GOED</b>
No formatting errors or other comments.	<b>ICUMSA</b>

**Specific comments**

<b>2. DESCRIPTION</b>	
<b><u>2.1 Named fish oils</u></b>	<b>Canada</b>
<b><u>2.1.6 Calanus oil is derived from the species Calanus finmarchicus. Calanus oil consists mainly of wax esters.</u></b> Comment: Add an "s" to "consist" so verb agrees with singular subject "oil"	
<b><u>2.1.6 Calanus oil is derived from the species Calanus finmarchicus. Calanus oil consist mainly of wax esters.</u></b> Saudi Arabia suggest to include in item 2.1.6 general species of Calanus ( Calanus spp).	<b>Saudi Arabia</b>
<b>3. ESSENTIAL COMPOSITION AND QUALITY FACTORS</b>	
<b>3.2 OTHER ESSENTIAL COMPOSITIONAL CRITERIA</b>	
<b><u>3.2 Other essential compositional criteria</u></b> <b><u>For calanus oil (2.1.6) the content of wax esters shall be at least 80w/w %.</u></b> Comments: Add the reference to the section within brackets in the definition, i.e., (2.1.6), to be consistent with the rest of the items in the section. Add a space after "80", i.e. at least 80 w/w %.	<b>Canada</b>
<b><u>For calanus oil- (2.1.6) the content of wax esters shall be at least 80w/w %.</u></b>	<b>GOED</b>

inserted (2.1.6) in order to align with "For krill oils (2.1.3) the content of phospholipids shall be at least 30 w/w %." in CXS 329-2017.	
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<b>For calanus oil the content of wax esters shall be at least <del>80w/w</del> 80 w/w %.</b>	
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