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AMENDMENTS TO CODEX STANDARDS AND RELATED TEXTS

BACKGROUND

In this document, the Codex Secretariat presents a number of amendments to Codex standards and related texts to improve their editorial consistency, correctness, legibility and clarity. They may be of a horizontal nature following earlier decisions of the Commission or affect individual texts only due to consequential amendments made to similar or horizontal texts.

CODE OF HYGIENIC PRACTICE FOR LOW-MOISTURE FOODS (CXC 75-2015)

Relationship between dried aromatic herbs and culinary herbs¹

In response to the request from CCFH47, CCSCH3 clarified that the terminology “aromatic herbs” was broad and it encompassed products beyond the scope of CCSCH; and was of the view that the term “culinary herbs” was more appropriate to use in the *Code of Hygienic Practice for Low-Moisture Foods (CXC 75-2015)*. Noting, the clarification from CCSCH3, CCFH49 requested the Secretariat to replace “aromatic herbs” by “culinary herbs” in the *Code of Hygienic Practice for Low-Moisture Foods (CXC 75-2015)*.

GENERAL STANDARD FOR CONTAMINANTS AND TOXINS IN FOOD AND FEED (CXS 193-1995)

Consequential amendment to the note to the ML for inorganic arsenic in rice²

CCCF12 agreed to amend the note for the ML for inorganic arsenic in rice for consistency with the note for methylmercury in fish.

RECOMMENDED METHODS OF ANALYSIS AND SAMPLING (CXS 234-1999)

Methods of analysis for milk and milk products³

When reviewing the dairy workable package as part of the ongoing work on the review of CXS 234-1999, several editorial corrections as identified in CX/MAS 18/39/4 Add.1 were proposed:

- inclusion of note 15 to several methods of analysis (e.g. milk protein in milk solids not fat (MSNF); and dry matter (total solids));
- inclusion of the content line for the method of analysis for milk protein in MSNF in blend of skimmed milk and vegetable fat in powdered form
- correct references to the methods for determination of water in butter;
- Correct the commodity “milk fat products (**anhydrous milkfat**) to match the provision in CXS 280 for milkfat products;
- delete duplicate entries for milkfat products (anhydrous milkfat), determination of peroxide value;
- delete note 18

* milk powders and cream powders	Water ¹⁶	ISO 5537 IDF 26 ¹⁸
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- include note 16 wherever there the is a provision ‘water’.

STANDARDS FOR MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS

¹ REP18/FH, para. 6

² REP18/CF, para. 84

³ REP18/MAS, para. 34(iii)

Replace the wording for the sections on methods of analysis in all relevant standards for milk and milk products by the standard wording from the Procedural manual: *“For checking the compliance with this standard, the methods of analysis and sampling contained in the Recommended Methods of Analysis and Sampling (CXS 234-1999) relevant to the provisions in this standard, shall be used.”*

Recommendation

The Commission is invited to adopt the abovementioned editorial amendments.