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Comité sur la nutrition et les aliments diététiques ou de régime
Comité sobre Nutrición y Alimentos para Regímenes Especiales

Condition for a claim for “free of” TFAs

Comments from Mali and Philippines

Mali

Position du Mali: Le Mali soutient l'arrêt des travaux sur l'allégation “sans” AGT

Justification: Il est difficile d'élaborer un niveau/limite pour cette allégation étant donné que certains des AGT sont naturellement présents à des niveaux plus élevés, comme dans le cas de l'huile de palme. La disposition de la note de bas de page 6 permet aux pays (ou régions) d'élaborer des limites en cas de besoin de contrôler les AGT. Sur la base des débats dans le CCNFSDU, il est également évident qu'il sera difficile, sinon impossible, de parvenir à un consensus sur cette question.

The Philippines

The Philippines supported discontinuation of the proposed condition for the claim “Free of Trans Fatty Acids (TFA)” since this claim is potentially misleading to consumers as even food products without TFA can comply with the proposed criteria; its use could impose analytical difficulties, enforcement challenges. Use of this claim will not also address non-communicable diseases. The Philippine Delegation also supports that other risk management options such as adopting regulations to limit TFA intake level in processed foods and the gradual elimination of the use of partially hydrogenated fats and oils from the food supply be endorsed to CCFO. We also support the WHO recommendation on mandatory declaration of trans fat in nutrition labeling as this is already implemented in our country.

Definition for biofortification

Comments from The Philippines

The Codex Committee on Food Labeling expressed that there would be no use of the definition for Biofortification in the context of Codex food labelling. The Philippines supported the majority of the participants' decision to discontinue work and to inform CCEXEC and CAC.