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Agenda Item 2, 3b, 4b, 6, 7 and 8

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## JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME

### CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD ADDITIVES

#### Fiftieth Session

#### Comments of Malaysia

##### Item 2

a) 20th Session of Codex Committee on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables (CCFFV20)

Malaysia has no objection to the recommendation.

b) Editorial amendments to the descriptors of FC 14.1.4.2 and FC 14.1.5

Malaysia has no objection to the recommendation.

##### Item 3b

Recommendations	Malaysia's Position
CCFA50 is requested to review the specifications designated as "Full" for the food additives listed in Annex 1 with a view to recommending their adoption by CAC41 as Codex Specifications, taking into account comments received in response to CL 2018/10/OCS-FA.	Malaysia has no objection to the recommendation for 50th CCFA to forward for adoption of the specification for food additives designated as 'Full' by the CAC41.
The JECFA secretariat proposes to consider replacing, within the GSFA and CXG 36-1989 for INS 554, the name "sodium aluminosilicate" by the name "sodium aluminium silicate"; no change of the INS number is proposed.	Malaysia has no objection on the JECFA secretariat proposal to replace, within the GSFA and CXG 36-1989 for INS 554, the name "sodium aluminosilicate" by the name "sodium aluminium silicate".

##### Item 4b

a) Appendix 2

Malaysia supports the proposals for CXS 94-1981, CXS167-1989, CXS 222-200I and CXS 302-2011 in Appendix 2. Malaysia kindly note the provision for processing aids in CXS 311-2013 has been inadvertently omitted. The proposed text:

4.1 Smoke fish

The processing aids used in products conforming to this Standard should be consistent with the Guidelines on Substances used as Processing Aids (CAC/GL 75-2010).

4.2 Smoke-Flavoured Fish

The processing aids used in products conforming to this Standard should be consistent with the Guidelines on Substances used as Processing Aids (CAC/GL 75-2010).

b) Appendix 3

Malaysia supports the proposed addition of notes (XS94, XS167, XS222, XS302, XS311) to exclude the use of various additives in the various fish and fish products complying with the respective Codex commodity standards as contained in Appendix 3.

##### Item 6

Table 1: New or additional functional class or technological purpose

INS	Food Additive	INS Functional Class	Technological purposes	Malaysia's Comment
<b>437</b>	<b><u>Tamarind seed polysaccharide</u></b>	<b><u>Emulsifier</u></b>	<b><u>emulsifier</u></b>	Malaysia supports.
		<b><u>Gelling Agent</u></b>	<b><u>gelling agent</u></b>	
		<b><u>Stabilizer</u></b>	<b><u>Stabilizer</u></b>	
			<b><u>foam stabilizer</u></b>	
		<b><u>Thickener</u></b>	<b><u>thickener</u></b>	
<b><u>Stabilizer</u></b>	<b><u>stabilizer</u></b>			
<b>960</b>	<b><u>Steviol glycosides</u></b>			Malaysia would like to propose this work to be postponed until the evaluation is completed.
<b>960a</b>	<b><u>Steviol glycosides from Stevia rebaudiana Bertoni (Steviol glycosides from Stevia)</u></b>	<b><u>Sweetener</u></b>	<b><u>Sweetener</u></b>	
<b>960b</b>	<b><u>Steviol glycosides from fermentation</u></b>			

#### Item 7

Malaysia would like to propose that any work relating to steviol glycosides;

- a) JECFA would prepare stand-alone specification monographs for that are produced through technologies outside of the current specification for steviol glycosides extracted from the plant *Stevia rebaudiana* Bertoni and to confirm that the glycosides produced through these technologies are covered by the current steviol glycoside's ADI.
- b) Acceptance as "joint application dossier" (European Union, EU Specialty Food Ingredients International, International Stevia Council) for the development of separate monographs for steviol glycosides produced through alternative technologies including fermentation, bioconversion and enzyme modification to expedite the work of JECFA

#### Item 8

##### Recommendation 2:

Malaysia supports Option 3. The "advantage" and "does not mislead the consumer" are important within the context of the GSFA and more related to regionally dependent.

##### Recommendation 7:

Malaysia notes the issue on the requesting JECFA evaluation but not intended for inclusion in the GSFA. Malaysia is of the view that Option 1 and Option 2 may not be feasible for JECFA as international expert scientific committee to evaluate safety of food additive including processing aids and flavouring substances.

##### Recommendation 10:

Malaysia generally agrees with the Option 1 and Option 2. However, Malaysia would like to offer some views on "not to be completed this time". The words may require proposed timeline to be set for re-visiting this issue.