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Agenda Item 7a

The Philippines supports the Agenda Item 7(a) Revision of the Classification of Food and Feed (CXA 4-1989): Class C - Primary Animal Feed Commodities including issues related to fodder commodities (At Step 4). The Philippines has no unnecessary issues on the over-all structure and control of the Class C at Step 4, including the proposed revision which the CCPR had previously considered and agreed as detailed in the document reference CX/PR 21/52/6 which the aforesaid proposal for the revision of the Classification is to retain the revision of the commodity groups (e.g. fruit commodity groups, vegetable commodity groups, etc.)

Agenda Item 7b

The Philippines supports the Agenda Item 7(b) Revision of the Classification of Food and Feed (CXA 4-1989): Class D – Processed foods of plant origin. All types in Class D. Proposed groups in different types (at Step 4). The Philippines is agreeable to the over-all structure and of the revised Class D as improved and considered during the discussion of the EWG chaired by the United States of America and co-chaired by the Netherlands. Furthermore, there are also no additional commodities that we want to include or relocate within the groups/sub-groups as stated in the Appendix I and II.

Agenda Item 7c

The Philippines supports the Agenda Item 7(c) Revision of the Classification of Food and Feed (CXA 4-1989): Tables on examples of representative commodities for commodity groups in different types under Class C and Class D (for inclusion in the Principles and Guidance for the Selection of Representative Commodities for the Extrapolation of Maximum Residue Limits for Pesticides to Commodity Groups (CXG 84-2012)) (at Step 4).

The Philippines agrees to the tables on examples of representative for commodities/groups, including the over-all structure and content as presented by the EWG chaired by the United States of America and co-chaired by the Netherlands in this Agenda Item 7(c). There are also no additional commodities that we want to include or relocate within the groups/sub-groups under Class C and D, including the EWG proposal on the examples for the selection of representative commodities for Class C and Class D based on the discussion, conclusions and recommendations provided under Agenda Items 7(a-b).

Agenda Item 8

The Philippines supports the Agenda Item 8- Guidelines for compounds of low public health concern that may be exempted from the establishment of Codex MRLs or do not give rise to residues (at Step 4). The Philippines recognized the importance of having internationally harmonized guidelines/reference with common criteria, definitions and identified compounds that will serve as reference for the regulation of compound products that have no health issues related to the nonexistence of pesticide residues.

Agenda Item 13

The Philippines supports the Agenda Item 13 Management of unsupported compounds without public health concern scheduled for periodic review. For the, Philippines, it recommends Option 3, which the *Codex members and observers are granted 4 years to fulfil the data requirements to maintain the CXLs. (i.e., 4-year rule). If members or observers are unable to address the data requirements, all CXLs are to be revoked.* This Option 3 approach will provide the member countries adequate time to generate data needed for the proper management of supposed unsupported compounds.

Although the unsupported compounds will be found to have without public health concern, these compounds still need to be managed accordingly to ensure safety and for reference.