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DISCUSSION PAPER ON A STANDARD FOR READY-TO-USE FOODS

Comments of Republic of Korea

Comments: The Republic of Korea will not oppose this but we have specific comments.

- 1) The Republic of Korea Proposes that the name of the foods should be changed to 'high-calorie ready-to-use foods for infants' to prevent to mislead or confuse consumers. Because RUFs generally refers to any manufactured and processed food to allow consumers to eat it without further cooking process. However, Proposed RUFs are products for children and infants 6-59 months with SAM.
- 2) In addition, it was proposed that RUTFs' water activity is 0.2~0.6 and there are two kinds of RUTF such as 'paste' and 'biscuit/bar'. We have a doubt whether foods with 0.2~0.6 of water activity can be developed in the form of paste.
- 3) RUTFs are products for children and infants 6-59 months with SAM. These children and infants are physically sensitive to microbiological contaminants. Therefore, we propose to add pasteurization to the manufacturing process.