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FOOD ADDITIVES IN THE STANDARD FOR INFANT FORMULA AND FORMULAS FOR SPECIAL MEDICAL PURPOSES INTENDED FOR INFANTS (CODEX STAN 72-1981)

Comments of Republic of Korea and Sudan

REPUBLIC OF KOREA

<p>Section A (Infant Formula):</p> <p>INS numbers 472a Acetic and fatty acid esters of glycerol</p>	<p>Section B (Infant Formula as Food for Special Medical Purposes):</p> <p>INS numbers 412 Guar gum 414 Gum Arabic(acacia)</p>
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Comments: The Republic of Korea does not support that the following food additives be deleted: Section A(INS 472a,), Section B(INS 412, INS 414)

Rationale:

They have a history of safe and general use in the production of infant formula and follow-up formula in other countries as well as Republic of Korea. Also, Republic of Korea thinks that clear and scientific evidence for the deletion reason is insufficient.

They are listed as an additive that can be used in infant and follow-up for any purpose other than nutritional fortification in Korea Food Additive Code. And it has been used as an additive in mixed formulation including nutrients in Republic of Korea.

SUDAN

COMMITTEE OF FOOD ADDITIVES (CCFA47):

USE OF GUM ARABIC E414

- Gum Arabic is a substance that is generally recognized as safe (GRAS) for direct addition to human food under the provisions of Section 184.1330 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). It is approved for use in various food categories
- Toxicity data on gum Arabic indicates little or no acute, short-term, or sub chronic toxicity. Gum Arabic is negative in several genotoxicity assays, is not a reproductive or developmental toxin, and is not carcinogenic when given intraperitoneally or orally.
- Sudan supports the evaluation of Gum Arabic required for safety assessment and will provide the Joint Expert Committee of Food Additives (JECFA) with studies and updated data indicating that Gum Arabic is safe for use in all food categories and a Pre biotic food with good manufacturing properties .