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**Agenda Item 9**

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### AGENDA ITEM 9

#### Food additive provisions for the Regional Standard for Doogh

Currently in the alignment process of other dairy standards, the section on additives contains both a general reference to GSFA and a table of functional class that remains in the commodity standard even after the alignment is completed. The reason is that table provides information on the Food Additive Functional Classes that are justified in doogh, and this is not easily accessible from the GSFA, where in Table 1, all functional classes of an individual food additive all its functional classes are listed. Some additives have many functional classes, while only some functional classes are justified in doogh. Therefore, the table in the Codex Standard is the only source of the justified functional classes permitted

Therefore, IDF would support the section on food additives to contain both the general reference to GSFA and the functional class table (combining *option a* and *b* in CX/NE 19/10/12).

As mentioned by Iran, the alignment of the food additives provisions for the Codex Standard for Fermented milk will not be discussed at CCFA until 2021.

The CCNE may therefore consider option (c) as proposed to wait for this to be completed, or to go forward with the proposed section (*options a* and *b*) in CX/NE 19/10/12, since the alignment should mostly not affect the general reference to GSFA and functional class table. If further adjustment is necessary after the alignment of the provisions from the Codex Standard for Fermented milk, in particular on the note from the functional class table, CCFA would then refer to CCNE.

**AGENDA ITEM X**

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