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The following changes have been made to the list of substances scheduled for evaluation at the 77th JECFA and a revised "List of substances scheduled for evaluation and request for data" has been published on the FAO and WHO webpages.

The following food additives have been removed from the list of substances to be evaluated as the work on these has already been completed.

- β-apo-8'-carotenal, β-apo-8'-carotenoic acid ethyl ester and β-carotene (synthetic)
- Sucrose monoesters of lauric, palmitic or stearic acid

The following food additives have been added to the list of substances to be evaluated.

Food additive	**Reference (previous evaluations) and Background**	**Information required**
Potassium aluminium silicate	Seventy-fourth report of JECFA[1] FAO Monographs 11 (2011)[2]	Preparation and purification methods, particle size distribution, methods of identification for silicate and aluminium, data on the levels of the inorganic impurities, the suitability of an inductively coupled plasma atomic emission spectroscopy (ICP-AES) method for the determination of inorganic impurities, and the suitability of a proposed method based on alkali fusion followed by ICP-AES for the assay for potassium aluminium silicate based on the determination of aluminium.

[1] Evaluation of certain food additives and contaminants (Seventy-fourth report of the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives). WHO Technical Report Series, No. 966, 2011

[2] Compendium of food additive specifications, seventy-fourth meeting. FAO JECFA Monographs 11, 2011 (http://www.fao.org/food/food-safety-quality/scientific-advice/jecfa/jecfa-additives/en/)

Potassium aluminium silicate–based pearlescent pigments	Seventy-fourth report of JECFA[1] FAO Monographs 11 (2011) [2]	Their manufacture, stability in food, particle size distribution, pH range, methods for the identification of iron, titanium and aluminium, data on the levels of the inorganic impurities, the suitability of an ICP-AES method for the determination of inorganic impurities, a filtration method appropriate for the small particle sizes associated with the pigments, and the suitability of a proposed method based on alkali fusion followed by ICP-AES for the assay for titanium, iron and aluminium.

The report of the 74th JECFA indicated that the above information should be received by the end of 2012. Given the late inclusion of the above items in the list of substances scheduled for evaluation at the 77th JECFA the deadline for receipt of data on these two food additives only has been extended to 17th February 2013.