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COMMENTS OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND CHINA

PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF THE STANDARD FOR KIMCHI (CXS 223-2001)

The main purpose of this proposal is to add the common names of the predominant ingredient of Kimchi into the current *Standard for Kimchi*, which have been increasingly used in both scientific literature and international trade.

According to the *Classification of foods and animal feeds* (CXA 4-1989) adopted by the 40th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, these common names are classified under the same scientific name as that of the predominant ingredient specified in the current *Standard for Kimchi*. Therefore, the inclusion of these common names is not considered to have any concerns for product quality or safety.

In addition, the proposed amendment was circulated to all Members through a Circular Letter, and no objections were received and the 89th Session of the Executive Committee recommended that the Commission approve this proposed amendment at its 48th Session.

Furthermore, the Republic of Korea and China have reached an agreement on the revised proposed amendment for increasing clarity and consistency.

In this regard, the Republic of Korea and China respectfully request the 48th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission to approve the revised proposed amendment.

a) prepared from varieties of Chinese cabbage (**type Pe-tsai**), *Brassica rapa* L. subsp. *pekinensis* Rupr. (Lour.) Hanelt., also known as kimchi cabbage and napa cabbage ;