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COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT STANDARDS AND RELATED TEXTS SUBMITTED BY THE 56TH SESSION OF THE CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD ADDITIVES (CCFA56) FOR ADOPTION BY THE 49TH SESSION OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION

Submitted by

Egypt, Paraguay, Peru, Thailand, United Arab Emirates and the United States of America (USA)

BACKGROUND

1. This document compiles the comments on the standards and related texts submitted to CAC49 for final adoption, as indicated in the relevant circular letter (CL 2026/37-CAC). The comments include those received through the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS)¹, or via email by the time this document was issued.
2. The comments in response to CL 2026/37-CAC is shown in Appendix I.

EXPLANATORY NOTES ON APPENDIX I

3. The comments received are presented in a table format, with two columns as follows:
 - **First column** – Presents the comments with the rationale.
 - **Second column** – Presents the provider of the comments (name of Member or Observer).

¹ OCS is an online tool that enables Codex Contact Points to submit comments on draft texts in a standardized way, thus providing more transparency and better management of comments on different Codex texts as requested through Circular Letters. Since its launching at CAC39 (2016), the OCS has been used for different Codex Committees.

Appendix I

COMMENTS IN REPLY TO CL 2026/37-CAC

GENERAL COMMENTS

COMMENT	MEMBER / OBSERVER
Paraguay considera que los textos remitidos por el Comité del Codex sobre Aditivos Alimentarios (CCFA) en su 56. ^a reunión se encuentran listos para su adopción por la Comisión del Codex Alimentarius en su 49 período de sesiones. Asimismo, reconoce la importancia de las evaluaciones científicas desarrolladas por el JECFA y del trabajo técnico realizado por el CCFA para respaldar decisiones regulatorias armonizadas en materia de aditivos alimentarios.	Paraguay
Perú agradece al Comité del Codex sobre Aditivos Alimentarios (CCFA) y la labor desarrollada por los Grupos de Trabajo electrónico cuyas recomendaciones y propuestas fueron adoptadas en la CCFA56 y plasmadas en el REP26/FA, y manifiesta que no presenta observaciones o comentarios	Peru

COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED DRAFT SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE IDENTITY AND PURITY OF FOOD ADDITIVES FOR INCLUSION IN THE LIST OF CODEX SPECIFICATIONS FOR FOOD ADDITIVES (CXA 6-2025)

COMMENT	MEMBER / OBSERVER
Thailand has no objection to the proposed draft specifications for the identity and purity of food additives.	Thailand
The United States supports the adoption of the specifications as shown in Appendix III of REP26/FA.	USA
United Arab Emirates (UAE) supports the adoption of Annex III, but request that the ML for arsenic in INS 165 be re-evaluated in future JECFA meeting to ensure minimal dietary exposure. However, the discussion on Gardenia (Genipin) blue (INS 165) (paragraphs 44–45) highlights a legitimate concern regarding the maximum limit for arsenic.	United Arab Emirates
Egypt agrees with the Proposed draft standard for the identity and purity of food additives for inclusion in the List of Codex standards for Food Additives(CXA 6-2025).	Egypt

COMMENTS ON THE REVISIONS TO THE GENERAL STANDARD FOR FOOD ADDITIVES (GSFA, CXS 192-1995)

COMMENT	MEMBER / OBSERVER
Thailand has no objection to the revisions to the General standard for food additives.	Thailand
In general, the United States supports the adoption of the revisions to the GSFA as shown in Appendix VI of REP26/FA.	USA
United Arab Emirates (UAE) supports the adoption of the all the revisions to the <i>General standard for food additives</i> (GSFA, CXS 192-1995) excepting the provision related to CXS 332R which will be considered during CCNE13.	United Arab Emirates
Egypt agrees with revisions to the <i>General standard for food additives</i> (GSFA, CXS 192-1995).	Egypt

COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED DRAFT REVISION OF THE CLASS NAMES AND THE INTERNATIONAL NUMBERING SYSTEM FOR FOOD ADDITIVES (CXG 36-1989)

COMMENT	MEMBER / OBSERVER
Thailand has no objection to the proposed draft revision of the class names and the international numbering system for food additives.	Thailand
The United States supports the adoption of the revisions proposed to the INS in Appendix X of REP26/FA.	USA
United Arab Emirates (UAE) noted that CCFA completed the review and agreed to forward the revised text for adoption according to paragraph 133(i). However, paragraph 134 indicates that discussions on the naming of INS 165 may continue. UAE support the adoption of the provisions in Annex X, while encouraging continued work by EWG on INS to ensure consistent naming for INS 165 across Codex.	United Arab Emirates
Egypt agrees with the proposed draft revision of the <i>Class names and the international numbering system for food additives</i> (CXG 36-1989)	Egypt

COMMENTS ON THE REVISIONS TO THE FOOD ADDITIVE SECTIONS OF VARIOUS COMMODITY STANDARDS

COMMENT	MEMBER / OBSERVER
Thailand has no objection to the revisions to the food additive sections of various commodity standards.	Thailand
The United States supports the adoption of the revisions to the food additive sections of commodity standards as shown in Appendix V of REP26/FA.	USA
United Arab Emirates (UAE) supports the adoption of the food additive sections of CCAFRICA, CCNASWAP and CCCPC standards. UAE also considers that the food additives provisions for the <i>Standard for canned raspberries</i> (CXS 60-1981) and the <i>Standard for canned strawberries</i> (CXS 62-1981) are ready for adoption.	United Arab Emirates
Egypt considers these ready for revisions to the food additives sections of various commodity standards in accordance with Codex procedures.	Egypt

COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT STANDARD FOR BAKERS' YEAST

COMMENT	MEMBER / OBSERVER
Thailand has no objection to the draft standard for bakers' yeast.	Thailand
The United States supports the adoption of the draft standard for bakers' yeast as shown in Appendix XII of REP26/FA.	USA
United Arab Emirates (UAE) congratulates the efforts done by CCFA to develop a Codex standard on baker's yeast after several years of consultations. UAE considers that the standard is ready for adoption.	United Arab Emirates
Egypt considers these ready for adoption in accordance with Codex procedures	Egypt

COMMENTS ON THE FOOD ADDITIVE PROVISIONS OF THE GSFA FOR REVOCATION

COMMENT	MEMBER / OBSERVER
Thailand has no objection to the food additives provisions of the GSFA for revocation.	Thailand
The United States supports the revocation of the GSFA provisions as shown in Appendix VII of REP26/FA.	USA
United Arab Emirates (UAE) agrees to revoke the food additive provisions of the GSFA as per appendix VII.	United Arab Emirates
Egypt considers these ready for revocation in accordance with Codex procedures.	Egypt

COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT AND PROPOSED DRAFT FOOD ADDITIVE PROVISIONS OF THE GSFA FOR DISCONTINUATION

COMMENT	MEMBER / OBSERVER
Thailand has no objection to the draft and proposed draft food additive provisions of the GSFA for discontinuation.	Thailand
The United States supports the discontinuation of the GSFA provisions as shown in Appendix VIII of REP26/FA.	USA
United Arab Emirates (UAE) supports the discontinuation of food additive provisions of the GSFA included in Appendix VIII.	United Arab Emirates
Egypt considers these ready for discontinuation in accordance with Codex procedures.	Egypt