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DISCUSSION PAPER ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF A REGIONAL STANDARD FOR RICE-BASED LOW ALCOHOL BEVERAGES (CLOUDY TYPES)

Comments of Republic of Korea

BACKGROUND

At CCASIA20, the coordinating committee requested the Republic of Korea to revise and submit the discussion paper and the project document at the next session of CCASIA which describe other similar products in the region, the food safety issues and impediments to trade that the proposed work intended to address. Also the coordinating committee urged CCASIA members to provide relevant information to assist the Republic of Korea to revise the discussion paper.

RESULTS

In response to the decision of CCASIA20, the Republic of Korea had sent all CCASIA members kick-off message for informal e-working group on the development of a Regional Standard for Rice-based low alcohol beverages (cloudy types).

A few members provided the information of similar products manufactured in their countries, however, there was a limit to collect a data on the amount of domestic production or weight and value of the export of each product. Furthermore, based on the data provided by each member, we had difficulty to include the food safety issues and impediments to trade to the discussion paper.

For these reasons, the Republic of Korea had decided to discontinue work on the development of a regional standard for rice-based low alcohol beverages (cloudy types).