TO: Codex Contact Points
Interested International Organisations

FROM: Secretariat, Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme,
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SUBJECT: Request for Comments at Step 6 of the Procedure on: draft revision of the Standard for Food Grade Salt (CODEX STAN 150-1985); and draft provision for carotenoids in food category 02.1.2 “Vegetable oils and fats” of the GSFA

DEADLINE: 15 January 2012

BACKGROUND

1. The 43rd Session of the Committee on Food Additives (CCFA) forwarded the proposed draft revision of the Standard for Food Grade Salt (CODEX STAN 150-1985) to the Commission for adoption at Step 5 (ref. REP11/FA, para. 136 and Appendix XI). The CCFA also forwarded to the Commission a list of draft and proposed draft food additive provisions of the GSFA for discontinuation (ref. REP11/FA, paras 75, 83 and Appendix IV).

2. The 34th Session (July 2011) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission adopted the proposed draft revision of the Standard for Food Grade Salt at Step 5 and advanced it to Step 6 (ref. REP11/CAC, para. 116 and Appendix IV).

3. The Commission approved discontinuation of work on all draft and proposed draft food additive provisions of the GSFA, as proposed by the 43rd CCFA, with the exception of the draft provision for carotenoids in food category 02.1.2 “Vegetable oils and fats”, which was returned to the CCFA for further consideration (ref. REP11/CAC, para. 153).

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS


5. Governments and international organizations wishing to provide comments should do so in writing, preferably by e-mail, to the above addresses before 15 January 2012.