



**JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME**  
**CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD ADDITIVES**  
**Fifty-third Session**  
**Hong Kong, China**  
**27-31 March 2023 (Plenary session)**  
**24 – 25 March 2023 (Physical Working Groups meetings)<sup>1</sup>**

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

Agenda item	Subject matter	Document reference
1	Adoption of the Agenda	CX/FA 23/53/1
2	Matters Referred by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and other subsidiary bodies	CX/FA 23/53/2
3(a)	Matters of Interest arising from FAO/WHO and from the 92 <sup>nd</sup> and 95 <sup>th</sup> Meetings of the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA) respectively	CX/FA 23/53/3
3(b)	Proposed draft specifications for the identity and purity of food additives arising from the 92 <sup>nd</sup> and 95 <sup>th</sup> JECFA meetings respectively	CX/FA 23/53/4
	- Comments at Step 3	CX/FA 23/53/4 Add.1
4(a)	Endorsement and/or revision of maximum levels for food additives and processing aids in Codex standards	CX/FA 23/53/5
4(b)	Alignment of the food additive provisions of commodity standards: Report of the EWG on Alignment	CX/FA 23/53/6
5(a)	<i>General Standard for Food Additives (GSFA):</i> Food additive provisions for colours in food categories 01.0 through 03.0 and their subcategories including adopted provisions for colours with Note 161 and draft and proposed draft provisions (outstanding from CCFA52)	CX/FA 23/53/7
5(b)	<i>General Standard for Food Additives (GSFA):</i> Report of the EWG on the GSFA	CX/FA 23/53/8
5(c)	<i>General Standard for Food Additives (GSFA):</i> Proposals for new and/or revision of food additive provisions (replies to CL 2021/55-FA)	CX/FA 23/53/9
5(d)	Status paper on all adopted food additives provisions in the GSFA for additives with sweetener function but not associated with Note 161	CX/FA 23/53/10

<sup>1</sup> The two meetings of the Physical Working Groups will be held at the same venue as follows: i) the General Standard for Food Additives, Friday 24 March (09:00 –18:00) and Saturday 25 March (09:00 – 12:30); and ii) Endorsement/ Alignment of the food additive provisions, Saturday 25 March (14:30 - 18:00)

Please note that there will be no distribution of working documents through the Codex mailing list (Codex-L). Only the invitation, the provisional agenda and the report will be distributed to members and observers. All working documents, and any subsequent new documents not referenced on this Provisional Agenda, including any other information for delegates, will be published on the Codex website as they become available.

Agenda item	Subject matter	Document reference
5(e)	General information on the availability of data related to nitrates and nitrites (replies to CL 2021/82-FA)	CX/FA 23/53/11
5(f)	Information on commercial use of ortho-phenylphenol (INS 231) and sodium ortho-phenylphenol (INS 232) in food (replies to CL 2021/83-FA)	CX/FA 23/53/12
6	Proposed draft revision to the <i>International Numbering System (INS) for Food Additives</i> (CXG 36-1989)	CX/FA 23/53/13
	- Comments at Step 3	CX/FA 23/53/13 Add.1
7	Proposals for additions and changes to the Priority List of Substances proposed for evaluation by JECFA (replies to CL 2021/81-FA)	CX/FA 23/53/14
8	Discussion paper on mapping Food Categories of the GSFA to the FoodEx2 database	CX/FA 23/53/15
9	Discussion paper on the food additive provision for the use of trisodium citrate in FC 01.1.1 “Fluid milk (plain)”	CX/FA 23/53/16
10	Discussion paper on the use of certain food additives in wine production	CX/FA 23/53/17
11	Other Business and Future Work	
12	Date and Place of Next Session	
13	Adoption of the Draft Report	

#### INFORMATION DOCUMENTS

Information document to the discussion on the GSFA	FA/53 INF/01
Information document on food additive provisions in commodity standards	FA/53 INF/02
Information document/table on ins for deleted and re-used numbers	FA/53 INF/03

#### NOTES ON THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

**Agenda item 4:** The documents listed under Agenda item 4 (a-b) will form the basis for the discussion of the Physical Working Group on the Endorsement/Alignment. The report of PWG will be made available as a CRD at the meeting and will be considered under these items.

**Agenda item 5:** The documents listed under Agenda item 5 (a-c) will form the basis for the discussion of the Physical Working Group on the GSFA. The report of the PWG will be made available as a CRD at the meeting and will be considered under these items.