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Comments from Thailand

Agenda Item 7: Proposed draft regional standard for soybean products fermented with *Bacillus* species

3. Essential Composition and Quality Factors

We would like to propose an amendment Section 3.5 Lot acceptance as follow:

3.5 Lot acceptance

A lot should be considered as meeting the applicable quality requirements referred to in Section 3.2 and 3.3, when the number of “defectives”, as defined in Section 3.4, does not exceed the acceptance number (c) of the appropriate sampling plans [with an AQL of 6.5 \(Appendix I\)](#).

Rationale: This is for completion and to be consistent with detail in Appendix I of which the sampling plans of AQL 6.5 is shown.

Agenda Item 8: Proposed draft regional standard for quick frozen dumpling

2.1 Product definition

We would like to propose the revision of sentences as follows:

“Quick frozen dumpling is the product prepared from dough made from flour with fillings of one or more [ingredients, e.g.](#), of meat, poultry, eggs, aquatic products, fruits and vegetables, nuts, and their derived products, and other ingredients...”

Rationale: To clarify that the listed items are examples.

4. Food additives

For Section 4 Food Additives, food category 06.4.3 Pre-cooked pastas and noodles and like products is mentioned. According to the description of food category of GSFA, this category refers to the part of the dough sheet used for wrapping only. This does not include the filling inside dumplings.

The list of food additives for the dough and for the filling should be separated for each stated function under Section 4. This would be beneficial for users of the standard.

Moreover, INS 522 Aluminum Potassium Sulfate is not on the list of GSFA. Thus, we would like to seek the technological justification for use of this additive.

7. Weights and measures

We would like to propose the revision of Sections 7.1.1 and 7.1.2 as follows:

~~7.1.1 Classification of “defectives” A container that fails to meet the net weight declared on the label should be considered as a “defective”.~~

~~7.1.2 The number of “defectives” as defined in this Section does not exceed the acceptance number (c) of an appropriate sampling plan with an AQL of 6.5, (see relevant Codex texts on methods of analysis and sampling).~~

[7.2 The requirements for net weight should be deemed to be complied with when the average net weight of all containers examined is not less than the declared weight, provided that there is no unreasonable shortage in](#)

[individual containers.](#)

Rationale: To make it easier to implement and protect the interests of consumers

Agenda Item 9: Proposed Draft Regional Standard for Cooked Rice Wrapped in Plant Leaves

2.1 Product definition

We would like to add the sentence as follows:

Cooked Rice Wrapped in Plant Leaves is prepared from rice to which fillings such as meat, poultry, eggs, fruits and vegetables, beans, nuts, and their derived products etc. may or may not be added, and then completely wrapped with plant leaves (indocalamus leaves, reed leaves, banana leaves, lotus leaves etc.) used as food contact materials [for flavour](#) and not for consumption.

Rationale: To further describe the function of the plant leaves

3.1.1 Basic ingredients

Plant leaves should be deleted from Section 3.1.1.

Rationale: Plant leaves are not ingredient and Section 2.1 also stated that the leaves are used as food contact material and not for consumption.

Inclusion of 'plant leaves' in the list of ingredients (Section 3.1.1) also affects the implementation of the Section 8 Labelling. Normally, the list of ingredients on the label does not include the food contact materials such as plant leaves. Furthermore, the percentage of the ingredients on the label does not include the packaging materials.

2.3 Process definition

2.3.4 Vacuum packing

We would like to amend the title from "Vacuum packing" to "Sterilization process"

Rationale: To be consistent with the content of the description

7. Weights and measures

We would like to propose to delete Sections 7.1.1 as follows:

~~7.1.1 Classification of "defectives" A container that fails to meet the net weight declared on the label should be considered as a "defective".~~

Rationale: To be consistent with the other draft standards developed in Agenda Items 7 and 8

[The numbering in Section 7.1.2 should be amended as follows:](#)

7.2.7.1.2-Lot acceptance

Rationale: Editorial

Agenda Item 10: Discussion paper on the revised draft Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for CCASIA

We would like to propose an amendment to the Operating Procedure as follows:

Objective 1: To facilitate sharing members' positions in the region		
Activities	Procedures	Responsible Party
<u>1.4 Deliberation of common regional concern/position</u>	<u>Based on the discussions held during these informal meetings, common regional concern/position shall be formulated for deliberation in the plenary session.</u>	<u>RC and MC</u>
	<u>The formulated common regional concern/position shall be circulated to all MC.</u>	<u>RC</u>
	<u>Common regional concern/position shall be deliberated in the plenary session</u>	<u>RC</u>
	<u>Each MC support the common regional concern/position in the plenary session</u>	<u>MC</u>
Based on the discussions held during these informal meetings, common regional concern/position shall be formulated for deliberation together with support from each MC in the plenary session		

Rationale: Activities related to deliberation of common regional concern/position should be part of the activities and procedures.