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Agenda Item 2 a)

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CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD LABELLING

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MATTERS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE

MATTERS REFERRED BY THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION AND OTHER CODEX COMMITTEES

A. DECISIONS OF THE COMMISSION ON THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

Proposed Draft Amendment to the General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods: Quantitative Declaration of Ingredients

The Commission, after an extensive discussion, recognized that there was no consensus on the adoption of the Proposed Draft Amendment at Step 5 and agreed to return it to Step 3 for further consideration by the Committee on Food Labelling (ALINORM 05/28/41, paras. 78-80). This matter will be considered under **Agenda Item 6**.

Draft General Standard for Fruit Juices and Nectars

Under **Section 5: Processing Aids**, the Commission noted that the three processing aids that might entail allergenicity, i.e. isinglass and sodium/potassium caseinates, had been endorsed by CCFAC conditional to labelling for ingredient declaration. As processing aids were exempted from labelling declaration in the General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods, this additional labelling requirement needed to be further endorsed by the Committee on Food Labelling. The Commission noted that these three processing aids would be included in the adopted Standard after endorsement by CCFL (ALINORM 05/28/41, para. 64). This matter will be considered under **Agenda Item 3**.

B. GENERAL DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The 57th Session of the Executive Committee agreed to propose that the Commission recommend the following to Codex Committees and Task Forces:

- To prioritize work when the agenda of the Committee includes many items of work;
- To invite all Chairpersons, or host countries for adjourned committees, to provide their comments on the items of work that have been under consideration for more than five years; and
- To inform the Executive Committee and the Commission of the proposed timeframe for completion of all items that have been approved as new work prior to 2004.

Pending consideration of these proposals by the Commission, the Committee agreed to invite Codex Committees to implement the three proposals above without delay (ALINORM 06/29/3, paras. 64 and 65).

The Committee is therefore invited to propose a timeframe for all items under consideration in the Step Procedure, with the exception of Agenda Item 7 that was approved in 2005.