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## JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME

CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD LABELLING  
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GUIDELINES FOR THE PRODUCTION, PROCESSING, LABELLING AND  
MARKETING OF ORGANICALLY PRODUCED FOODS:  
DRAFT REVISED ANNEX 2: TABLE 3  
(CL 2007/16-FL, ALINORM 07/30/22 – APPENDIX III)

GOVERNMENT COMMENTS AT STEP 6

### COMMENTS FROM:

CANADA  
KENYA

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**CANADA:**

Canada is pleased to provide the following comments on CL 2007/16-FL concerning Table 3 (other substances) of the *Proposed Draft Guidelines for the Production, Processing, Labelling and Marketing of Organically Produced Foods*.

Canada would like to note that before a substance is added to its Permitted Substance List, it has undergone an evaluation process against criteria appropriate to meet Canada's needs and circumstances. As such, Canada would like to remind the Committee that the intent of the Annex is an indicative list meant to provide guidance on substances which might be used by national authorities. Again, each country must evaluate, against the established criteria, whether or not it is appropriate to use a particular substance, given their regional circumstances.

In Canada the following are not permitted in Organic Products

- Sodium nitrite and potassium nitrate in foods of animal origin;
- Sodium, calcium and potassium ascorbates in foods of animal origin;
- Monosodium or disodium tartrate in foods of plant origin;
- Monopotassium, diphosphate and tripotassium orthophosphate in foods of animal origin;
- Tetrapotassium diphosphate, potassium polyphosphate and ammonium polyphosphates in foods of animal origin; and

The following are permitted in Canadian Organic Products

- Sodium phosphates for use in dairy products only; and
- Calcium (mono-, di- and tri forms) phosphates in both foods of plant and animal origin

**KENYA:**

- No comments on Table 3 on individual food additives in the table.
- Kenya proposes that the inclusion of these food additives in table 3 to be authorized by the expert committee on food additives.