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Agenda Item 4

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DRAFT STANDARD FOR FAT SPREADS AND BLENDED SPREADS

COMMENTS AT STEP 6

The following comments have been received from Brazil, France in response to CL 2002/21-FO.

BRAZIL

Item 3.1.2.2 – Fat content in Blended Spreads

Brazil suggests adopting the following classification regarding the fat content in Blended Spreads:

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| (a) Blend | = 80% |
| (b) Blended Spreads ² | < 80% |

² The term “Blend” may, in some cases, be used in the name of the food as provided for in section 7.1.2.
Justification: to standardize the composition following the same concept of Fat Spreads.

- Elimination of the item regarding to the List of Ingredients

Brazil agrees with the elimination of the item, since the substances, which will be used in the formulation of the products specified in the proposal, are known.

Justification:

The competent department regarding the safety of use in nutritious products, in case there is not historical of consumption in the country must previously evaluate any substance.

- Item 4 - Food Additives

Colours/Flavours/Emulsifiers/Preservatives/Thickening and stabilizing agents/Acidity Regulators/Antioxidants/Antioxidant synergists/Anti-foaming agents/Flavor enhancers/Sweeteners and Miscellaneous – any of these additives referred on Table 3 of the Codex General Pattern for Food Additives or referred on the food category 02.2.1.2 Butter and similar products (ex: butter-margarine blends) and 02.2.2 Emulsion containing less than 80% of fat (ex: minarine) part on Table 1 and 2 of the Codex General Pattern for Food Additives.

Justification: Brazil suggests to eliminate the Table of Additive of CL 2002/21-FO in a way to follow the CCFAC (Codex Committee on Food Additive Contaminant) recommendation.

- Item 4.7 – Antioxidants

Brazil suggests substituting Diluaryl thiopropionate for Dilauryl thiopropionate (INS 389).

Subitem 4.12 – Miscellaneous

Brazil considers the need to define the function of the food additives related in this item for the products specified in the proposal.

Justification:

established criterion for CCFAC - Codex Committee on Food Additive Contaminant
the function definition was established for the substances Sorbitol and sorbitol syrup, Mannitol, Isomalt, Maltitol, Lactitol, Xylitol, being grouped in the item 4.11 - Sweeteners.

Item 7.1 – Name of the Food

Brazil suggests inserting the item 7.1.2 with the following draft:

7.1.2. In accordance with requirements acceptable in the country of retail sale, blended spreads defined in section 3.1.2.2 with a fat content of less than 80% may incorporate the term “blend” in the name of the food, provided that the term is qualified to make clear the lower fat content.

Justification: To standardize the food name following the same concept of Fat Spreads.

FRANCE

France supports a European position based on current regulations. The draft is still too imprecise on points relating to names, minimum content of dairy based fatty acids and labelling.