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Agenda Item 2

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MATTERS ARISING FROM THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION AND OTHER CODEX COMMITTEES

A. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION ¹

Decisions on the work of the Committee

Draft Standards and Related Texts

The 24th Commission adopted the following texts at Step 8:

- Proposed Draft Amendments to the Standard for Named Vegetable Oils
- Proposed Draft List of Banned Immediate Previous Cargoes

Following the comments made by several delegations regarding the necessity to establish criteria and procedures for the evaluation of substances to be included in the list, the Commission adopted the Proposed Draft List of Acceptable Previous Cargoes at Step 5 only for further discussions in the next Committee.

B. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ²

Decisions on the work of the Committee

The 49th Executive Committee approved the following new work by the Committee and also adopted Proposed Draft Standard for Fat Spreads and Blended Spreads at Step 5.

- Amendments to the Standard for Named Vegetable Oils:
 - Super Palm Olein
 - Mid-oleic sunflower oil
 - Inclusion of new data to the Table 3 and 4

C. MATTERS ARISING FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

1. Committee on Milk and Milk Products: Dairy Spreads³

¹ ALINORM 01/41 para 202-205

² ALINORM 03/3 para 6 and 21, Appendix II and III

³ ALINORM 01/11 para 74-75 , ALINORM 03/11 para 99

The 4th Session of the Committee on Milk and Milk Products (CCMMP) did not consider the proposed draft revised standard for Dairy Spreads in detail and agreed to align the draft Standard with the Codex Standard for Butter and, where necessary, with the proposed draft Standard for Fat Spreads and Blended Spreads, taking into consideration the General Standard for the Use of Dairy Terms. The 4th Session of the CCMMP requested the IDF to redraft the standard for circulation and comments at Step 3 and further consideration at the current meeting.

The 5th Session of the CCMMP considered the proposed draft revised standard and made general comments with regard to the inclusion of additives not allowed for use in butter and the need to revise the provisions on the name of the product in order to ensure that the name “butter” was not used in a way that misled the consumers.

The CCMMP agreed to return the proposed draft revised Standard for Dairy Spreads to Step 2 for revision by a drafting group led by the European Commission, with the assistance of Argentina, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, New Zealand, Switzerland and the United Kingdom for circulation for comments at Step 3 and further consideration by the 6th Session of the CCMMP.

2. Committee on Food Labelling ⁴

The 29th Sessions of the Committee on Food Labelling discussed Proposed Draft Amendment to the Guidelines on Nutritional Labelling. Regarding section 3.2.4 (section 3.2.3 in the present Guideline) of the Guidelines where declaration of amount of saturated fatty acids and of polyunsaturated fatty acids are required, proposals were made to include the reference of cholesterol and declaration of trans fatty acids. However, the proposed draft amendment was returned to Step3 for further comments and consideration at the next session.

The 30th Session of the Committee on Food Labelling exchanged extensive views on the proposed draft amendment. Regarding section 3.2.4, it agreed to separate the claim of fatty acids and the claim of cholesterol by revising the text accordingly. It also created a new sentence concerning declaration of polyunsaturated fatty acids and placed it in square brackets. The proposal to add a reference to monounsaturated fatty acids was made and it was included in square brackets for further consideration. The Committee agreed to advance the Proposed Draft Amendment of the Guidelines, together with the other revised sections at this session, to Step 5. The section 3.2.4, as a result of the discussion, is as follows:

3.2.4 Where a claim is made regarding the amount and/or type of fatty acids, the amounts of saturated fatty acids, [trans fatty acids], [monounsaturated fatty acids] and polyunsaturated fatty acids should be declared in addition to the requirements of Section 3.2.1 and in accordance with Section 3.4.7. [The declaration of polyunsaturated fatty acids may be replaced with a declaration of n-6 polyunsaturated fatty acids and n-3 polyunsaturated fatty acids.] Where a claim is made regarding cholesterol, the amounts of saturated fatty acids [and trans fatty acids] should be declared in addition to the requirements of Section 3.2.1. ~~Where a claim is made regarding the amount and/or type of fatty acids or cholesterol, the amounts of saturated fatty acids or cholesterol and of polyunsaturated fatty acids and trans fatty acids should be declared in accordance with Section 3.4.7 and 3.2.1. [The amounts of any other fatty acid constituent(s) may also be listed.]~~

3. Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling ⁵

The 24th Session of Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling endorsed the methods of Analysis and Sampling for Lead, Vitamin A, Vitamin D, Vitamin E in the Draft Standard on Fat Spreads and Blended Spreads, and made temporary endorsement for Arsenic and milk fat content. For Arsenic, AOAC 986.15 was retained as the only method for the determination of Arsenic as the other methods were not any longer available, and it was noted that endorsement would be subject to the finalization of a maximum limit for arsenic. The Committee on Fats and Oils was also asked for clarification on the calculation to determine "milk fat" as the method proposed applied to butyric acid.

⁴ ALINORM 01/22A para 95, Appendix VII, ALINORM 03/22 para 81, Appendix VI

⁵ ALINORM 03/23 para 57, Appendix VI