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**Agenda Item 8**

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## **JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME**

### **CODEX COMMITTEE ON NUTRITION AND FOODS FOR SPECIAL DIETARY USES**

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**Proposed Draft Revision of the Advisory List(s) of Mineral Salts and Vitamin Compounds for the  
use in Foods for Infants and Young Children  
(CAC/GL 10-1979, amended 1983, 1991)**

**Comments from:**

**EUROPEAN COMMUNITY**

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### SECTION A

#### Sources of copper, zinc and manganese

It appears that the transfer of the information included in CL 2002/7 – NFSDU was not complete. There are no longer any nutrient compounds listed as sources of copper, zinc or manganese for processed-cereal based foods (PCBF) and canned baby foods (CBF). The European Community suggests that the following should be reinserted in the table:

- all the sources of copper listed should also be permitted for use in PCBF and CBF;
- all the sources of zinc listed should be permitted for use in PCBF and CBF; and,
- all the sources of manganese listed should be permitted for use in PCBF and CBF.

### Section 4 – Choline

CL 2002/7 – NFSDU had specifically included “choline” as a source of choline and the European Community would support this presentation.

#### Nutrient sources for use in foods for special medical purposes

It is not decided whether nutrient sources for use in foods for special medical purposes will be included in the advisory list. If FSMPs are included in the list the European Community would need to consider which substances would be suitable as nutrient sources in FSMPs.

### D: Advisory list of food additives for special nutrient forms

The European Community considers that it is more appropriate for the list of food additives permitted specifically for nutrient preparations to be included in the advisory list rather than being included in the individual standards.

Sodium L-ascorbate may be used at *quantum statis* level in coatings of nutrient preparations containing polyunsaturated fatty acids. It is proposed that the carry-over of sodium L-ascorbate to a maximum of 75 mg/kg in ready-to-use food should be added to list D.

The European Community has not had the opportunity to consider in detail the new ingredients listed in Section D so is not in a position to make specific comments at this stage.

A typographical point is that the headings of the list are not properly aligned.