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Agenda Item 2

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MATTERS REFERRED BY THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION AND OTHER SUBSIDIARY BODIES

(Comments of Indonesia, Kenya, Russian Federation, African Union, East African Community)

Indonesia

Indonesia supports re-evaluation for gum arabic (Acacia gum) (INS 414), silicon dioxide, amorphous (INS 551), mannitol (INS 421), and sodium ascorbate (INS 301) in the Advisory list of nutrient compounds for use in foods for special dietary uses intended for infants and young children (CXG 10-1979) part D.

Kenya

Comment: Kenya notes all the matters from the commission and other subsidiary bodies and considering the recommendations to CCFA55 the following is proposed:

- i. Allocation of INS number for carbomer (INS 1210) and carbomer be referred to INS IWG for reconsideration of the appropriate INS number.
- ii. Gum arabic (Acacia gum) (INS 414), silicon dioxide, amorphous (INS 551), mannitol (INS 421), and sodium ascorbate (INS 301) would be included as batch 6 in the work plan (CRD15 REV of CCFA49) for future technological justification appraisal.
- iii. Suggestions from the Codex Secretariat outlined in paragraphs 15 and 18 to be forwarded to the IWG on alignment for consideration.

Justification: The different work items will be thoroughly discussed in different IWGs and CCNFSDU work plan as proposed above. This will facilitate discussion at future CCFA meetings.

Russian Federation

Russia takes note of the information provided in the document CX/FA 25/55/2. At the same time, regarding replies from CCNFSDU44 outlined in paragraph 11, we would like to note that Russia has an experience of the safe use of guar gum (INS 412) in food products intended for infants up to 12 months in accordance with our national legislation and the legislation of the Eurasian Economic Union. We are ready to share this data and our experience.

African Union

Position: The African Union acknowledges all matters referred by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and other subsidiary bodies. In consideration of the recommendations to CCFA55, the following proposals are made:

- i. The allocation of an INS number for carbomer (INS 1210) should be referred to the INS IWG for reconsideration of the appropriate INS number.
- ii. The following substances—gum arabic (Acacia gum) (INS 414), silicon dioxide, amorphous (INS 551), mannitol (INS 421), and sodium ascorbate (INS 301)—should be included as Batch 6 in the work plan (CRD15 REV of CCFA49) for future technological justification appraisal.
- iii. Suggestions from the Codex Secretariat outlined in paragraphs 15 and 18 to be forwarded to the IWG on alignment for consideration.

East African Community

Agenda Item 2 Matters referred by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and other subsidiary bodies -- CX/FA 25/55/2

EAC position: EAC notes all the matters from the commission and other subsidiary bodies and considering the recommendations to CCFA55 the following is proposed:

- i. Allocation of INS number for carbomer (INS 1210) and carbomer be referred to INS IWG for reconsideration of the appropriate INS number.
- ii. Gum arabic (Acacia gum) (INS 414), silicon dioxide, amorphous (INS 551), mannitol (INS 421), and sodium ascorbate (INS 301) would be included as batch 6 in the work plan (CRD15 REV of CCFA49) for future technological justification appraisal.
- iii. Suggestions from the Codex Secretariat outlined in paragraphs 15 and 18 to be forwarded to the IWG on alignment for consideration.

Rationale: The different work items will be thoroughly discussed in different IWGs and CCNFSDU work plan as proposed above. This will facilitate discussion at future CCFA meetings.

Agenda item 2.1 Matters related to the proposed revisions to the Standard for food grade salt (CXS 150-1985) CX/FA 25/55/2 Add 1

EAC Position

- EAC supports the proposal to amend the standard for food-grade salt in section 7.2, 9.2-9.13 with the new proposed texts in Annex 1 of CX/FA 25/55/2 Add 1
- EAC supports the inclusion of the method for determination of sodium chloride in CXS 234-1999

Rationale: This consequential amendment has previously been agreed on by the commission for commodity committees.

Agenda item 2.2 The progress report on restructuring the GSFA database CX/FA 25/55/2 Add 2

EAC Position

EAC appreciates the work done by the Codex Secretariat but notes that the information was posted quite late to facilitate meaningful deliberations and further recommends that the work could be discussed during CCFA56.