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PROPOSALS FOR ADDITIONS AND CHANGES TO THE PRIORITY LIST OF SUBSTANCES PROPOSED FOR EVALUATION BY JECFA (REPLIES TO CL 2024/59-FA)

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

Kenya

Comment: Kenya has no objection of inclusion of Monk fruit extract, Butterfly Pea Flower Extract, Neohesperidin Dihydrochalcone, Potassium bisulfite (INS 228) and the list of flavoring agents proposed by the International Organization of the Flavor Industry (IOFI), in JECFA priority list for evaluation and/or re-evaluation if they get support from a Member Country.

Kenya proposes deletion of Endo-1,4- β -xylanase from *Thermotoga maritima* produced by *B. subtilis*, strain LMG S-27588 from priority list.

Justification: The proposing member indicates that the request for Endo-1,4- β -xylanase from *Thermotoga maritima* produced by *B. subtilis*, strain LMG S-27588 is no longer in effect.

Malaysia

Part A: Replies to CL 2024/59-FA, Annex 2 -Form for the submission of substances to be evaluated by JECFA

The Calorie Control Council (CCC)

Name of Substance(s):	<i>Monk fruit extract</i>
Question(s) to be answered by JECFA <i>(Provide a brief justification of the request in case of re-evaluations)</i>	<i>Toxicological and safety evaluation and exposure assessment</i>

Malaysia would like to thank Calorie Control Council for preparing the proposal for evaluation of monk fruit extract by JECFA. We wish to share that Malaysia has a positive list of permitted food additives, which includes the Codex permitted additives; however, monk fruit extract is not in the list. We note that many countries have already permitted the use of monk fruit extract as a food additive. Additionally, there is growing interest among Malaysia's food industry in using monk fruit extract as a natural and low-calorie sugar alternative. In this regard, Malaysia supports the assessment of monk fruit extract for use as food additive by JECFA, as proposed.

Morocco

Le propylène glycol SIN 1520 :

Position nationale : Le Maroc appuie la priorité de l'évaluation de cet additif par le JECFA suite à sa large utilisation dans l'industrie mondiale des boissons non alcoolisées.

Russian Federation

1) Considering the inclusion to the Priority List of Substances proposed for evaluation by JECFA of following substances:

- Acylglycerol lipase from *Penicillium crustosum* expressed in *Penicillium crustosum*
- Glutaminase from *Aspergillus tubingensis* (The name in Annex 3 is listed as Glutaminase from *Aspergillus niger*)
- Protease from *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens*
- Ribonuclease P from *Penicillium citrinum* RP-4 (The name in Annex 3 is listed as Ribonuclease from *Penicillium citrinum* RP-4)
- Triacylglycerol lipase from *Limtongozyma cylindracea*.

As health impact assessment results are currently absent for these substances Russia believes it is premature to include them into the list.

2) The Russian Federation supports the inclusion to the Priority list of the following substances: Monk Fruit Extract; Butterfly Pea Flower Extract; Neohesperidin Dihydrochalcone; Potassium bisulfite; sorbitan esters (INS 432-436); Beta-apo-8'-carotenal (INS 160e) and beta-carotenes (INS 160a(i), 160a(ii), 160a(iii), 160a(iv)).

African Union

Position: African Union has no objection of inclusion of Monk fruit extract, Butterfly Pea Flower Extract, Neohesperidin Dihydrochalcone, Potassium bisulfite (INS 228) and the list of flavoring agents proposed by the International Organization of the Flavor Industry (IOFI), in JECFA priority list for evaluation and/or re-evaluation if they get support from a Member Country. African Union further proposes deletion of Endo-1,4- β -xylanase from *Thermotoga maritima* produced by *B. subtilis*, strain LMG S-27588 from priority list.

Rationale: The proposing member indicates that the request for Endo-1,4- β -xylanase from *Thermotoga maritima* produced by *B. subtilis*, strain LMG S-27588 is no longer in effect.

East African Community

EAC Position

EAC has no objection to the inclusion of Monk fruit extract, Butterfly Pea Flower Extract, Neohesperidin Dihydrochalcone, Potassium bisulfite (INS 228) and the list of flavoring agents proposed by the International Organization of the Flavor Industry (IOFI), in JECFA priority list for evaluation and/or re-evaluation if they get support from a Member Country.

EAC proposes deletion of Endo-1,4-xylanase from *Thermotoga maritima* produced by *B. subtilis* strain LMG S-27588 from priority list.

Rationale: The proposing member indicates that the request for Endo-1,4-xylanase from *Thermotoga maritima* produced by *B. subtilis*, strain LMG S-27588 is no longer in effect.