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Agenda Items 4a and 4b

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JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME

CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD ADDITIVES

Fifty-Fifth Session

(Comments of Nigeria, Russian Federation, East African Community)

Nigeria

Agenda Item 4 (a)

CX/FA 25/55/5 Rev.1

ENDORSEMENT AND/OR REVISION OF MAXIMUM LEVELS FOR FOOD ADDITIVES AND PROCESSING AIDS IN CODEX STANDARDS

Nigeria supports the endorsement of the food additive provision on the annex for Standard for Fresh Curry Leaves for adoption by CAC at Step5/8

Rationale

There is no technological justification for the use of food additives on fresh curry leaves.

Russian Federation

Agenda Item 4 (b):

Alignment of the food additive provisions of commodity standards: Report of the Electronic Working Group on Alignment

• *Annex 1: Explanatory document – questions, comments and chair's proposals for the EWG for CCMMP, and the issues associated with the alignment of CCPFV and regional commodity standards*

1. Adding restrictive notes for food additives with multiple functions, including flour treatment agents, in FC 06.2 and 06.2.1 in Tables 1 and 2 of the GSFA (CXS 301R-2011)

The Russian Federation supports Chair's proposal: «Given the partial consensus, where food additives have more than two functions, including flour treatment agent, it is proposed to add notes that reflect functional class restrictions to those additives in FC 06.2 and 06.2.1 in Table 1 and 2 to indicate that they are only permitted for use as flour treatment agents».

3. Clarification of GSFA food category for mixed zataar (CXS 341R-2020)

Russia supports the revised descriptors for food categories 12.2.1 (Herbs and Spices) and 12.2.2 (Seasonings and Condiments) to minimize the overlap that existed between them.

East African Community

Agenda item 4a) Endorsement and/or revision of maximum levels for food additives and processing aids in Codex standards CX/FA 25/55/5

EAC Position

EAC supports that CCFA55 to consider for endorsement the food additive provisions forwarded by the 23rd Session of the FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Latin America and the Caribbean (CCLAC23) on Regional standard for Castilla lulo (naranja) and the 23rd Session of the Codex Committee on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables (CCFFV23) on Standard for fresh curry leaves both for adoption by CAC48 at Step 5/8.

EAC further seeks clarification on the use of different texts for the endorsement of the food additive provisions in the two draft standards.

Rationale: Adopting the above position is consistent with the requirements of the Codex Procedure Manual.

Agenda item 4b) Alignment of the food additive provisions of commodity standards: Report of the Electronic Working Group on Alignment CX/FA 25/55/6**EAC Position**

EAC appreciates the work done by the EWG on Alignment chaired by Canada and co-chaired by the United States of America and Japan.

EAC supports amendment of the text in the References to Commodity Standards for GSFA Table 3 Additives for Food Category 12.2.1, to reflect actual allowance in spices, so that the entry reads "Herbs and spices (ONLY SPICES)".

Annex 5

Comment: EAC supports the proposed amendments to the food additive provisions to tables 1, 2 and 3 of the GSFA relating to the alignment of provisions in food category 02.1.2 with CXS 19- 1981

Annex 6

Comment: EAC supports the proposed amendments to the Food Additive Provisions of CXS 198-1995 and to Tables 1, 2 and 3 of the GSFA relating to the alignment of the standard.

Rationale: The conclusions from the EWG consultations indicate completion of the work as per the Terms Of Reference.