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PROPOSED DRAFT NEW AND REVISED FOOD ADDITIVE PROVISIONS IN THE GSFA BASED ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 100TH MEETING OF JECFA

(Comments of Kenya, Nigeria and Republic of Korea)

Kenya

Comment: Kenya welcomes the updates from FAO, WHO, and JECFA, recognizing their critical role in strengthening science-based food safety standards. Kenya notes the toxicological evaluations presented in Annex 1 of the JECFA 100th meeting and supports the recommended actions. Kenya particularly welcomes the establishment of “*ADI not specified*” for amyloglucosidase, ascorbyl esters, and glycolipids, as well as the new ADI for Gardenia (Genipin) Blue. Kenya acknowledges JECFA’s conclusion that carob bean gum and dioctyl sodium sulfosuccinate are safe within the specified limits, while emphasizing the need for refined exposure data on adipic acid to allow reassessment of its ADI. Consequently, Kenya supports including INS 355 in the priority list for re-evaluation.

Rationale: This will be in line with JECFA recommendations.

Nigeria

Nigeria supports the inclusion of the 4 (four) new food additives provisions for ascorbyl palmitate (INS 304), ascorbyl stearate (NIS 305), glycolipids (NIS 246) and low-acyl clarified gellan gum (NIS 418 (ii) that meet the JECFA evaluation in GSFA Table 3 at step 3.

Nigeria commends the CCFA science-based endorsement & alignment of food additives and recommends flexibility to accommodate all Members.

Justification

The consideration of developing country data and climatic realities will provide the necessary flexibility that accommodates all Members.

Republic of Korea

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(Prepared by the Codex Secretariat)

1. The Republic of Korea supports the automatic inclusion process in Table 3 to enhance the procedural efficiency.
2. Ascorbyl palmitate (INS 304) and ascorbyl stearate (INS 305) have been evaluated by JECFA with an group A DI of “not specified” and are therefore eligible for automatic inclusion in GSFA Table 3. Accordingly, it is considered appropriate to apply the GMP principle in line with the current Table 3 framework.