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PROPOSALS FOR ADDITIONS AND CHANGES TO THE PRIORITY LIST OF SUBSTANCES PROPOSED FOR EVALUATION BY JECFA (REPLIES TO CL 2025/32-FA)

(Comments of Kenya and Republic of Korea)

Kenya

Comment: Kenya supports the addition and revision of substances to the JECFA priority list to ensure harmonization, safety, and equitable access to food technologies.

Kenya notes the proposals for ammonia (as a processing aid), fermentation-derived Beet Red (INS 162), and new flavouring agents. Kenya supports the evaluation of ammonia to establish an internationally recognized safety conclusion, which will reduce regulatory inconsistencies and facilitate trade, especially for developing countries reliant on microbial fermentation. Kenya also supports the evaluation of fermentation-derived Beet Red to ensure sustainable, safe, and affordable natural colour alternatives, reducing reliance on synthetic dyes and preventing misuse of unsafe industrial dyes in developing regions. For flavouring agents, Kenya supports their inclusion for evaluation to confirm safety at current exposure levels and ensure specifications reflect products in commerce.

Republic of Korea

The Republic of Korea would appreciate the support of Members for the adoption of ammonia (gas) onto the JECFA priority list for evaluation.