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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 Global Organization for EPA and DHA Omega-3s (GOED))

GOED

The Global Organization for EPA and DHA Omega-3s (GOED) wishes to thank the Codex Secretariat for preparing the Codex document CX/FA/56/3 Add.1 with regard to the proposed draft new and revised food additive provisions in the GSFA based on the recommendations of the 100th Meeting of JECFA.

GOED writes regarding the food additive ascorbyl palmitate (INS 304) and the actions required as a result of changes in acceptable daily intake (ADI) status and other toxicological recommendations and recommendations related to specifications from JECFA, as contained in the ANNEX of Codex document CX/FA/56/3 February 2026, MATTERS OF INTEREST ARISING FROM FAO/WHO AND FROM THE 100TH MEETING OF JECFA:

Ascorbyl palmitate (INS 304)

The 100th Meeting of the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA)¹ established a revised ADI of "not specified" (NS). GOED supports this ADI and recommends CCFA56 amend the General Standard for Food Additives (CXS 192-1995) to include in Tables 1 and 2 the use of the food additive ascorbyl palmitate (INS 304) with functional class antioxidant in food category 02.1.3 Lard, tallow, fish oil, and other animal fats at a maximum level of GMP. For this purpose, GOED proposes to amend Note 526 to the food additive provision in food category 02.1.3 Lard, tallow, fish oil, and other animal fats of ASCORBYL ESTERS (INS 304, 305) to indicate the use of ascorbyl palmitate (INS 304) at a maximum level of GMP, as follows: Except for use in products conforming to the Standard for Fish Oils (CXS 329-2017) at 2500 mg/kg **as ascorbyl stearate (INS 305) and at GMP as ascorbyl palmitate (INS 304).**

¹ <https://openknowledge.fao.org/items/c69eaacf-dd6b-478e-ad98-3e7d90df6275>