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MATTERS ARISING FROM THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION AND CODEX SUBSIDIARY BODIES

(Comments of China)

Matters from CCFA54 and CCFA55:

China would like to make the following comments on the requests from CCFA54 and CCFA55 :

I. China supports deleting riboflavin, synthetic (INS 101(i)) from the table to Section 4 of CXS 298R-2009, as INS 101(i) is a Table 3 food additive

II. China notes that '2.7 Guidelines for the inclusion of specific provisions in Codex standards and related texts' in the Procedural Manual, one of the general principles for inclusion of a food additive provision in the GSFA is: a) Food additives that share a numerical group ADI will be considered as a group **without** further restrictions on the use of individual additives in that group. However, in some cases, restrictions on the use of individual additives in that group could be appropriate (e.g. because of public health concerns)¹.

So China suggests do not limit use to INS 101(i), it is acceptable for using the group of RIBOFLAVINS (INS 101(i), INS 101(ii), INS 101(iii), INS 101(iv)) in foods conforming to CXS 298R-2009.

III. China permits using INS 160a(i), 160a(iii), 160a(iv), INS 160a(ii) and INS 160e in soybean beverages conforming to CXS 322R-2015. China acknowledges and supports the CCFA's risk management approach to beta-carotenes in accordance with the evaluation conducted at the 87th meeting of JECFA, therefore we suggest the maximum use levels of carotenoid-related food additives in soybean beverages could align with the maximum use levels in 14.1.4 Water-based flavoured drinks, unless higher use levels are justified:

- INS 160a(i), 160a(iii), 160a(iv) at 25 mg/kg, with Note 127, Note 341 and Note 344.
- INS 160a(ii) at 25 mg/kg, with Note 127, Note 341 and Note 344.
- INS 160e at 10 mg/kg, with Note 127.

Matters from CCMAS42:

At present, China does not have a comprehensive validation report for the rice-extraction step that would demonstrate the performance of the procedure. Consequently, we are unable to provide the data requested by CCMAS.

¹ Procedural Manual, 30th edition. SECTION 2 ELABORATION OF CODEX STANDARDS AND RELATED TEXTS. Paragraph 128.