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Agenda Item 10: Draft Regional Standard for Quick-Frozen Dumplings (Asia) (At Step 7)

Malaysia thanks the EWG Chair China as well as the EWG members for preparing the consolidated draft regional standard. Malaysia would like to provide some comments as follows:

4. FOOD ADDITIVES

Regarding the technological justification for the use of food additives in Section 4, we are flexible on the use of flavour enhancer in both the dumpling skin and filling. As such, we have no objection to its inclusion considering that its use is generally permitted in Malaysia.

We would like to propose deletion of the statement “(excluding products of food category 04.1.2.12 and 06.5)” considering that only food additives in food category 06.4.3 (Pre-cooked pasta and noodles) are applicable for dumplings and to avoid confusion. For food category 04.1.2.12 (Cooked fruit), we consider that it describes the properties of cooked fruit itself rather than dumplings. Upon the Committee’s confirmation, it is proposed that an exclusion statement be included in the product definition to guide applicability of this standard.

The proposed revision is as below:

[Acidity regulators, colours, preservatives, raising agents, stabilizers, humectants, thickeners, **flavour enhancer** and emulsifiers in accordance with Tables 1 and 2 of the General standard for food additives (CXS 192-1995) in food category 06.4.3 (Pre-cooked pastas and noodles and like products ~~(excluding products of food category 04.1.2.12 and 06.5)~~) or listed in Table 3 of the General standard for food additives (CXS 192-1995) are acceptable for use in foods conforming to this standard

2.1 Product definition

Upon the Committee’s confirmation on the exclusion of food category 06.5 (cereal and starch-based desserts), we propose to include a brief exclusion statement in the product definition for better clarity, as below.

“This standard does not apply to the dumplings classified as cereal and starch-based desserts.”

9. PACKAGING

We propose the following editorial amendment:

“Packaging used for quick-frozen dumplings shall be in accordance with the relevant provisions of the *Code of practice for the processing and handling of quick-frozen foods* (CXC 8-1976).

Agenda Item 13: Discussion Paper on the Conversion of the Regional standard for laver products (Asia) (CXS 323R-2017) into a Worldwide Standard

Malaysia thanks the Republic of Korea for the proposal on conversion of the regional standard for laver products into a global standard.

In principle, Malaysia has no objection to the conversion of CXS 323R-2017 (standard for laver product) into a worldwide standard given the expanding global trade in laver products. We support forwarding the proposal to the Executive Committee (CCEXEC) for critical review and subsequently to Codex Alimentarius Committee (CAC) for a decision for approval and direction on the appropriate assigned committee.

Recalling the discussion in the CAC47 on the future works of Codex Committee on Fish and Fishery Products (CCFFP) and the support expressed during the Meeting, we note that the CCFFP may possibly further deliberate on relevant works related to seaweed products including laver.

Agenda Item 13: Discussion Paper on Proposal for the Development of a Regional Standard for Mooncake (Asia)

Malaysia appreciates the efforts made by China in proposing this regional standard.

We see the importance of having an inclusive standard considering similar product and its characteristics (e.g: baked, non-baked, frozen) across the region. Malaysia has few products that could potentially be considered under this regional standard which are non-baked mooncake (mooncake with glutinous rice skin (snowskin)) as well as a similar product to Indonesia's 'Bakpia' e.g. Tau sar piah or Tambun biscuit. The example of the products are as below:



Snowskin mooncake



Tau sar piah or Tambun biscuit

To reflect the diversity of mooncake and similar products, we would like to propose that the scope and product definition of the project document could be expanded to be inclusive of similar products to mooncake without limiting to baked final products only.