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**PROPOSAL FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A STANDARD FOR PASTEURIZED CAMEL MILK**

*Comments by the International Dairy Federation (IDF)*

While IDF submitted comments to Codex on the Circular Letter (CL) on a proposal for the development of a standard for pasteurized camel milk (CL 2025/50-CAC), IDF wishes to bring the following points to the attention of CCNE.

- IDF acknowledges the importance of camel milk for consumers and livelihoods, particularly in countries in Africa, and the Near East regions.
- The gap analysis developed by New Zealand (as CCMMP host) and IDF with participation of UAE, which is included in the CL, did not identify any issues for camel milk and camel milk products that are not covered by existing Codex milk product standards and general Codex Standards of a horizontal nature. It is also not the role of Codex to consolidate existing Codex texts into a new Codex standard.
- Any problems raised to date, such as mixing of camel milk with the milks of other species, yet labelled as camel milk, is already covered by the provisions of the Codex General Standard for Use of Dairy Terms (CXS 206-1999) and Codex General Standard on the Labelling of Prepackaged Food (CXS 1-1985). Furthermore, the ongoing work on developing Guidelines on the Prevention and Control of Food Fraud at CCFICS to develop guidance for national authorities in establishing national food fraud control programmes will be a useful resource.
- International trade volumes of pasteurized camel milk and related products are limited and not hindered by the absence of a specific Codex standard.
- Milk and milk products obtained from other milking animals (e.g. buffalo, sheep and goats) do not have, or require individual milk or milk product standards for international trade.
- Initiating a new standard without sufficient justification risks diverting Codex time and resources away from maintaining and advancing existing standards.

While IDF does not support the advancement of this proposal, as it lacks justification for an international Codex standard, we remain open to supporting countries. As a leading authority in dairy science and standards, IDF is committed to helping ensure safe and sustainable dairy practices globally, and we are ready to assist where appropriate.