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#### MATTERS REFERRED TO THE COMMISSION BY CODEX COMMITTEES

#### **CCFH : Postponement of the development of sampling plan for histamine in eleven commodity standards for fish and fishery products**

*Comments of Senegal and Tanzania*

#### **SENEGAL**

**Contexte:** Les États-Unis et le Japon, comme co-présidents du GTE, ont révisé le projet d'orientations relatif au guide d'échantillonnage sur la base des observations reçues. Les termes de référence étaient d'élaborer des plans d'échantillonnages à différentes fins qui seraient pratiques et réalisables tout en garantissant la sécurité sanitaire des aliments à l'aide d'une approche fondée sur les risques.

Deux plans d'échantillonnage à différentes fins ont été présentés, l'un pour les lots suspects (par ex. origine inconnue, contrôles peu fiables) et un pour les entreprises ou les pays qui utilisent les BPF le système HACCP, qui permettaient le plan de classe EU3

**Position :** Le Sénégal soutient le report des travaux sur le développement d'un plan d'échantillonnage pour l'histamine dans le poisson jusqu'à la fin de la révision complète des Directives générales sur l'échantillonnage (GL50)

**Justificatif:** Le document d'orientation sur les plans d'échantillonnage pour les poissons selon les BPF/le système HACCP était ambiguë et semait la confusion

En effet, le plan d'un lot suspect qui spécifiait 59 échantillons aurait été onéreux et trop strict. Du nombre proposé d'échantillons, on aurait pu déduire que l'histamine était un risque grave alors qu'en réalité c'est un risque modéré qui entraîne rarement des maladies ou la mort.

#### **TANZANIA**

**Position:** Tanzania supports the postponement of work on the development of sampling plan for histamine in fish until the revision of the *General Guidelines on Sampling* (GL50) is completed.

**Rationale:** • The guidance on sampling plans for fish based on GMPs/HACCP was ambiguous and would lead to confusion

• The plan for suspect lot which specified 59 samples would be costly and too stringent. It could be inferred based on the number of samples that histamine was a serious hazard when indeed histamine was a moderate hazard that rarely caused illness or death.

#### **CCPFV : Report on Status of Work and Recommendations for Future CCPFV Activities**

*Comments of India*

#### **INDIA**

**Comment:** India would like to thank the Chair of the Codex Committee on Processed Fruits and Vegetables (CCPFV) for guiding the current ongoing work of the Committee through electronic working groups and presenting a summary of the EWGs' work progress together with several recommendations for the future course of action including the recommendations that CCPFV continue to meet by correspondence by reconvening CCPFV-online and that progress of the current CCPFV work be reviewed and assessed whether a physical meeting of the Committee in 2020 would be appropriate.

In this context, India suggests holding a physical meeting for CCPFV to effectively discuss all 7 proposed draft standards so as to facilitate resolution of outstanding issues and progression of these draft standards to step 5 for adoption by CAC43 (2020).

**Rationale:** Currently there are 7 Proposed Draft Standards under consideration in CCPFV which could progress for Step 3/4. It is noted that some outstanding issues continue to remain unaddressed in the some documents developed by the EWGs due to the challenges of limited members' participation and their divergent views. With this situation, it may be inferred that work under consideration would not progress to further steps entirely through work by correspondence. Therefore, it is necessary to conduct a physical meeting of the Committee at this stageso as to facilitate discussions that lead to a good agreement on these draft standards before these could be forwarded to commission (CAC43) for adoption at Step 5.