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Thailand's comment on Agenda Item 5

Pertaining to the Matters related to other Codex Subsidiary bodies, Thailand wishes to draw CCEXEC's possible attention to a critical issue related to CCFFP and CAC, noting the proposed editorial amendments to Section 2.1 of *Codex Standard for Canned Sardines and Sardine-type Products (CXS94-1981)* will be considered under Agenda 5 of CAC44.

It is very important to note that, as per ALINORM79/38, the CAC13 (1979) agreed with the CCFFP's recommendation to include the species of ***Sardinella fimbriata***, ***Sardinella sirm***, *Sardinella longiceps*, *Sardinella gibbosa* and *Engraulis mordax* after there was examination of samples of finished products.

Based on ALINORM 81/18, the CCFFP14 (1980) was informed that CAC13 agreed with the Committee's recommendation to include the above-five species in the standard.

However, in CAC15 (1983), it was recalled that at CAC13, it had been agreed to include the above-five species in the Standard. These species had not been included in the recently issued Codex Fish Standards and a corrigendum would be issued to rectify the omission (as mentioned in ALINORM 83/43).

Subsequently, CCFFP16 (1984) noted that, as agreed by the CAC15 the above-five species should be included in the standard. The corrigendum to the Standard had been prepared to this effect (as mentioned in ALINORM 85/18).

Nonetheless, in ALINORM 97/18, the CCFFP22 (1996) decided to reinstate the two species, ***Sardinella fimbriata*** and ***Sardinella sirm*** in the revised CXS94 as these mentioned sardine species had been accidentally omitted.

In view of the above, the current CXS94 does not include the two-sardine species namely, ***Sardinella fimbriata*** and ***Sardinella sirm***. The corrigendum in both paper and electronic forms on this matter also does not exist.

With this regard, we wish to bring this matter to CCEXEC and CAC for consideration to include the aforementioned species to CXS94 as editorial amendment and kindly request the advice from Codex Secretariat on the way forward on this matter.

Hereunder are the relevant Codex meeting reports, for ease of reference:

- https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/sh-proxy/en/?Ink=1&url=https%253A%252F%252Fworkspace.fao.org%252Fsites%252Fcodex%252FMeetings%252FCX-701-13%252Fal79_38e.pdf (CAC13-1979)
- https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/sh-proxy/pt/?Ink=1&url=https%253A%252F%252Fworkspace.fao.org%252Fsites%252Fcodex%252FMeetings%252FCX-722-14%252Fal81_18e.pdf (CCFFP14-1980)

- https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/sh-proxy/en/?lnk=1&url=https%253A%252F%252Fworkspace.fao.org%252Fsites%252Fcodex%252FMeetings%252FCX-701-15%252Fal83_43e.pdf (**CAC15-1983**)
- https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/sh-proxy/pt/?lnk=1&url=https%253A%252F%252Fworkspace.fao.org%252Fsites%252Fcodex%252FMeetings%252FCX-722-16%252Fal85_18e.pdf (**CCFFP16-1984**)
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