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COMMENTS ON DRAFT STANDARDS AND RELATED TEXTS SUBMITTED BY THE 36TH SESSION OF THE CODEX COMMITTEE ON FISH AND FISHERY PRODUCTS

BACKGROUND

1. This document compiles the comments on the inclusion of *Sardinella Lemuru* in the list of sardine species under section 2.1 in the *Standard for Canned Sardines and Sardine-type Products* (CXS 94-1981), as indicated in the relevant Circular Letter ([CL 2024/84-CAC](#)). The comments are those received through the Codex Online Commenting Systems (OCS)¹, or via email by the time this document was issued. The comments are as shown in Appendix I.

EXPLANATORY NOTES ON APPENDICES I AND II

2. The comments received are presented in a table format, with two columns as follows:
 - **First column** – Presents the comments with the rationale.
 - **Second column** – Presents the provider of the comments (name of member or observer)

¹ OCS is an online tool that enables Codex Contact Points to submit comments on draft texts in a standardised way, thus providing more transparency and better management of comments on different Codex texts as requested through Circular Letters. Since its launching at CAC39 (2016), the OCS has been used for different Codex Committees.

**THE INCLUSION OF SARDINELLA LEMURU IN THE LIST OF SARDINE SPECIES UNDER SECTION 2.1
IN THE STANDARD FOR CANNED SARDINES AND SARDINE-TYPE PRODUCTS (CXS 94-1981)**

COMMENTS IN REPLY TO CL 2024-84-CAC

Comments by Burundi, Ecuador, Indonesia, Iraq, Peru, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Thailand and USA

COMMENT	MEMBER / OBSERVER
Burundi support the adoption of the amended standard with the inclusion of <i>Sardinella lemuru</i>	Burundi
Ecuador agradece el trabajo realizado y señala que, después de haber analizado los documentos sobre la propuesta de inclusión de <i>Sardinella lemuru</i> en la lista de especies de sardinas Sección 2.2 de la Norma para sardinas y productos análogos en conservas (CX94-1981), no se han identificado observaciones o comentarios al documento.	Ecuador
Indonesia supports the adoption of the amendments to the product definition (Section 2.1) of the Standard for Canned Sardines and Sardine-type Products (CXS 94-1981)	Indonesia
Agree with amendment	Iraq
<p>El Perú agradece al Comité del Codex sobre Comité del Codex sobre Pescado y Productos Pesqueros (CCFFP), presidido por Noruega, por el esfuerzo emprendido a la fecha y que se encuentran plasmados en la propuesta de enmienda anexo en el documento CX/FFP 24/36/3 Add.1 de la 36.a Reunión del Comité del Codex sobre Pescado y Productos Pesqueros (CCFFP), y en atención y respuesta al documento Carta Circular CL 2024/69-FFP (de Julio 2024) los miembros de la Comisión Técnica Nacional sobre Pescado y Productos Pesqueros, refieren que, se ha identificado la inclusión de la especie de sardina lemuru en el grupo de especies que pueden ser usados para preparar conservas entre otros productos análogos.</p> <p>De acuerdo a ello, es meritorio precisar que, para la inclusión de dicha especie, el país proponente "Filipinas" ha seguido los pasos que corresponden de acuerdo a lo descrito en las normas del Codex para el pescado y los productos pesqueros del Manual de Procedimiento; seguidamente, en base a los resultados obtenidos durante su evaluación, el Codex Internacional advierte que dicho país cumple con lo señalado en el citado manual, por ende, puede incluirse dicha especie en la NORMA PARA LAS SARDINAS Y PRODUCTOS ANÁLOGOS EN CONSERVA" - CXS 94-1981.</p> <p>Ante lo expuesto, la Autoridad Sanitaria en el marco de su competencia y el ámbito de sus funciones, además, de las coordinaciones realizadas en su momento con el grupo de trabajo formado con instituciones públicas y privadas del sector pesquero y acuícola, da su conformidad con respecto a la propuesta de enmienda a la norma para las sardinas y productos análogos en conserva (CXS 94-1981).</p>	Peru

<p>General Comments:</p> <p>The Philippines appreciates the efforts of the Codex Committee on Fish and Fishery Products (CCFFP) for the review and evaluation of the inclusion of <i>Sardinella lemuru</i> in the Standard for canned sardines and sardine-type products (CXS 94-1981).</p> <p>The Philippines supports the inclusion of <i>Sardinella lemuru</i> in the list of sardine species under Section 2.1 in CXS 94-1981. This addition will help recognize a wider variety of sardine species that are of both economic and dietary importance, particularly in the Southeast Asian region. The Philippine sardine industry recognizes the potential benefits this inclusion will bring to regional and international trade by promoting a wider variety of acceptable sardine species.</p> <p>Additionally, the Philippines supports the proposed amendments to scientific names in Section 2.1 of CXS 94-1981:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Sardinops neopilchardus</i> and <i>Sardinops caeruleus</i> replaced by <i>Sardinops sagax</i>; • <i>Clupea bentincki</i> replaced by <i>Strangomera bentincki</i>; and • <i>Etrumeus teres</i> replaced by <i>Etrumeus sadina</i>. <p>The Philippines also endorses the inclusion of <i>Sardinella fimbriata</i> and <i>Amblygaster sirm</i>, aligning with the latest scientific classifications and nomenclature to ensure accuracy and relevance.</p> <p>Specific Comments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Philippines supports the adoption of <i>Sardinella lemuru</i> as an additional sardine species, recognizing that this inclusion will enhance market access, support the livelihoods of local fishers, and contribute to comprehensive food standards that ensure global food safety and quality. 2. The Philippines supports the amendments to update sardine species names in the standard, as these revisions align with modern scientific classifications, ensuring consistency and clarity in species identification across global markets. 3. The Philippines endorses the inclusion of <i>Sardinella fimbriata</i> and <i>Amblygaster sirm</i> under CXS 94-1981. The addition of these species broadens the range of sardine varieties available for trade and supporting greater diversity of sardine products in the market. 	<p>Philippines</p>
<p>2.1 Product Definition: Saudi Arabia support the adoption with the proposed amendment to include <i>Sardinella lemuru</i> in the Standard.</p>	<p>Saudi Arabia</p>
<p>Thailand does not object the inclusion of <i>Sardinella lemuru</i> in the list of sardine species under Section 2.1 in the Standard for canned sardines and sardine-type products (CXS 94-1981).</p>	<p>Thailand</p>

<p>The United States appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the inclusion of <i>Sardinella lemuru</i> in the list of sardine species under Section 2.1 in the Standard for canned sardines and sardine-type products (CXS 94-1981). The United States supports inclusion of <i>Sardinella lemuru</i> in the list of sardine species under Section 2.1 in the Standard.</p> <p>The United States believes the amended standard is ready for final adoption with the following updates in Section 2.1: (1) addition of <i>Sardinella lemuru</i>, (2) amendment of four scientific names as described in paragraph 2 of CL 2024/84, and (3) inclusion of two species, <i>Sardinella fimbriata</i> and <i>Amblygaster sirm</i>, as described in paragraph 3 of CL 2024/84.</p>	USA
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