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**Agenda Item 5**

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### COMMENTS OF MALAYSIA

#### AGENDA ITEM 5

**CX/CAC 25/48/10**

#### **The conversion of the Regional standard for laver products (Asia) (CXS 323R-2017) into an international standard**

Malaysia supports the approval of new work proposal submitted by CCASIA on the conversion of the Regional Standard for Laver Products (CXS 323R-2017) into an international standard.

We agree that the scope of the work should focus on products that data already provided to justify the need for an international standard.

Proposal on expansion of the scope to consider other seaweed species and product varieties, should be guided by the *Criteria for the Establishment of Work Priorities: Criteria Applicable to Commodities*, on the availability of data related to volume of production and consumption of seaweed in individual countries and volume and pattern of trade between countries.

As for which Committee to undertake the new work, Malaysia supports the CCEXEC89 recommendation for the work be deliberated under CCFFP. In this regard, we have no objection regarding amendments to the CCFFP's Terms of Reference (TORs) to include 'seaweed and other algae', to accommodate this new work.

#### **Proposal on the development of principles for the risk analysis of new food sources and production systems (NFPS)**

Malaysia thanks the EU for preparing the new work proposal. Malaysia is of the view that Codex Members would benefit from Codex providing timely horizontal guidance to Members on food safety aspects of the food derived from new technologies or new food sources and production systems (NFPS), such as principles for the risk analysis of NFPS, as proposed.

From previous discussion in CAC, it was noted that NFPS covers wide range of products including the different status in Codex member countries i.e what is novel in a region may not necessarily be the case in other regions. As such, the definition of NFPS could be considered first, should be agreed upon by Members to ensure a common understanding among Members. The scope of this work should remain within the Codex mandate, with a primary focus on food safety and fair practices in food trade.

Recognising the importance of holistic approach in Codex on considering NFPS agenda to guide members and observer in keeping pace with rapid technological advancement, the proposal needs to be reviewed with clearer defined scope and its development must be based on identified gaps and the needs of Members. Issuance of a CL would enable input from wider Codex membership is fully supported.

Further, the new work proposal should take into consideration, and not delay on-going related discussion that requires immediate attention from Codex food safety purview.