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Appendix 1: Review of Carotenoids and Related Additives

Annex 1: Final EWG Proposals for Beta-Carotenes (beta-carotenes, synthetic (INS 160a(i)), beta-carotenes, Blakeslea trispora (INS 160a(iii)), beta-Carotene-Rich Extract from Dunaliella salina (INS 160a(iv)), formerly called "Carotenoids":

South Africa supports the following ML in the food category 14.1.4, water-based flavoured drinks, including "sport," "energy," or "electrolyte" drinks and particulated drinks expressed as beta-carotene):

- 25 mg/kg for Carotenoids (INS160ai, 160aiii, 160a(iv))

Annex 2: Final EWG Proposals for Beta-apo-8'-carotenal (INS 160e)

South Africa supports the following ML in the food category 14.1.4, water-based flavoured drinks, including "sport," "energy," or "electrolyte" drinks and particulated drinks:

- 10 mg/kg for Apo-carotenal (160e)

Annex 3: Final EWG Proposals for beta-Carotenes, Vegetable (INS 160a(ii))

South Africa supports the following ML in the food category 14.1.4, water-based flavoured drinks, including "sport," "energy," or "electrolyte" drinks and particulated drinks expressed as beta-carotene):

- 25 mg/kg for

Rationale: A common use level of 25 ppm across natural and synthetic forms of β -carotene allows for consistency in appearance of beverage products to the end consumer and provides more sourcing options when faced with supply chain constraints. The proposed maximum permitted levels are thus not justifiable from a technological point of view.

Appendix 2: Replies of Codex Committee on Processed Fruits and Vegetables (CCPFV).

Annex B - provisions in food categories 14.1.2 and 14.1.3 and their subcategories (the use of additives in fruit and vegetable juices and nectars – Topics C, E, and F)

Part 2: Provisions from Topic C that require further discussion: provisions for Xanthan gum (INS 415) in FCs 14.1.2 and 14.1.3 and Tamarind seed polysaccharide (INS 437) in FC 14.1.3

South Africa supports Proposal 2.

Rationale: Note XS247 will ensure that the provisions for Xanthan gum (INS 415) in FCs 14.1.2 and 14.1.3 and Tamarind seed polysaccharide (INS 437) in FC 14.1.3 are adopted while excluding products conforming to CXS 247 -2005.

Appendix 4: Discussion on Adopted, Draft and Proposed Draft Provisions for Sweeteners

South Africa supports the adoption of the provisions for Acesulfame-K, neotame and saccharin at proposed levels in specified beverage categories within the GSFA.