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Comments of IUFOST

Agenda item 3a add.1: MATTERS RELATED TO AZODICARBONAMIDE (INS 927A)

IUFOST would like to thank the Codex Secretariat for preparing the document and offers the following comments:

Based on JECFA's decision to withdraw the ADI for azodicarbonamide (INS 927a), IUFOST supports the deletion of the provision for azodicarbonamide (INS 927a) from the GSFA, which constitutes a consequential procedural action. It is noteworthy that the ADI withdrawal is attributed to the age of the previous evaluation, dating back to 1965, and to the fact that members and observers of Codex did not express interest for a JECFA re-evaluation.

Agenda item 4a: ENDORSEMENT AND/OR REVISION OF MAXIMUM LEVELS FOR FOOD ADDITIVES AND PROCESSING AIDS IN CODEX STANDARDS

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Agenda item 4b: ALIGNMENT OF THE FOOD ADDITIVE PROVISIONS OF COMMODITY STANDARDS: REPORT OF THE EWG ON ALIGNMENT

IUFOST would like to emphasize the importance of the alignment of Codex provisions stemming from Commodity Committees and the General Subject Committees. IUFOST supports every effort to promote such alignment with the referral of food additive provisions (including processing aids) to be included in Commodity Standards to the CCFA for review and endorsement.

As highlighted by the working document, the review of standard texts revealed various inconsistencies and ambiguities. IUFOST supports all efforts aiming to prevent confusion and recommends pursuing this alignment exercise, with the consideration of proposed modifications in the food categories and additive provisions, as well as addressing possible contradictions between existing notes to achieve coherence.

Agenda item 5a: GENERAL STANDARD FOR FOOD ADDITIVES (GSFA): REPORT OF THE ELECTRONIC WORKING GROUP

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Agenda item 5b: GENERAL STANDARD FOR FOOD ADDITIVES (GSFA): PROPOSALS FOR NEW AND/OR REVISION OF FOOD ADDITIVE PROVISIONS

IUFOST thanks all member countries and observers of the Electronic Working Group on the GSFA. IUFOST reaffirms its support to following a systematic approach that considers introduction into the GSFA of eligible food additive applications that fulfil the requirements of a justified technological rationale and a favorable assessment by JECFA.

Agenda item 6: PROPOSED DRAFT REVISION TO THE CLASS NAMES AND THE INTERNATIONAL NUMBERING SYSTEM FOR FOOD ADDITIVES (CXG 36-1989)

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Agenda item 6 add.1: PROPOSED DRAFT REVISION TO THE CLASS NAMES AND THE INTERNATIONAL NUMBERING SYSTEM FOR FOOD ADDITIVES (CXG 36-1989) - COMMENTS AT STEP 3 (REPLIES TO CL 2024/23-FA)

IUFoST would like to thank the Electronic Working Group chaired by Belgium for preparing this document. IUFoST reaffirms its support for all classification decisions that enable to maintain the INS.

Agenda item 7: PROPOSALS FOR ADDITIONS AND CHANGES TO THE PRIORITY LIST OF SUBSTANCES PROPOSED FOR EVALUATION BY JECFA

IUFoST reiterates its appreciation for the significant efforts undertaken by JECFA within the CCFA framework and supports efforts deployed by member countries and observers to maintain the priority list of substances to be considered as food additive applications, based on their relevance for the food production sector and to cope with the developments in food science and technology.

Agenda item 8: DISCUSSION PAPER ON DIVERGENCE BETWEEN THE GENERAL STANDARD FOR FOOD ADDITIVES (GSFA), CODEX COMMODITY STANDARDS AND OTHER TEXTS – IDENTIFICATION OF OUTSTANDING ISSUES

IUFoST would like to thank China, Canada, and the European Union for preparing this discussion paper.

The discussion paper on divergence between the General Standard for Food Additives (GSFA), Codex commodity standards, and other related texts proposes three options to address the outstanding issues in alignment. IUFoST supports the advancement of this work in the Codex procedure.

Agenda item 9: DISCUSSION PAPER ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF A STANDARD FOR BAKER'S YEAST

IUFoST would like to thank China, France, Japan, Türkiye and the Confederation of European Yeast Producers for the efforts deployed in the preparation of this discussion paper.

Yeast is an essential ingredient, widely used in daily food preparation given its beneficial effects in food technology (preparation of bread and its derived products which are highly consumed in several regions worldwide).

The new work proposed for the development of a standard for yeast is needed to harmonize the production approaches, to protect consumer health, and promote fair practices in the international food trade.

IUFoST encourages further discussion during the committee meeting, with the regards to the way the standard ought to be formulated. IUFoST encourages the creation of a working group that will pursue the work of the development of this standard, consistent with CCFA guidelines.