



JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME

CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD ADDITIVES

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

Noting that the Alignment work would not be complete until 2030, the Committee agreed that it was too early to agree on any of the specific options contained in CX/FA24/54/11. Nevertheless, the Committee agreed on the following broad objectives, to:

- Strengthen the GSFA as the single reference for food additives
- Minimise the incorporation of specific food additive provisions in commodity standards as much as possible
- Ensure that the alignment work is completed, with any future specific food additive provisions developed by Commodity/Regional Committees being incorporated into the GSFA.

The Committee agreed to:

1. Consider amendments to the Procedural Manual near the completion of the Alignment work, taking account the Committee's experience with the revised working practices.
2. Establish an WG, chaired by [insert country name] and cochaired by [insert country(s) name] to:
 - a) Develop working practices, including consideration of a guidance document, for the endorsement and incorporation of food additive provisions considered by Regional/Commodity committees in order to ensure that the necessary timely changes are made to the GSFA. These working practices would be in accordance with the Procedural Manual.

The working practices would include information on how Commodity Committees make proposals to the CCFA and how the CCFA will incorporate these into the GSFA.
 - b) Develop an Engagement Plan. The Engagement Plan would include how the CCFA interacts with the Commodity/ Regional Committees.

An example of possible future working practices is at Annex 1.

Annex 1. Possible Flowchart

