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Agenda Item 6

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## JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME

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*Comments by Syrian Arab Republic*

#### **AGENDA ITEM 6: TECHNOLOGICAL JUSTIFICATION FOR SEVERAL FOOD ADDITIVES**

Syrian Arab Republic would like to thank Committees of CCFSDU43 for their efforts. Syria would like to highlight the comments on agenda item 6.

In Infants formula and young children's standards, additional attention must be taken to adhere to the principle that food additives should only be used when essential and then at the lowest feasible quantities. For that Syria request to set maximum limit of use for the proposed additives and not under GMP principles considering the insufficient safety assessment in this age group.

The inadequacy of studies on Phosphate high levels safety for older infant and young children forces a detailed examination of the research that is already available, the effects of using phosphate at GMP levels in formula will increase phosphate in the formula and consequently increased blood phosphate level in infants, which may have a negative impact on them.

Syria encourages setting a deadline, such as five years from the date of approval, for examining any immediate or long-term adverse consequences that may result from the usage of these new additives in infant formula.

Syria support to extend assessment to the Technical Justification of Additives Already Permitted in Baby Formula and Formulas for Special Medical Purposes (CXS 72-1981).

Syrian Arab Republic appreciates the opportunity offered to submit this Conference Room Document, and we hope to consider our comments.