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COMMENTS OF RWANDA

Agenda item 1: Adoption of the agenda

Rwanda appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the different agenda items to be discussed by the 45th session of the Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling and Rwanda proposes the adoption of the provisional agenda as given.

Agenda item 2: Matters referred to the Committee by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and other subsidiary bodies

Rwanda takes note of matters of information arising from the 48th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission and the Executive Committee (CCEXEC88 AND CCEXEC89) in the document CX/MAS 26/45/2, especially on standards and related texts adopted by the Commission and the development of a standard for pasteurized liquid camel milk as per paragraph 4.

Moreover, Rwanda takes note of the matters arising from other subsidiary bodies, such as those from 8th session of the Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs (CCSCH8), on paragraph 22 regarding the method for pungency, Scoville heat units in dried chilli and paprika, CCSCH8 agreed that ASTA 21.3 was preferred over the method ISO 3513. Accordingly, CCSCH8 recommended that CCMAS revoke ISO 3513 and replace it with ASTA 21.3 as a Type I method. However, the ASTA 21.3 is not publicly available.

Rwanda also takes note of the matter in paragraph 23: CCSCH8 recommended that CCMAS endorse ISO 927 as a Type I method for the determination of visible mould in cloves instead of Method V-8 Spices, Condiments, Flavors and Crude Drugs (Macroanalytical Procedure Manual, FDA Technical Bulletin Number 5).

Agenda item 3: Endorsement of methods of analysis provisions and sampling plans in Codex standards

Rwanda takes note of the endorsement of methods of analysis in the following spices and culinary herbs standards

- Standard for spices in the form of dried fruits and berries, requirements for vanilla
- Standard for spices in the form of dried fruits and berries, requirements for large cardamom
- Standard for spices in the form of dried seeds, requirements for coriander

Agenda item 3.1: Methods of analysis and sampling submitted by Codex subsidiary bodies

Rwanda notes of the endorsement of the methods of analysis of different provisions in Appendix V, Part B.2 (Methods of analysis in draft spices and culinary herbs standards submitted by CCSCH8)

Agenda item 4.1: Review of methods of analysis in commodity standards (fish and fishery products, fats and oils, cereals, pulses and legumes and derived products)

Paragraph 9-12

General comment: Rwanda appreciates the work done by the Electronic Working Group (EWG) led by Canada and takes note of the results of the EWG consultation

Paragraph 17

Technical Comment: Rwanda takes the option of methods of analysis to be presented for each individual commodity

Rationale: The chosen option will facilitate the users of the database in retrieving the required information and this will reduce misinterpretation.

Appendix I

General comment: Rwanda takes note of the endorsement of the amendments including revocations to CXS 234-1999 and related commodity standards as recommended in Appendix I (Fish and Fishery Products, Fats and oils, and Cereals, Pulses, Legumes and Derived Products)

Appendix II

General comment: Rwanda also takes note of the methods recommended to be retained in CXS 234-1999 with no amendments needed

Agenda item 5.3: Sugars and honey workable packageAppendix I of CX/MAS 26/45/8

Technical comment: Rwanda appreciates the work done by the Electronic Working Group chaired by Uruguay on the review of methods of analysis in CXS 234: Honey & Sugar Workable Package.

Rwanda agrees to endorse the recommendations of the EWG to retain, include, amend and/or revoke the methods in CXS 234-199 for different provisions on the commodities of sugars and honey.

Rationale: By aligning the methods of analysis in national standards with the codex methods will strengthen mutual food control systems with other countries and will reduce technical barriers to trade and quality disputes for the concerned commodities

Agenda item 6: Methods of analysis for precautionary allergen labellingAppendix I and II

Technical comment: Rwanda appreciates the Electronic Working Group led by the United States of America and the United Kingdom.

Rwanda supports to forward to CCFL the draft response in appendix I as well as the tables 1 on Methods of analysis in support of precautionary allergen labeling with published, multi-laboratory validation studies or performance tested methods and Table 2 on Methods of analysis currently available in support of precautionary allergen labeling but lacking multi-laboratory validation studies.

Rationale: The forwarded methods will ensure that PAL is based on scientific evidence and this will ensure consumer protection by reducing the issue of misleading and inconsistent allergen declarations

Agenda item 7.1: Review of sampling plans in CXS 234-1999Paragraph 13i

Technical comment: Rwanda would like to appreciate the Electronic Working Group led by New Zealand and co-chaired by Germany.

Rwanda prefers option 1 of including information on sampling plans in CXS 234-1999.

Rationale: In order to facilitate the interpretation of the standards by the users it is best to have the test method and sampling information in a single document.

Agenda item 7.2: Sampling plans for bulk materials/heterogenous lots including mycotoxins

Rwanda appreciates the work done by the Electronic Working Group led by New Zealand and co-chaired by Germany.

Agenda item 8: Harmonization of names and format for principles identified in CXS 234

General comment: Rwanda appreciates the work done by the Electronic Working Group led by Brazil and Chile

Section 2 Definitions and Appendix I

Technical comment: Rwanda agrees with the proposed Wording: Replace 'ashing' with 'incineration', Rwanda also agrees with the new proposed wording for "Chromatography" and "Potentiometry"

Moreover, Rwanda recommends to provide the references for the other new proposed wording of different definitions

Rationale: For consistency purpose

Agenda item 10: Other business and future work

Rwanda has no proposed future work nor any other business to be considered by the Committee