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### COMMENTS OF GHANA

#### **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)**

**Position:** Ghana endorses the Appendix I amendments for maize, sorghum, rice, wheat, fish, fats and oils. However, Ghana suggests that CCMAS45 include peanuts in a formal new workplan for method development and invites SDOs to propose methods for CXS 200-1995 provisions at the next session.

Ghana notes that Appendix II methods (ISO 10539, AOAC 2001.11, ICC maize methods) require no amendment and are consistent with good laboratory practice.

#### **Agenda item 5.3: Sugars and honey workable package**

**Position:** Ghana endorses the recommendations of the EWG on methods contained in Appendix I, considering the specific comments in Appendix III.

Ghana supports the re-establishment of the EWG to consider the items for further consideration described in paragraph 18 and Appendix II.

#### **Rationale:**

- i. Facilitate the establishment of a procedure reference for the filtration removal of anticaking agents in CXS 234-1999.
- ii. To provide clarity on the correlation between the ICUMSA GS, regulations and Codex commodities.
- iii. Help to identify the applicable methods to a listed Codex commodity and provision combination.

#### **Agenda item 6: Methods of analysis for precautionary allergen labelling**

**Position:** Ghana supports the recommendation from the EWG and encourages CCFL to consider the limitations in Tables 1 and 2.

**Rationale:** To help create awareness among trading partners and users of the methods.

#### **Agenda item 7.1: Review of sampling plans in CXS 234-1999**

**Position:** Ghana supports Option 1:

Inclusion of all sampling plan information in CXS 234-1999 through a structured, searchable database.

**Rationale:** To promote global harmonisation, improve clarity and usability of Codex sampling plans and align sampling and analytical methods. Also, to facilitate enforcement at borders and reduce trade disputes.

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

**Position:** Ghana supports the recommendations I and II.

#### **Rationale:**

The current Codex sampling guidelines (CXG 50-2004) focus on homogeneous lots.

Future work will also help to evaluate:

- i. Existing data sets to derive a statistical characterisation of real-life lot inhomogeneity.

- ii. Risks associated with current plans for mycotoxins (in particular, the plans provided in CXS 193).

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

**Position:** Ghana endorses the harmonisation of descriptions of analytical techniques based on the definitions of the main analytical techniques.

**Rationale:**

- i. To provide clarity for laboratories.
- ii. Prevent unnecessary expansion.
- iii. For consistency and alignment with international practice.