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Eighth Session
MATTERS ARISING FROM OTHER SUBSIDIARY BODIES

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Responses to the matters referred by the Codex Committee on Food Additives (CCFA) 43- CX/SCH 25/8/2

Referred Standard	Issue raised	Reply
CXS 343-2021	Consideration of a group food additive "SULFITES" in CXS 343-2021	CCSCH8 clarifies that since, the Spices industries generally uses INS 220 (Sulfur dioxide) as a bleaching agent under the listed functional classes, in the standard for dried or dehydrated Ginger (CXS 343-2021).
CXS 192-1995	GSFA Table 3 related questions	CCSCH8 recommends to retain table-3 additives for spices and culinary herbs, as a lot of spices and culinary herbs standards are still required to be developed by this committee (CCSCH) and table-3 additives other than anticaking agents may be required to be used in those standards. In addition, there are non-standardised foods in which table-3 additives are required to be used by the industries manufacturing these products.
	Revisions to the general reference to the GSFA in the template for spice and culinary herb (SCH) Standards	CCSCH8 recommends that, spices should continue to be excluded from the annex to table-3).
CXS 192-1995	Revision to the "References to Commodity Standards for GSFA Table 3 Additives" of the GSFA	CCSCH8 recommends that, spices should continue to be excluded from the annex to table-3). Therefore, the listing of spices standards should not be removed from the "References to Commodity Standards for GSFA Table 3 Additives" of the GSFA."
	Clarification regarding non-standardized spice products	CCSCH8 recommends to retain table-3 additives for spices and culinary herbs, as a lot of spices and culinary herbs standards are still required to be developed by this committee (CCSCH) and table-3 additives other than anticaking agents may be required to be used in those standards. In addition, there are non-standardised foods in which table-3 additives are required to be used by the industries manufacturing these products. Further CCSCH8 clarifies that, Spices pastes do not fall under the purview of this committee.