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**Agenda Item 4.1**

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**JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME  
CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION  
Forty-sixth Session**

**COMMENTS ON DRAFT STANDARDS AND RELATED TEXTS SUBMITTED  
BY THE 22ND SESSION OF FAO/WHO COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR ASIA<sup>1</sup>**

**BACKGROUND**

1. This document compiles the comments on the draft standards submitted at Step 5 or Step 5/8 of the Procedure. The comments are those received through the Codex Online Commenting Systems (OCS), or via email by the time this document was issued. The comments are as shown in Appendices I, II and III.
2. OCS is an online tool that enables Codex Contact Points to submit comments on draft texts in a standardised way, thus providing more transparency and better management of comments on different Codex texts as requested through Circular Letters. Since its launching at CAC39 (2016), the OCS has been used for different Codex Committees.

**EXPLANATORY NOTES ON APPENDICES I, II and III.**

3. The comments received are presented in a table format, with two columns as follows:
  - **First column** – Presents the comments with the rationale.
  - **Second column** – Presents the provider of the comments (name of Member or Observer)

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<sup>1</sup> This document compiles comments submitted through OCS, or via email by the time this document was issued, in reply to CL 2023/51/OCS-ASIA, CL 2023/52/OCS- ASIA and CL 2023/53/OCS-ASIA

## Appendix I

**COMMENTS IN REPLY TO CL 2023/51/OCS-ASIA - REQUEST FOR COMMENTS AT STEP 5/8  
ON THE PROPOSED DRAFT REGIONAL STANDARD FOR SOYBEAN PRODUCTS FERMENTED WITH  
BACILLUS SPECIES**

*Comments of Egypt, Indonesia, Iraq, Sierra Leone, Thailand, and American Herbal Products Association*

<b>COMMENT</b>	<b>MEMBER / OBSERVER</b>
Egypt appreciates the work which done in the proposed draft & agrees on it	<b>Egypt</b>
Indonesia supports the adoption of the proposed draft regional standard for soybean products fermented with <i>Bacillus</i> species at Step 5/8 at the next session of CAC	<b>Indonesia</b>
Iraq supports the adoption of the proposed draft regional standard for soybean products fermented with <i>Bacillus</i> species at Step 5/8 at the next session of CAC	<b>Iraq</b>
Sierra Leone approves the document for ratification.	<b>Sierra Leone</b>
Thailand agrees the adoption of the proposed regional standards for soybean products fermented with <i>Bacillus</i> species at step 5/8 and has no further comment	<b>Thailand</b>
AHPA has no comments or revisions on this matter.	<b>American Herbal Products Association</b>

## Appendix II

**COMMENTS IN REPLY TO CL 2023/52/OCS-ASIA - REQUEST FOR COMMENTS AT STEP 5/8  
ON THE PROPOSED DRAFT REGIONAL STANDARD FOR COOKED RICE WRAPPED IN PLANT  
LEAVES**

*Comments of Egypt, Indonesia, Iraq, Sierra Leone, and Thailand.*

<b>COMMENT</b>	<b>MEMBER / OBSERVER</b>
Egypt appreciates the work which done in the proposed draft & agrees on it.	<b>Egypt</b>
Indonesia supports the adoption of the proposed draft regional standard for cooked rice wrapped in plant leaves at Step 5/8 at the next session of CAC	<b>Indonesia</b>
Iraq supports the adoption of the proposed draft regional standard for cooked rice wrapped in plant leaves at Step 5/8 at the next session of CAC	<b>Iraq</b>
Sierra Leone suggests the inclusion of the rice variety/type under 8. LABELING and under 3.2.3. Defects and Allowances, Sierra Leone recommends that the product should not have any foreign smell.	<b>Sierra Leone</b>
Thailand agrees the adoption of the proposed regional standards for cooked rice wrapped in plant leaves at step 5/8 and has no further comment.	<b>Thailand</b>

**COMMENTS IN REPLY TO CL 2023/53/OCS-ASIA - REQUEST FOR COMMENTS AT STEP 5  
ON THE PROPOSED DRAFT REGIONAL STANDARD FOR QUICK FROZEN DUMPLING**

*Comments of Egypt, Ethiopia, Iraq, Republic of Korea, and Thailand*

<b>COMMENT</b>	<b>MEMBER / OBSERVER</b>
Egypt appreciates the work which done in the proposed draft & agrees on it	<b>Egypt</b>
It is so excellent	<b>Ethiopia</b>
Iraq agrees on the proposed draft regional standard for quick frozen dumpling at step 5	<b>Iraq</b>
<p>Republic of Korea's comments for CL 2023/53/OCS-ASIA:</p> <p>2.1. Product Definition</p> <p>Republic of Korea believes that 'rolled' means pushing, which causes limitations in the dumpling skin manufacturing process. Therefore, Republic of Korea suggests to delete the word 'rolled' from the sentence.</p> <p>Republic of Korea suggests to change the section 2.1 product definition as follows.</p> <p>2.1. Product Definition</p> <p>Quick frozen dumpling is the product prepared from dough made from flour with fillings of one or more ingredients, e.g., meat, poultry, eggs, aquatic products, fruits and vegetables, nuts, and their derived products. The filling should be wrapped into a piece of dough and may or may not be cooked before being quickly frozen.</p> <p>4. Food additives</p> <p>1. It is required to be explained the technical justification of emulsifier in dipotassium hydrogen phosphate (INS 340(ii)). This additive is permitted for use in a dumpling and a dumpling skin as "acidity regulator, thickener or fortifying nutrient" in Republic of Korea.</p> <p>For more, following the CODEX STAN 192-1995(General Standard for Food Additives), this additive (INS# 340(ii)) is permitted for use in FC 07.1.5 as a flour treatment agent, raising agent or leavening agent only.</p> <p>2. In Republic of Korea, 'INS# 160c(ii) Paprika extract' is permitted for use in a dumpling and a dumpling skin in accordance with GMP.</p> <p>3. Republic of Korea suggests to add the following food additives in a dumpling and a dumpling skin in accordance with GMP.</p> <p>INS, Name of Food additives, Maximum level(mg/kg),</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- INS# 451(i), Sodium polyphosphate, GMP (Acidity regulator, Raising agent)</li> <li>- INS# 450(iii), Sodium pyrophosphate, GMP (Acidity regulator, Raising agent)</li> <li>- INS# 452(i), Sodium metaphosphate, GMP (Acidity regulator, Raising agent)</li> <li>- INS# 401, Sodium Alginate, GMP (Thickener, Stabilizer)</li> <li>- INS# 461, Methylcellulose, GMP (Thickener, Stabilizer)</li> <li>- INS# 464, Hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose, GMP (Thickener, Stabilizer)</li> <li>- INS# 1404, Oxidized Starch, GMP (Thickener, Stabilizer, Emulsifier)</li> <li>- INS# 1451, Acetylated oxidized starch, GMP (Thickener, Stabilizer, Emulsifier)</li> <li>- INS# 1422, Acetylated Distarch Adipate, GMP (Thickener, Stabilizer, Emulsifier)</li> <li>- INS# 1414, Acetylated Distarch Phosphate, GMP (Thickener, Stabilizer, Emulsifier)</li> <li>- INS# 1450, Starch Sodium Octenyl Succinate, GMP (Thickener, Stabilizer, Emulsifier)</li> <li>- INS# 1412, Distarch Phosphate, GMP (Thickener, Stabilizer, Emulsifier)</li> <li>- INS# 1410, Monostarch Phosphate, GMP (Thickener, Stabilizer, Emulsifier)</li> <li>- INS# 1413, Phosphated Distarch Phosphate, GMP (Thickener, Stabilizer, Emulsifier)</li> <li>- INS# 1420, Starch Acetate, GMP (Thickener, Stabilizer, Emulsifier)</li> <li>- INS# 1442, Hydroxypropyl Distarch Phosphate, GMP (Thickener, Stabilizer, Emulsifier)</li> <li>- INS# 1440, Hydroxypropyl Starch, GMP (Thickener, Stabilizer, Emulsifier)</li> </ul>	<b>Republic of Korea</b>

Thailand agrees on the proposed draft regional standard for quick frozen dumpling at step 5 and has no further comment.	<b>Thailand</b>
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