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JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME

CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD ADDITIVES

Fifty-Fourth Session

Comments of Nigeria

Agenda item 3a: MATTERS OF INTEREST ARISING FROM FAO/WHO AND FROM THE 96TH AND 97TH MEETINGS OF THE JOINT FAO/WHO EXPERT COMMITTEE ON FOOD ADDITIVES (JECFA) RESPECTIVELY

- I. Nigeria appreciates and supports the JECFA reaffirmation of the ADI of 0-40mg/kg body weight for Aspartame.

Rationale

JECFA has adequately evaluated the safe use of the recommended quantity for Aspartame.

- II. Nigeria supports the reaffirmed established ADI "NOT SPECIFIED" for Titanium Dioxide (TiO₂)

Rationale

JECFA adequately conducted evaluations based on available scientific data.

Agenda item 3b: PROPOSED DRAFT SPECIFICATIONS FOR IDENTITY AND PURITY OF FOOD ADDITIVES ARISING FROM THE 96TH AND 97TH JECFA MEETINGS RESPECTIVELY

Nigeria supports the adoption of the listed specifications designated as "Full" food additives in Annex 1.

Rationale

The listed specifications have been fully evaluated by JECFA using available data.

Agenda item 4a: ENDORSEMENT AND/OR REVISION OF MAXIMUM LEVELS FOR FOOD ADDITIVES AND PROCESSING AIDS IN CODEX STANDARDS

Nigeria supports the endorsement of food additives and processing aids provision of CODEX standard as listed in Annex 1.

Rationale

The text aligns with the provisions of food additives including processing aids in the CODEX procedural manual as CCSC has provided the technological function of the food additives.

Agenda item 4b: ALIGNMENT OF THE FOOD ADDITIVE PROVISIONS OF COMMODITY STANDARDS: REPORT OF THE EWG ON ALIGNMENT

Nigeria appreciates the work done by the EWG and supports the adoption of the alignment of the commodity standards as presented including the change to Tables 1, 2, & 3.

Rationale

Products in both standards are rightly represented in the GFSA.

Agenda item 5a: GENERAL STANDARD FOR FOOD ADDITIVES (GSFA): REPORT OF THE ELECTRONIC WORKING GROUP

- I. Nigeria supports the EWG proposal under each food categories.

Rationale

No food safety concerns.

- II. Nigeria adopts the use of Steviol glycoside at 165mg/kg body weight in FC 7.1 and its subcategories.

Rationale

There are no food safety concerns.

- III. Nigeria supports the proposal of the EWG and the recommendations in **CX/FA 24/54/7** Appendix 2

Rationale

Proposed draft and recommended use of notes are consistent with the GSFA (Notes: 39, 8, 185, replace note 161).

- IV. Nigeria supports the proposal of the EWG Chair in CX/FA 24/54/7 Appendix 3.

Rationale

Technological function should be provided on a case-to-case basis.

- V. Nigeria supports the proposal and recommendation of the EWG to include those provisions in the GSFA at step 2 and to circulate these provisions for comments and presented in **CX/FA 24/54/7** Appendix 4 and revision of food additives.

Rationale

Proposal for the new provisions should be consistent and included in the GSFA.

- VI. Nigeria adopts existing Propylene Glycol provisions in sub-categories **CX/FA 24/54/7** Appendix 5.

Agenda item 6: PROPOSED DRAFT REVISION TO THE CLASS NAMES AND THE INTERNATIONAL NUMBERING SYSTEM FOR FOOD ADDITIVES (CXG 36-1989)

- I. Nigeria supports the inclusion of the food additives INS list as per the recommendation of the EWG on the document **CL/FA 24/54/9**.

Rationale

Members provided evidence in response to the document **CX 23/45/FA**.

- II. Nigeria does not support the inclusion of Phycocyanin in INS list.

Rationale

Official name of the additive is not known, and it is not approved in the country of proposal.