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Alignment of Codex texts developed by CCFH with the revised *General principles of food hygiene* (CXC 1-1969)

(Comments of India, Russian Federation, United Republic of Tanzania (URT))

India

India appreciates and supports the work done by chair and co-chairs of the EWG on alignment of Codex texts developed by CCFH with the revised General principles of food hygiene (CXC 1-1969)

It is understood that the alignment approach is based on the decision taken during CCFH54, and it seems appropriate as the current approach will ensure the introduction of various relevant sections such as HACCP that were missing in the previous version of many hygiene-related Codex texts.

In the Guidelines on the Application of General Principles of Food Hygiene to the Control of Foodborne Parasites (CXG 88-2016) following India proposes following changes:

1. Paragraph numbering from 8.1 to 8.4 [8.1]/[A] to [8.4.4]/[D.4].

Mode of 8.1, 8.1.1 is preferred rather than A.1, A.2 as the initial method is more aligned with the format of CXC 1-1969.

2. 10.4 [Instruction and supervision]/[Refresher training]

Heading "Refresher training" is preferred as 'Instruction and supervision' is covered in section 10.3.

Russian Federation

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The Russian Federation supports the overall goal of harmonization and the structure of the alignment.

At the same time, we have a number of proposals regarding the text:

- in Appendix 1 "Draft Aligned Guidelines for the Control of *Taenia Saginata* in Meat of Domestic Cattle (CXG 85-2014)" in section 14 "Product information and consumers awareness", paragraph 1 "Best practice in the control of *T. saginata* in the meat of domestic cattle should be communicated to all stakeholders in cattle production" shall be supplemented with the phrase "approved by the competent authorities".

- in Appendix 2 "Draft Aligned Guidelines for the Control of *Trichinella* Spp. in Meat of Suidae (CXG 86-2015)" in section 13.1 "Description of products and processes", where a reference is made to paragraph 13.1 of the "General Principles of Food Hygiene (CXC-1969)", subparagraph 13.1.1 "Monitoring and corrective actions" is partially duplicated by the same subsection 13.1.4 of CXC-1969, which causes confusion that needs to be eliminated.

- in Appendix 3 "Draft Aligned Guidelines on the Application of General Principles of Food Hygiene to the Control of Foodborne Parasites (CXG 88-2016)", in section [8.3.2]/[C.2] "Hygienic production", in paragraph 6 the last sentence shall be stated as follows: "It is particularly important to inactivate parasites in feed made from raw fish if they will not be subsequently frozen and the fish containing them may be consumed raw or undercooked." In subsection 13.2.2.4 "Irradiation", the first sentence of the said subsection shall be stated as follows: "Irradiation is a possible measure for parasite control, provided that these methods have been validated and have received approval from competent authorities for use in the destruction of parasites."

United Republic of Tanzania (URT)

Tanzania position: Tanzania congratulate the EWG and support the alignment.

Rationale: To ensure consistency with other Codex texts