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Comments by Republic of Korea

Agenda Item 4a

Comments:

The Republic of Korea submits following opinions on recommendations 1,8b, and 9.

- **Recommendation 1:** ROK supports the option to delete entire text in the square bracket. Limit mono- and disaccharides other than lactose and restriction of sucrose and fructose is sufficient to limit the sweetness of [name of product] that are not lactose-based. It is our opinion that further restrictions are irrational and unnecessary in the absence of formal verification methods to measure Dextrose Equivalence in the final product.

- **Recommendation 8b:** It is our understanding that packing gas does not belong to food additives. Therefore, it is not appropriate for the packing gas to be included in the provisions dealing with food additives. As suggested in the recommendation 8-b) and 13, it is more adequate for the packing gas to be located in section 7. Packaging.

- **Recommendation 9:** We support option 1 with modification. Rather than insert the entire text from the Section 4 of the Preamble of the GSFA (CXS 192-1995), it is suggested to bring only the contents of **section 4.3 Foods for Which the Carry-over of Food Additives is Unacceptable**.

Section 4. of the GSFA contains general information regarding Carry-Over of Food additives, which is standard commonly used in all other products. It is not specific to products for infants and young children. It seems that there is no need for duplication of general content written in other specifications.

In addition, It is notable that Option 2 (b) of the recommendation 9 conflicts with section 4.3 of the GSFA: I.e. "the food into which the food additive is carried over does not contain the food additive in greater quantity than would be introduced by the use of the raw materials or ingredients under GMP..." is **not** considered **same as** "Carry-over of a food additive from a raw material is unacceptable for foods..." of section 4.3 of GSFA. Therefore, it is necessary for the consistency of codex documents to replace sentences in the standards of infant formulas and processed cereal-based foods for infants and young children with GSFA section 4.3.

Agenda Item 6

Comments: Republic of Korea supports to include sodium in the list of nutrients for the establishment of labelling NRVs.