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### COMMENTS OF MALAYSIA

#### ITEM 9: New Food Sources and Production Systems

Malaysia agrees that existing Codex mechanisms should be fully utilised to consider any new work proposal, and that Codex horizontal standards and some commodity standards are relevant for products under NFPS.

Malaysia also is of the view that there is a need for Codex to review and provide horizontal guidance to Members on food safety aspects of the food derived from new technology including cell culture-based food products and novel fermentation-derived ingredients.

Malaysia has no objection to the establishment of a Task Force or electronic working group, that focuses on unique food safety aspects of NFPS, including but not limited to media used for cultured food and technology used in the processing of NFPS or aspects not currently covered by existing Codex mechanism or committees.

We believe this approach is timely and consistent with the highly sought FAO on-going work related to NFPS, shared by FAO in CRD2. The possibility for new production and processing technologies to introduce conditions that are unique to a particular NFPS which are not currently covered by existing mechanism or work but require close attention from a food safety perspective, should first be addressed by Codex through Task Force or electronic working group if it is agreed to be established.