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COMMENTS OF NIGERIA

ITEM 3: CONSIDERATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE REPORTS OF THE 90TH AND 91ST MEETING OF THE JOINT FAO/WHO EXPERT COMMITTEE ON FOOD ADDITIVES (JECFA)

Nigeria appreciates the work done by the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA) and supports the recommendations of the JECFA90 and JECFA91 reports on the assessment of substances proposed as previous cargoes.

Nigeria however recommends the CCFO at its subsequent request to JECFA, identify more contaminants for safety assessment.

ITEM 4.1: PROPOSED DRAFT AMENDMENT/REVISION TO THE STANDARD FOR NAMED VEGETABLE OILS (CXS 210-1999): INCLUSION OF AVOCADO OIL

Nigeria appreciates and support the approval of the work done by the chair Mexico and the United States of America on Draft Amendment/Revision to The Standard for Named Vegetable Oils (CXS 210-1999): Inclusion of Avocado Oil (Step 6/7).

Nigeria however request that specific reference test methods used for the Gas Chromatography should be indicated on the document.

Rationale

There are different Gas Chromatography methods in use worldwide.

ITEM 4.4: PROPOSED DRAFT AMENDMENT/REVISION TO THE STANDARD FOR NAMED VEGETABLE OILS (CXS 210-1999): INCLUSION OF HIGH OLEIC ACID SOYA BEAN OIL

Nigeria appreciates the work done by the electronic Working Group Chaired by the United States of America in preparing the document on "Proposed Draft Amendment/Revision to the Standard for Named Vegetable Oils (CXS 210- 1999): Inclusion of High Oleic Acid Soya Bean Oil".

Nigeria also supports the advancement of this document to the next step of Codex procedure.

ITEM 5: PROPOSED DRAFT REVISION TO THE STANDARD FOR OLIVE OILS AND OLIVE POMACE OILS (CXS 33-1981): REVISION OF SECTIONS 3, 8 AND APPENDIX

Nigeria appreciates and supports the work done the electronic Working chaired by Spain and co-chaired by Argentina on **PROPOSED DRAFT REVISION OF THE STANDARD FOR OLIVE OILS AND OLIVE POMACE OILS (CXS 33-1981) – REVISION OF SECTIONS 3, 8 AND APPENDIX**. However, the draft does not consider variability of the oils or address oils from other regions especially from African region.

ITEM 6: PROPOSED DRAFT AMENDMENT/REVISION OF THE STANDARD FOR FISH OILS (CXS 329-2017): INCLUSION OF CALANUS OIL

Nigeria appreciates and supports the work done the electronic Working Group chaired by Norway on Proposed Draft Amendment/Revision to The Standard for Fish Oils (CXS 329-2017): Inclusion of Calanus Oil.

Nigeria supports the advancement of the Codex work project to next Codex step of procedure.

ITEM 7: REVIEW OF THE LIST OF ACCEPTABLE PREVIOUS CARGOES (APPENDIX II TO CXC 36-1987)

Nigeria thanks Malaysia for chairing the electronic Working Group on the Review of the List of Acceptable Previous Cargoes (CXC 36-1987, Appendix 2).

ITEM 8.1: DISCUSSION PAPER ON POSSIBLE WORK THAT CCFO COULD UNDERTAKE TO REDUCE TFAs OR ELIMINATE PHOs

Nigeria appreciates and supports the work done on preparation of Discussion Paper on possible work that CCFO could undertake to reduce Trans-Fatty Acid Intake or Eliminate Partially Hydrogenated Oils.

However, Nigeria recognized that there were no Palm Oil producing countries on the committee that prepared the discussion paper and recommend that Oil Palm producing Countries should be coopted on all further activities.

ITEM 8.2: REPLIES TO CL 2021/96-FO: PROPOSAL FOR NEW WORK ON A STANDARD FOR MICROBIAL OMEGA-3 OILS

Nigeria supports the proposal to commence new work on A Standard for Microbial OMEGA-3 OILS (Prepared by Global Organisation for EPA and DHA omega 3s (GOED)

Rationale

Developing a worldwide standard on Microbial OMEGA-3 Oils will help to protect consumer's health and facilitate fair trade.