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COMMENTS OF UGANDA

Uganda appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the different agenda items to be discussed by the **28th Session of Codex Committee on Fats and Oils (CCFO28), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia 19 - 23 February 2024.**

ITEM 1: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

GENERAL COMMENT

Uganda supports the adoption of the Provisional Agenda items as was circulated.

ITEM 2: MATTERS ARISING FROM THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION AND OTHER SUBSIDIARY BODIES

GENERAL COMMENT

Uganda takes note of the Standards and related texts.

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)

GENERAL COMMENT

Uganda would like to thank the joint FAO/WHO JECFA Secretariats on their work: the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives has addressed issues on previous cargoes and other contaminants

Uganda takes note of the matters of information from the 90th and 91st Meeting of the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA)

Uganda further lauds the reliable information published on the Global Food Consumption Databases and ongoing activities to support countries to generate and to use data for risk analysis purposes, as this will significantly reduce costs of research in developing countries.

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

GENERAL COMMENT

Uganda would like to appreciate the Electronic Working Group chaired by Mexico and co-chaired by the United States of America for their good work. We support the position of the EWG chair and co-chair that requests CCFO28, to consider advancing as currently drafted, the draft provision for Avocado oil for inclusion in the Codex Standard for Named Vegetable Oils (CXS 210-1999) as presented in CX/FO 24/28/4.

Justification

Provides opportunity to regulate avocado oil, contribute to the safety, quality and fairness of international food trade by protecting consumer health and removing barriers to trade.

ITEM 4.2: PROPOSED DRAFT AMENDMENT/REVISION TO THE STANDARD FOR NAMED VEGETABLE OILS (CXS 210-1999): INCLUSION OF CAMELLIA SEED OIL**GENERAL COMMENT**

Uganda would like to appreciate the Electronic Working Group chaired by China for their good work. We support the position of the EWG that CCFO28 to consider the proposed amendments/revisions to the Standard for Named Vegetable Oils (CXS 210-1999) to include the provisions for Camellia seed oil as presented in CX/FO 24/28/5.

Justification

Provides opportunity to regulate Camellia seed oil, contribute to the safety, quality and fairness of international food trade by protecting consumer health and removing barriers to trade

ITEM 4.3: PROPOSED DRAFT AMENDMENT/REVISION TO THE STANDARD FOR NAMED VEGETABLE OILS (CXS 210-1999): INCLUSION OF SACHA INCHI OIL**GENERAL COMMENT**

Uganda would like to appreciate the Electronic Working Group chaired by Peru for their good work. We support the position of the EWG that CCFO28 to consider at Step 3 of the draft amendment/revision of the Standard for Named Vegetable Oils (CXS 210-1999) to include Sacha inchi oil as specified in CX/FO 24/28/6.

Justification

Provides opportunity to regulate Sacha inchi oil, contribute to the safety, quality and fairness of international food trade by protecting consumer health and removing barriers to trade

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**GENERAL COMMENT**

Uganda would like to appreciate the Electronic Working Group chaired by the United States of America for their good work. We support the position of the EWG that CCFO28 advances the amendment/revision to the Standard for Named Vegetable Oils (CXS 210-1999) to include high oleic acid soya bean oil proposed in CX/FO 24/28/7.

Justification

Provides opportunity to regulate high oleic acid soya bean oil, contribute to the safety, quality and fairness of international food trade by protecting consumer health and removing barriers to trade

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

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

Uganda would like to appreciate the Electronic Working Group chaired by Norway for their good work. We support the position of the EWG that CCFO28 considers the proposed amendments/revisions to the Standard for fish oils (CXS 329-2017) in Appendix I, CX/FO 24/28/9 with a view to advance them in the Step process.

Justification

Provides opportunity to regulate Calanus oil, contribute to the safety, quality and fairness of international food trade by protecting consumer health and removing barriers to trade

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

Uganda would like to appreciate the Electronic Working Group chaired by Malaysia for their good work. We support the work and recommendations of the EWG that CCFO28 considers and adopts the recommendations as per CX/FO 24/28/10.

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

Uganda would like to appreciate the Global Organisation for EPA and DHA omega 3s (GOED) for their good work specifically preparation of the discussion paper. We support the work and its advancement in the step process and that CCFO28 considers the discussion paper.

Justification

Provides opportunity to regulate Microbial Omega-3 Oils as a food, contribute to the safety, quality and fairness of international food trade by protecting consumer health and removing barriers to trade