



**JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME  
CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD ADDITIVES**

**Fiftieth Session**

**Xiamen, China, 26-30 March 2018**

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

The session will be held at Wanda Realm North Bay, Xiamen, China  
from Monday 26 March at 9.30 hours to Friday 30 March 2018

The meeting of the Working Group on the *General Standard for Food Additives* will be held at the same venue  
from Friday 23 March 2018 at 09.00 hours to Saturday 24 March 2018 at 18.00 hours

Agenda item	Subject matter	Document reference
1	Adoption of the Agenda	CX/FA 18/50/1
2	Matters Referred by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and other subsidiary bodies	CX/FA 18/50/2
3(a)	Matters of Interest arising from FAO/WHO and from the 84 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA)	CX/FA 18/50/3
3(b)	Proposed draft specifications for identity and purity of food additives arising from the 84 <sup>th</sup> JECFA meeting	CX/FA 18/50/4
	- Comments at Step 3	CX/FA 18/50/4 Add.1
4(a)	Endorsement and/or revision of maximum levels for food additives and processing aids in Codex standards	CX/FA 18/50/5
4(b)	Alignment of the food additive provisions of commodity standards: Report of the EWG on Alignment	CX/FA 18/50/6
5(a)	<i>General Standard for Food Additives</i> (GSFA): Report of the EWG on the GSFA	CX/FA 18/50/7
5(b)	<i>General Standard for Food Additives</i> (GSFA): Proposals for new and/or revision of food additive provisions (replies to CL 2017/47-FA)	CX/FA 18/50/8
5(c)	Discussion paper on the use of nitrates (INS 251, 252) and nitrites (INS 249, 250)	CX/FA 18/50/9
5(d)	Discussion paper on the use of the terms “unprocessed” and “plain” in the GSFA	CX/FA 18/50/10
6	Proposed draft revision to the <i>International Numbering System (INS) for Food Additives</i> (CAC/GL 36-1989)	CX/FA 18/50/11
	- Comments at Step 3	CX/FA 18/50/11 Add.1

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Working documents will not be printed and delegates are kindly requested to bring with them to the meeting all documents which have been distributed as no printed copies will be made available at the session.

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7	Proposals for additions and changes to the Priority List of Substances proposed for evaluation by JECFA (replies to CL 2017/48-FA)	CX/FA 18/50/12
8	Discussion paper on "Future Strategies for CCFA"	CX/FA 18/50/13
9	Other Business and Future Work	
10	Date and Place of Next Session	
11	Adoption of the Draft Report	

### **INFORMATION DOCUMENTS**

Information document to the discussion on the GSFA	FA/50 INF/01
Information document on food additive provisions in commodity standards	FA/50 INF/02

### **NOTES ON THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

**Agenda item 4b:** the report of the EWG on Alignment will consider: (i) alignment work on the remaining standards for fish; (ii) revised approach to listing corresponding commodity standards in Table 3 of the GSFA; (iii) alignment of the Standard for Certain Canned Fruits (CODEX STAN 319-2015) (annexes on canned pears and canned pineapples); and (iv) guidance for commodity committees on the alignment of food additive provisions of commodity standards with the GSFA).

**Agenda item 5:** The documents listed under Agenda Item 5 (a-b) will form the basis for the discussion of the PWG on the GSFA. The report of PWG on the GSFA will be made available as a CRD at the meeting and will be considered under this item.

**Agenda item 5a:** the report of the EWG on the GSFA will consider: (i) replies of CCPFV and CCFO; (ii) proposed draft provisions for lutein esters from *Tagetes erecta* (INS 161b(iii)) and octenyl succinic acid (OSA)-modified gum arabic (INS 423) in Table 3; (iii) provisions for food additives with Note 22 in FC 09.2.5 (comments for use in smoke fish paste); (iv) provision for trisodium citrate (INS 331(iii)) in FC 01.1.1 (comments on technological need for a numerical use level or GMP); (v) provisions related to FC 01.1.1 (comments on technological need for the specific additive, the specific type of food products within the FC where the food additive is used and the ML necessary to reach the function of stabilizer); (vi) draft and proposed draft provisions in the GSFA in FC 09.0 to FC 16.0, with the exception of those additives with technological functions of colour or sweetener, adipates, nitrites and nitrates and the provisions related to FC 14.2.3; and (vii) proposed draft provisions related to FC 1.1.2 with the exception of food additives provisions with the function of colour and sweetener