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**Agenda Items 3 and 9**

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## **JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME CODEX COMMITTEE ON METHODS OF ANALYSIS AND SAMPLING**

**43rd Session  
Budapest, Hungary**

**13 – 18 May 2024**

*(Comments of Philippines)*

### **Agenda Item 3: Endorsement of methods of analysis provisions and sampling plans in Codex standards**

**Reference Document: CX/MAS 24/43/3 Add.2**

**Subject: Performance Criteria for Selected Processed Fruits and Vegetables**

**General comment:**

1. The Philippines support to consider the retention of method typing for Calcium used in GMP level for commodity standards, such as preserved tomatoes (CXS 13-1981, GFSA category 04.2.2.4), canned citrus fruits (CXS 254-2007, GFSA category 04.1.2.4), certain canned vegetables (CXS 297-2009, GFSA category 04.2.2.4), and citrus marmalade (CXS 296-2009, GFSA category 04.1.2.5).
2. We also support the endorsement of the performance criteria in Appendix I to CXS 234.

**Rationale:**

1. The GMP use level of Calcium will differ for each application and numeric performance criteria cannot be set for these provisions.
2. The performance of the available methods for the commodity and provision listed in Appendix I complies with the established numeric performance criteria.

### **Agenda Item 9: Approach for the placement of nitrogen conversion factors**

**Reference Document: CX/MAS 24/43/11**

**Subject: Approach for the Placement of Nitrogen Conversion Factors**

**General comment:**

The Philippines would like to support the inclusion of a comprehensive list of Nitrogen to Protein conversion in an annex of CXS 234-1999 which could help laboratories ensure consistency and accuracy in protein analysis. Having an easy access to this information would be beneficial for laboratories as it would also save time that would be spent on determining these conversion factors. Therewith, the Annex will be consolidated for different foods that have a provision for protein indicated in the CXS 234, and the factors that are standardized by Codex Committees.