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Comments by Republic of Korea

Agenda Item 4a

Comments:

The Republic of Korea suggests the definition of 'cross promotion' should be more firm and clear to avoid different interpretation from various countries which probably cause more questionable practice on international trade. It is desirable to remove the work 'cross-promotion' from the text.

Agenda Item 4d

Comments:

The Republic of Korea submits following opinions on recommendations 2,9, and 12.

Recommendation 2: *We support the suggestion that retains the sentence [Substances shall not be added with the purpose of imparting or enhancing a sweet taste of [name of product]] under section 3.2.1 because early exposure to sweet taste may lead to long term metabolic effects in later days of one's life secondary to excessive sugar consumption.*

Recommendation 9: *We support option 1 for both a) follow-up formula for older infants and b) [name of product] for young children because option 1 contains more inclusive and detailed standard. Option 1 will also minimize possibility to mislead consumers by taking part of the sentence out of the context.*

Recommendation 12: *We consider that it is redundant to add references in square bracket [] for follow-up formula for older infants as well as for [name of product] for young children.*

Rational: *Hygiene of products preparation and handling is already covered by existing Codex texts. Adding additional references are unnecessary.*

Agenda Item 7

Comments:

The Republic of Korea supports to discontinue the work due to the fact that there are no scientific differences in the material despite of many years of discussion at the committee, and the conclusions from the CCFL states the existing CCFL texts are adequate for CCFL purposes.

Agenda Item 8

Comments:

The Republic of Korea supports to proceed the work towards establishing guidelines for NRV-R of Older Infants and Young Children.

Agenda Item 10

Comments:

The development of a prioritization mechanism to manage the work of CCFNSDU is much needed at this

point where too many work overwhelm members in recent years. Several other Codex Committee have already initiated similar strategic process to organize their work process to be more effective.

The Republic of Korea stays supportive to discuss further on this matter for long-term solution of CCNFSDU's hard work.

Agenda Item 11

Comments:

We recognize that there is noticeable growth in probiotics' global market in recent years. However, lack of global criteria to set standard as well as to ensure consumers'safety make fair trade difficult. The Republic of Korea also in need for such standard to be established for foods, beverages and dietary supplements, so addressing this issue is timely appropriate. We believe it is important issue for CCNFSDU to discuss further for possible development of the guideline. We welcome to start new work on developing guidelines on the use of probiotics' in foods, beverages and dietary supplements.