



**JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME
FAO/WHO COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR ASIA**

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**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE CODEx ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION
AND OTHER CODEx COMMITTEES**

38th and 39th Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC38/39)

Matters for Information

Regional Standard for Non-Fermented Soybean Products¹

1. CAC38 agreed to adopt the draft regional Standard at Step 8 as endorsed by the CCFA47 (see para.17) and CCMAS34 and subject to the endorsement of the food labelling provisions by CCFL as recommended by CCEXEC70 (see para.22).

2. CAC38 also agreed to ask CCMAS to assess the appropriateness of the use of the conversion factor of 5.71 to determine protein content in soybean products in general (see paras 12-13).

Sections "Food Additives" and "Methods of Analysis and Sampling" of the Regional Standard for Tempe (CODEX STAN 313R-2013) (Amendments)²

3. CAC38 adopted the amendments proposed by CCASIA19.

Member and Coordinator for Asia³

4. CAC38 elected Malaysia as member of the Executive Committee for Asia for the period from the end of the current session to the end of the second succeeding regular session of the Commission, which is scheduled for CAC40 (2017).

5. CAC38 appointed India as coordinator for Asia to hold office from the end of CAC38 until the end of the first regular session of the Commission, which is scheduled for CAC40 (CAC2017) which follows the next session of the relevant Coordinating Committee.

Amendments to the Procedural Manual⁴

6. CAC39 agreed to adopt the amendment proposed by CCMAS and endorsed by CCGP30 to the section on methods of analysis and sampling of the Format for Codex Commodity Standards (Section II: Elaboration of Codex Commodity Standards). The revised section requires that commodity standards includes the following wording: "For checking the compliance with this standard, the methods of analysis and sampling contained in the Recommended Methods of Analysis and Sampling (CODEX STAN 234-1999) relevant to the provisions in this standard, shall be used".

7. The amendment would not imply the automatic removal of methods of analysis and sampling currently contained in Codex standards. The removal of methods of analysis and sampling from commodity standards would be done as the review and updating of CODEX STAN 234-1999 progress and inconsistencies and other pending issues are resolved.

¹ REP15/CAC paras 13, 20-22 and Appendix III.

² REP15/CAC paras 13 and Appendix III.

³ REP15/CAC paras 184 and 185.

⁴ REP16/CAC Appendix II, REP16/MAS Appendix III

70th and 71st Session of the Executive Committee (CCEXEC70/71)***Matters for action****Preparation of the Codex Strategic Plan 2020-2025⁵*

8. CCEXEC recommended to the Commission to request the Secretariat to start the process of developing a new Strategic Plan for Codex.

9. This matter **will be considered** under Agenda Item 7 “Monitoring of the Implementation of the Codex Strategic Plan”.

Monitoring of Standards Development⁶

10. CCEXEC70 agreed to recommend all Committees to consider the need to develop an approach for the management of their work similar to that used by CCFH (while recognizing the differences in topics, working procedures, etc. among various committees).

11. The Committee **is invited to consider** this recommendation.

36th and 37th Sessions of Committee on Method of Analysis and Sampling (CCMAS36/37)***Matters for information****Protein conversion factors for soy products^{7,8}*

12. CCMAS37 noted that it was not in a position to reply to the question posed by CAC38 on the appropriate protein conversion factors for soy products as this was in the remit of other Codex committees; and noted that it might be timely for FAO and WHO to convene an expert panel to review available literature to assess the scientific basis for protein conversion factors.

13. CAC39 noted the interest for a scientific review and that consideration could be given to convening an expert panel at a later stage with a more defined scope in light of the need for prioritisation of work on scientific advice and financial constraints.

Regional Standard for Tempe (determination of lipid content)^{9,10}

14. CCMAS36 noted that CCASIA had agreed to replace the method of analysis for lipid content with ISO 1211|IDF 1:2010 as proposed by CCMAS34 in order to replace AOAC 983.23 which used chloroform as a reagent. It was pointed out that the scope of the ISO 1211|IDF 1:2010 did not include solid foods, such as tempe and that IDF and ISO did not intend to carry out work to extend the scope at this stage. CCMAS36 agreed to retain the current method AOAC 983.23 for lipid determination in tempe and to request information from, in particular countries in the Asia region as to the applicability of the methods to tempe and whether this method had been tested on tempe products.

15. CCMAS37, based on the information received, reconfirmed AOAC 983.23 for determination of lipids in tempe.

16. The Committee is invited to:

- Provide information on the applicability of method AOAC 983.23 to tempe and whether this method has been tested in tempe
- Consider the corresponding amendments to Regional Standard for Tempe (CODEX STAN 313R-2013).

⁵ REP15/EXEC, para. 88

⁶ REP15/EXEC, para. 22.

⁷ REP16/MAS paras 12-13

⁸ REP16/CAC paras 184-190

⁹ REP15/MAS para 39

¹⁰ REP16/MAS para 41

47th and 48th Session of Committee on Food Additive (CCFA47/48)**Matters for information***Draft Regional Standard for Non-Fermented Soybean Products¹¹*

17. CCFA47 endorsed the food additive provisions for the standard except the provisions for tocopherols (INS 307a,b,c), caramel II-sulfite caramel (INS 150b) and caramel IV-sulfite ammonia caramel (INS 150d) because the dietary intake associated with these maximum levels might exceed the respective ADI.

Matters for action*Draft Regional Standard for Non-Fermented Soybean Products¹²*

18. CCFA47 agreed to ask CCASIA to clarify if potassium chloride (INS 508) can be used at GMP.

19. The Committee **is invited to consider** this request.

Revocation of the food additive provisions¹³

20. CCFA48 agreed to request CCASIA to revoke the provisions for potassium bisulfite (INS 228) and calcium hydrogen sulfite (INS 227) from the *Regional Standard for Chilli Sauce* (CODEX STAN 306R-2011) since there are no specifications for these two food additives.

21. The Committee **is invited to consider** this request.

43rd Session of Committee on Food Labelling (CCFL43)**Matters for information***Regional Standard for Non-Fermented Soybean Products¹⁴*

22. CCFL43 agreed to endorse the labelling provisions with the following amendments to section 8:

- Para 1: deleted the words “latest edition” and clarified that references made to Codex standards always refer to the latest edition of such standards;
- Para 2: replaced the words “genetically modified” with “soya bean derived from modern biotechnology” to ensure consistency with existing Codex texts.

¹¹ REP15/FA paras 46 and Appendix V

¹² REP15/FA paras 47 and 48

¹³ REP16/FA paras 121(iii)c, 126(iii), 46-48 and Appendix V

¹⁴ REP16/FL para. 12