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STATUS PAPER ON ALL ADOPTED FOOD ADDITIVES PROVISIONS IN THE GSFA FOR ADDITIVES WITH SWEETENER FUNCTION BUT NOT ASSOCIATED WITH NOTE 161

(Comments of Ghana, Japan, Nigeria, Russian Federation and Senegal)

Ghana

Position: Ghana endorses the administrative review by the CODEX Secretariat.

Japan

Japan appreciates Codex secretariat preparing the document.

We understand that the intent of this work is to ensure consistency for the notes attached to sweeteners in the GSFA without re-discussing the individual provisions. Our comment is not to re-open the discussions but to reflect conclusions from previous discussion in CCFA.

We would like to propose not to revoke the provision of STEVIOL GLYCOSIDES in Food Category No.08.3.2. (CX/FA 23/53/10, page13)

Technological justification of this provision was agreed in CCFA43(CX/FA 11/43/8, page10). For ensuring consistency, Japan proposes to add Note 477 to this provision.

There are some provisions regarding MANNITOL that technological justification as a sweetener has not been discussed. For example, provision in FC1.2.2 Renneted milk (plain) was established as a result of horizontal approach of emulsifier, stabilizer, thickener (REP 13/FA Appendix VI p.69). It's not appropriate to apply horizontal approach as a sweetener.

Nigeria

A. Matters for information

The 52nd Session of the Codex Committee on Food Additives (CCFA52, 202) agreed to request the Codex Secretariat to undertake an administrative review of all adopted food additives provisions in the GSFA for additives with sweetener function but not associated with Note 161 and prepare a status paper for consideration at CCFA53.

Decisions on the replacement Notes to Note 161: The 42nd Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC42, 2019) agreed to the recommendations of CCFA51 (2019) to replace Note 161 in food additive provisions in specific food categories with the following alternative notes:

- For provisions for additives with the function of sweetener but not the function of flavour enhancer: **Note 477** - "Some Codex Members allow use of additives with sweetener function in all foods within this Food Category while others limit additives with sweetener function to those foods with significant energy reduction or no added sugars."
- For provisions for additives with both sweetener and flavour enhancer function: **Note 478** - "Some Codex Members allow use of additives with sweetener function in all foods within this Food Category while others limit additives with sweetener function to those foods with significant energy reduction or no added sugars. This limitation may not apply to the appropriate use as a flavour enhancer."

Recommendations: CCFA53 is invited to consider the proposals on the additional of new notes contained in Appendix I to this document

Comment: Nigeria agrees to the additions of the new notes.

Russian Federation

The Russian Federation proposes to exclude from the draft standard the proposed MLs for the following categories: 01.2.2 Renneted milk (plain); 08.1.1 Fresh meat, poultry and game, whole pieces or cuts; 08.1.2 Fresh meat, poultry and game, comminuted; 09.2.1 Frozen fish, fish fillets, and fish products, including molluscs, crustaceans, and echinoderms.

We believe that the use of sweeteners for the food categories in question would violate basic principles for the use of food additives and could mislead consumers about the properties of food products.

Senegal

Contexte : Le CCFA51 et le CCFA52 ont convenu d'approches horizontales pour le remplacement de la note 161 pour les dispositions relatives à l'utilisation des édulcorants dans des catégories d'aliments spécifiques.

Elle devait être remplacée par les notes alternatives suivantes : Note 477 et Note 478.

La 52e session du Comité du Codex sur les additifs alimentaires (CCFA52, 2021)¹ a convenu de demander au Secrétariat du Codex d'entreprendre un examen administratif de toutes les dispositions adoptées relatives aux additifs alimentaires dans la NGAA pour les additifs ayant une fonction d'édulcorant mais non associés à la note 161 et de préparer un document de situation pour examen au CCFA53. Le CCFA52 a noté que l'intention du travail est d'assurer la cohérence des notes jointes aux édulcorants dans la NGAA sans rediscuter les dispositions individuelles, en particulier les limites d'utilisation maximales. Tous les additifs ayant une fonction édulcorante, y compris les polyols, devraient être pris en considération et il a été souligné que les travaux se rapporteraient à l'approche horizontale mais ne rouvriraient pas les discussions sur une disposition spécifique.

Le CCFA53 est invité à examiner les propositions telles qu'elles figurent dans l'appendice I du document préparé par le Secrétariat du Codex .

Position : Le Sénégal apprécie l'important travail réalisé par le Secrétariat du Codex à travers l'examen administratif qu'il a effectué en attribuant les notes 477 et 478 ou en laissant telles quelles les dispositions relatives aux additifs dans les catégories et sous-catégories d'aliments 1-15 ; il approuve donc les propositions.

Justification : Conformément aux termes de référence, la note 161 a été remplacée par les notes 477 et 478 pour une utilisation plus appropriée des additifs ayant une fonction d'édulcorant ou d'exhausteur de goût.