



**JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME**  
**CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD ADDITIVES**  
**Fifty-third Session**

**MATTERS REFERRED BY THE 43RD SESSION OF THE CODEX COMMITTEE ON NUTRITION AND  
FOODS FOR SPECIAL DIETARY USES**

***Matters for information***

Review of the *Standard for Follow-up Formula (CXS 156-1987)*<sup>1</sup>

1. CCNFSDU43 agreed to forward the revised *Standard for Follow-up formula (CXS 156-1987)* (renamed as *Standard for Follow-up Formula for Older Infants and Product for Young Children*) for adoption by CAC46 at Step 5/8 and Step 8.

***Matters for action***

Technological justification for several food additives<sup>2</sup>

2. CCNFSDU43 agreed to inform CCFA that:
  - i. the proposed use of low-acyl clarified gellan gum (INS 418) as a thickener and stabilizer in formulas for special medical purposes intended for infants at 5 mg/100 mL limited to hydrolysed protein and/or amino acid-based liquid formula was technologically justified;
  - ii. the use of ascorbyl palmitate (INS 304) as an antioxidant at 1 mg/100 mL in all types of formula covered by CXS 72-1981 was technologically justified;
  - iii. the use of tocopherol concentrate, mixed (INS 307b) as an antioxidant at 1 mg/100 mL in all types of infant formula covered by CXS 72-1981 was technologically justified; and
  - iv. the use of phosphates (INS 339(i), 339(ii) and 339(iii) and INS 340(i), 340(ii) and 340(iii)) as acidity regulators at 45 mg/100 mL as phosphorus singly or in combination and within the limits for sodium, potassium and phosphorus in section 3.1.3 (e) of CXS 72-1981 in all types of formula was technologically justified.
3. CCNFSDU43 further agreed to request that CCFA:
  - i. consider including low-acyl clarified gellan gum (INS 418) in the GSFA food category 13.1.3 "Formulae for special medical purposes for infants" once the specifications for the food additive had been assigned as "full"; and
  - ii. include the four food additives, including one group food additive, in the priority list of substances proposed for evaluation by JECFA for use in foods intended for infants below 12 weeks of age.
4. The Committee is invited to consider the recommendations contained in paragraphs 2 and 3.

<sup>1</sup> Draft REP23/NFSDU para 48 (The paragraph number may be subject to change in the final report.)

<sup>2</sup> Draft REP23/NFSDU para 83