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CONSIDERATION OF LABELLING PROVISIONS IN DRAFT CODEX STANDARDS

(ENDORSEMENT)

(CCAFRICA, CCNASWP, CCFFV, CCNE, CCNFSDU, CCPFV and CCSCH)

Background

According to the Procedural Manual¹, Codex general subject committees, CCFL inclusive, may establish general provisions on matters within their terms of reference. These general provisions should only be incorporated into Commodity Standards by reference unless there is a need for doing otherwise.

The Procedural Manual also states that: “the Commodity committees shall refer any exemptions from, or additions to, the reference to the *General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods* (CXS 1-1985) as indicated in the section on food labelling in the *Format for Codex Commodity Standards* to the Committee on Food Labelling for endorsement”.

Action requested

In line with the terms of reference of CCFL and the above requirement, the Committee is requested to consider and endorse the labelling provisions forwarded by the following Codex Committees; CCAFRICA, CCNASWP, CCFFV, CCNE, CCNFSDU and CCSCH, as presented in the Appendix with the links to relevant standards uploaded on the Codex website.

¹Section II: Elaboration of Codex texts: Relations between Commodity Committees and General Subject Committees Procedural Manual (latest edition)

A. FAO/WHO COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR AFRICA (CAFRICA)**Note:**

CAFRICA23 forwarded the draft regional standard for fermented cooked cassava-based products, draft regional standard for fresh leaves of *Gnetum* spp. to CAC43 for adoption at Step 8, and proposed draft regional standard for dried meat at Step 5, which were adopted by CAC43 accordingly.

REGIONAL STANDARD FOR FERMENTED COOKED CASSAVA-BASED PRODUCTS**7 LABELLING**

In addition to the provisions of the *General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods* (CXS 1-1985), the specific provisions below apply.

7.1 Product Name

The name of the products covered by this standard is «Fermented cooked cassava-based products," followed by product specific or local name.

7.2 Location of label

The label of products covered by this standard should be placed on the secondary packaging.

7.3 Labelling of Non-Retail container

Information for non-retail containers shall be given either on the container or in accompanying documents, except that the name of the product, lot identification and the name and address of the manufacturer or packer shall appear on the container. However, lot identification and the name and address of the manufacturer or packer may be replaced by an identification mark, provided that such mark is clearly identifiable with the accompanying documents.

REGIONAL STANDARD FOR FRESH LEAVES OF GNETUM SPP.**6 LABELLING**

In addition to the provisions of the *General Standard for Labelling of Prepackaged Foods* (CXS 1-1985), the specific provisions below apply.

6.1 Names of the produce

The name of the product covered by this standard is "*Gnetum* spp. Leaves" followed by the local name as applicable¹.

6.2 Non-Retail Containers

Each package must bear the following particular in letter group on the same side legibly and indelibly marked and visible from the outside or in the document accompanying the shipment.

6.2.1 Identification:

Name and address of exporter, packer and/or dispatcher identification code (optional)

6.2.2 Nature of produce

The name of the produce (*Gnetum* leaves spp.), if the contents are not visible from the outside. Name of the variety and or commercial type (optional)

6.2.3 Origin of produce

Country of origin and optionally, district where grown or national, regional, or local place name.

¹ Examples of local names: Okok and Eru (Cameroon), Okazi and Afang (Nigeria), Fumbua (Democratic Republic of Congo)

DRAFT REGIONAL STANDARD FOR DRIED MEAT**PACKAGING AND LABELLING****8.1 Labelling**

The products covered by the provisions of this Standard shall be labelled in accordance with the *General Standard for the Labelling of Pre-packaged Foods* (CXS 1- 1985). In addition, the following specific provisions apply:

- a) Name of the product shall state the type of meat used, as appropriate and the local/common name¹

b) List of ingredients – the type of meat used shall be declared in the list of ingredients

c) Best Before date.

Any additional labelling requirement, specifically pertaining to ingredients, shall comply with the requirements of relevant codes and standards.

8.2 Packaging

The product shall be packed in clean, hygienic, moisture-proof, and well-sealed containers food grade material made from suitable materials that have no adverse effect on product properties. It may also be vacuum packed.

¹ Some examples of local names for dried meat: Aliya (Kenya); Khlii (Morocco); Kilishi (Nigeria, Cameroon, Burkina Faso); Odka (Somalia); Qwanta (Ethiopia); Segwapa (Zimbabwe, Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia and South Africa), Kuna (Botswana)

B. FAO/WHO COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR NORTH AMERICA AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC (CCNASWP)

Note: CCNASWP15 forwarded the proposed draft regional standard for fermented noni fruit juice to CAC43 for adoption at Step 5, which was adopted by CAC43 accordingly. In addition CCNASWP15 forwarded the proposed draft regional standard for kava products for use as a beverage when mixed with water to CAC43 for adoption at Step 5, tasking the Coordinator to work with the Member countries of the region to resolve the few outstanding issues prior to CCEXEC79, so that the Coordinator, should consensus be achieved among the Member countries, can recommend omission of Steps 6 and 7 and submission for adoption at Step 8 at CAC43. As all outstanding issues had been resolved, CAC43 adopted the regional standard for kava products for use as a beverage at Step 5/8 pending endorsement of the labelling provisions by CCFL.

DRAFT REGIONAL STANDARD FOR FERMENTED NONI FRUIT JUICE

9 LABELLING

The products shall be labelled in accordance with the *General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Food* (CXS 1-1985).

9.1 Name of the product

The name of the food product shall be “Fermented Noni Fruit Juice”. The term “noni fruit juice” may be replaced by a term which has customarily been used to describe the product in the country in which the product is intended to be sold (e.g., “nonu juice” or “nono juice”).

REGIONAL STANDARD FOR KAVA PRODUCTS FOR USE AS A BEVERAGE WHEN MIXED WITH WATER

7 LABELLING

7.1 The products covered by this standard shall be labelled in accordance with the *General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods* (CXS 1-1985). In addition to these requirements, the following specific provisions apply:

7.2 Name of the product

The name of the food shall be “fresh kava” or “dried kava” together with the part of the kava plant from which the kava product is derived. Kava products shall have a clear marking that they are Noble kava. Optionally the name of the variety(ies) of kava plant from which the kava product is derived may be stated.

7.3 Origin of the product

Country of origin¹ and, optionally, island or district where grown, or national, regional or local place name. The *Principles for Traceability / Product Tracing as a Tool within a Food Inspection and Certification System* (CXG 60-2006) shall be adhered to when tracing a product to its origin.

¹ The full or a commonly used name should be indicated.

7.4 Instructions for use

The label of each container of kava products shall have a clear, conspicuous and easily readable message, which includes the following points:

- a) the statement “Steps to prepare the kava beverage” or a similar statement followed by specifically numbered actions to prepare the kava beverage;
- b) the first action referred to in Section 7.4(a) should read “Use only potable water to prepare the kava beverage” or a similar statement;

7.5 Labelling of non-retail containers

Information for non-retail containers shall be given either on the container or in accompanying documents, except that the name of the product, lot identification, and the name and address of the producer, packer, exporter or distributor shall appear on the container. However, lot identification, and the name and address of the producer, packer, exporter or distributor may be replaced by an identification mark, provided that such a mark is clearly identifiable with the accompanying documents.

7.6 Optional Labelling

Kava products may have a clear marking to indicate that they are not intended for medicinal purposes.

C. COMMITTEE ON FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES (CCFFV)

Note: CCFFV21 forwarded the draft standard for kiwifruit, the draft standard for garlic and the draft standard for ware potatoes to CAC43 for adoption at Step 8 and the proposed draft standard for yam for adoption at Step 5/8. CAC43 adopted them accordingly pending endorsement of the labelling provisions by CCFL.

STANDARD FOR KIWIFRUIT

7. PROVISIONS CONCERNING MARKING OR LABELLING

7.1 CONSUMER PACKAGES

In addition to the requirements of the *General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods* (CXS 1-1985), the following specific provisions apply:

7.1.1 Name of Produce

Each package shall be labelled as to the name of the produce and optionally the name of the variety(ies) or cultivar(s) or the predominant flesh colour.

7.1.2 Origin of Produce

Country of origin¹ and, optionally, district where grown, or national, regional or local place name.

7.2 NON-RETAIL CONTAINERS

Each package must bear the following particulars, in letters grouped on the same side, legibly and indelibly marked, and visible from the outside.

For kiwifruit transported in bulk (direct loading into a transport vehicle) these particulars must appear on a document accompanying the goods, and attached in a visible position inside the transport vehicle unless the document is replaced by an electronic solution. In that case the identification must be machine readable and easily accessible.

7.2.1 Identification

Name and address of exporter, packer and/or dispatcher. Identification code (optional)².

7.2.2 Name of Produce

Name of the produce and optionally the name of the variety(ies) or cultivar(s) or the predominant flesh colour

The name of the variety can be replaced by a synonym. A trade name³ can only be given in addition to the variety or the synonym.

7.2.3 Origin of Produce

Country of origin¹ and, optionally, district where grown or national, regional or local place name.

7.2.4 Commercial specifications

- class;
- size (if sized), expressed
 - by the minimum and maximum weight of the fruit; or
 - by number of fruit and the net fruit weight; or
 - by the size and method used.

7.2.5 Official Inspection Mark (optional)

¹ The full or a commonly used name should be indicated

² The national legislation of a number of countries requires the explicit declaration of the name and address. However, in the case where a code mark is used, the reference “packer and/or dispatcher (or equivalent abbreviations)” has to be indicated in close connection with the code mark.

³ A trade name can be a trade mark for which protection has been sought or obtained or any other commercial type.

STANDARD FOR GARLIC

7. PROVISIONS CONCERNING MARKING OR LABELLING

7.1 CONSUMER PACKAGES

In addition to the requirements of the *General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods* (CXS 1-1985), the following specific provisions apply:

7.1.1 Name of Produce

If the produce is not visible from the outside, each package shall be labelled as to the name of the produce (“garlic” and/or “fresh garlic”, “semi-dry garlic”, “dry garlic”) and the name of the variety.

7.1.2 Origin of Produce

Country of origin¹ and, optionally, district where grown, or national, regional or local place name.

7.2 NON-RETAIL CONTAINERS

Each package must bear the following particulars, in letters grouped on the same side, legibly and indelibly marked, and visible from the outside, or in the documents accompanying the shipment.

For produce transported in bulk, these particulars must appear on a document accompanying the goods, and attached in a visible position inside the transport vehicle, Unless the document is replaced by an electronic solution. In that case the identification must be machine readable and easily accessible.

7.2.1 Identification

Name and address of exporter, packer and/or dispatcher. Identification code (optional).²

7.2.2 Name of Produce

Name of the produce if the contents are not visible from the outside, such as “garlic”, “fresh garlic”, “semi-dry garlic”, “dry garlic” or “solo garlic”, where appropriate;

Name of the variety or commercial type (optional).

7.2.3 Origin of Produce

Country of origin¹ and, optionally, district where grown or national, regional or local place name.

7.2.4 Commercial Identification

- class;
- size expressed as minimum and maximum diameters of the bulb or size code;
- net weight (optional).

7.2.5 Official Inspection Mark (optional)

¹ The full or a commonly used name should be indicated.

² The national legislation of a number of countries requires the explicit declaration of the name and address. However, in the case where a code mark is used, the reference “packer and/or dispatcher (or equivalent abbreviations)” has to be indicated in close connection with the code mark.

STANDARD FOR WARE POTATOES

7. PROVISIONS CONCERNING MARKING OR LABELLING

7.1 Consumer Packages

In addition to the requirements of the *General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods* (CXS 1-1985), the following specific provisions apply:

7.1.1 Nature of Produce

If the produce is not visible from the outside, each package shall be labelled as to the name of the produce “Ware Potato” and should be labelled as to name of the variety and/or commercial type.

7.1.2 Origin of Produce

Country of origin¹ and, optionally, district where grown, or national, regional or local place name.

In case of a mixture of distinctly different varieties of ware potatoes of different origins, the indication of each country of origin shall appear next to the name of the variety concerned.

7.2 Non-Retail Containers

Each package must bear the following particulars, in letters grouped on the same side, legibly and indelibly marked, and visible from the outside, either printed on the package itself or on a label secured to the fastening (if the labels are placed inside the packages (string bag), this should be done in such a way that the indications concerning marking are readable from the outside). For produce transported in bulk these particulars must appear on a document accompanying the good, and attached in a visible position in the transport vehicle, unless the document is replaced by an electronic solution in that case the identification should be machine readable and easily accessible.

7.2.1 Identification

Name and address of exporter, packer and/or dispatcher. Identification code (optional)².

7.2.2 Nature of Produce

Each shall be labeled as to the name of the produce and may be labeled as to name of the variety <and/or commercial type. The shape of the tuber may be marked (optional) on the label such as oval, round and long.

7.2.3 Origin of Produce

Country of origin and, optionally, district where grown or national, regional or local place name.

In the case of a mixture of distinctly different varieties of ware potatoes of different origins, the indication of each country of origin shall appear next to the name of the variety concerned.

7.2.4 Commercial Identification

- Class (if classified)
- Size (if sized)
- cooking type, flesh colour, shape of tuber (optional)

7.2.5 Official Inspection Mark (optional)

¹ The full or a commonly used name should be indicated.

² The national legislation of a number of countries requires the explicit declaration of the name and address. However, in the case where a code mark is used, the reference “packer and/or dispatcher (or equivalent abbreviations)” has to be indicated in close connection with the code mark.

STANDARD FOR YAM

7. PROVISIONS CONCERNING MARKING OR LABELLING

7.1 CONSUMER PACKAGES

In addition to the requirements of the *General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods* (CXS 1-1985), the following specific provisions apply:

7.1.1 Name of Produce

Each package shall be labelled as to the name of the produce “yam” and may be labelled as to the name of the variety(ies), and/or commercial type.

7.1.2 Origin of Produce

Country of origin¹ and, optionally, district where grown, or national, regional or local place name.

In the case of a mixture of distinctly different varieties of yams of different origins, the indication of the country of origin shall appear next to the name of the variety.

7.2 NON-RETAIL CONTAINERS

Each package must bear the following particulars in letters grouped on the same side, legibly and indelibly marked, and visible from the outside.

For yams transported in bulk (direct loading into a transport vehicle) these particulars must appear on a document accompanying the goods, and attached in a visible position inside the transport vehicle unless the document is replaced by an electronic solution. In that case the identification must be machine readable and easily accessible.

7.2.1 Identification

Name and address of exporter, packer and / or dispatcher. Identification code (optional)².

7.2.2 Name of Produce

Name of the produce.

Name of variety and/or commercial type.

7.2.3 Origin of Produce

Country of origin and, optionally, district where grown, or national, regional or local place name.

In the case of a mixture of distinctly different varieties or species of yams of different origins, the indication of each country of origin shall appear next to the name of the variety or species concerned.

7.2.4 Commercial Specifications

- Class;
- Size expressed as
 - size range in Kg or,
 - size code in accordance with the table in Section 4 or,
 - in accordance with the method used;
- Cooking type (optional)

7.2.5 Official Inspection Mark (optional)

¹ The full or commonly used name should be indicated.

² The national legislation of some countries requires an explicit declaration of name and address. However, in the case where a code mark is used, the reference to the "packer and/or dispatcher" (or equivalent abbreviations) has to be indicated in close connection with the code mark.

D. FAO/WHO COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR THE NEAR EAST (CCNE)

Note: CCNE10 forwarded the draft regional standard for mixed zaatar to CAC43 for adoption at Step 8, which was adopted by CAC43 accordingly pending endorsement of the labelling provisions by CCFL.

[REGIONAL STANDARD FOR MIXED ZAATAR](#)

7. LABELLING

The products covered by this standard shall be labelled in accordance with the *General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods* (CXS 1-1985). Any health claims shall be in conformity with the *Guidelines for Use of Nutrition and Health Claims* (CXG 23-1997), when necessary. In addition, the following specific provisions apply:

7.1 NAME OF PRODUCT

7.1.1 The name of the product shall be "mixed zaatar".

7.1.2 The classification shall be indicated according to Section 2.2 next to the product name.

7.2 LABELLING OF NON-RETAIL PACKAGES

Information for non-retail containers shall be given either on the container or in accompanying documents, except that the name of the product, lot identification, and the name and address of the manufacturer, packer, distributor or importer, as well as storage instructions, shall appear on the container. However, lot identification, and the name and address of the manufacturer, packer, distributor or importer may be replaced by an identification mark, provided that such a mark is clearly identifiable with the accompanying documents.

E. CODEX COMMITTEE ON NUTRITION AND FOODS FOR SPECIAL DIETARY USES (CCNFSDU)

Note: CCNFSDU41 agreed to forward Section 9.6.5 of the Standard for Follow-up Formula (CXS 156-1987): Section A: follow-up formula for older infants for endorsement and inform CCFL of the editorial and other corrections to sections 9.2.2, 9.4.1 and 9.6.4. ²

² CCFL45 agreed to inform CCNFSDU that it had endorsed the sections 9.1 to 9.6.3 with amendments to 9.2.2, 9.3 and 9.4.1 (i) and (ii) and 9.4.2. With regard to 9.6.4, the Committee endorsed the first sentence and agreed to return the last

CCNFSDU41 agreed to forward the proposed draft scope, definition and labelling section of the Standard for Follow-Up Formula (CXS 156-1987) Section B to CAC43 for adoption at Step 5 and send the labelling provisions to CCFL for endorsement, which was adopted by CAC43 accordingly.

CCNFSDU41 further agreed to forward the Guidelines for Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Foods to CAC43 for adoption at Step 5 and send the labelling provisions to CCFL for endorsement, which was adopted by CAC43 accordingly.

REVIEW OF THE STANDARD FOR FOLLOW UP FORMULA: SECTION A: FOLLOW-UP FORMULA FOR OLDER INFANTS

9. LABELLING (sections 9.2.2, 9.4.1 and 9.6.4 for information, except section 9.6.5 which is for endorsement)

FOR INFORMATION

9.2.2 The specific name shall be declared for ingredients of animal or plant origin and for food additives. In addition, appropriate functional classes for food additives shall be included on the label. The food additives INS number may also be optionally declared.

9.4.1 The date marking and storage instructions shall be in accordance with section 4.7 of the *General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods*.

9.6.4 Follow-up formula for older infants shall be distinctly labelled in such a way as to avoid any risk of confusion with Infant Formula, Drink/Product for young children with added nutrients or Drink for young children, and Formula for Special Medical Purposes intended for infants, in particular as to the text, images and colours used, to enable consumers to make a clear distinction between them.

FOR ENDORSEMENT

9.6.5 The labelling of follow-up formula for older infants shall not refer to infant formula, Drink/Product for young children with added nutrients or Drink for young children, or formula for special medical purposes intended for infants, including numbers, text, statements, or images of these products.

PROPOSED DRAFT REVISED STANDARD FOR FOLLOW-UP FORMULA (CXS 156-1987) SECTION B: DRINK/PRODUCT FOR YOUNG CHILDREN WITH ADDED NUTRIENTS OR DRINK FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

9. LABELLING

The requirements of the *General Standard for the Labelling of Pre-packaged Foods* (CXS 1-1985), the *Guidelines on Nutrition Labelling* (CXG 2-1985) and the *Guidelines for Use of Nutrition and Health Claims* (CXG 23-1997) apply to the product as defined in Section 2.1. These requirements include a prohibition on the use of nutrition and health claims for foods for infants and young children except where specifically provided for in relevant Codex Standards or national legislation.

9.1 The Name of the Product

9.1.1 The text of the label and all other information accompanying the product shall be written in the appropriate language(s).

9.1.2 The name of the product shall be ““Drink/Product for Young Children with Added Nutrients” or “Drink for Young Children” as defined in Section 2.1, or any appropriate designation indicating the true nature of the product, in accordance with national or regional usage.

9.1.3 The sources of protein in the product shall be clearly shown on the label.

- a) If [name of animal] milk is the only source of protein*, the product may be labelled “Drink/Product for Young Children with Added Nutrients Based on [name of animal] milk protein” or “Drink for Young Children Based on [name of animal] milk protein”.
- b) If [name of plant] is the only source of protein*, the product may be labelled “Drink/Product for Young Children with Added Nutrients Based on [name of plant] protein” or “Drink for Young Children Based on [name of plant] protein”.
- c) if [name of animal] milk and [name of plant] are the sources of proteins*, the product may be labelled “Drink/Product for Young Children with Added Nutrients Based on [name of animal] milk protein and [name of plant] protein” or “Drink for Young Children Based on [name of animal] milk protein and [name

sentence on cross promotion for further consideration by CCNFSDU. CCNFSDU41, after considerable discussion, agreed to delete the last part of 9.6.4 and to include a new section 9.6.5 to address the issue of cross-promotion.

of plant] protein” or “Drink/Product for Young Children with Added Nutrients Based on [name of plant] protein and [name of animal] milk protein” or “Drink for Young Children Based on [name of plant] protein and [name of animal] milk protein”.

* For clarity, addition of individual amino acids where needed to improve protein quality does not preclude use of the above labelling options.

9.1.4 A product which contains neither milk nor any milk derivative shall be labelled "contains no milk or milk products" or an equivalent phrase.

9.2 List of Ingredients

9.2.1 A complete list of ingredients shall be declared on the label in descending order of proportion except that in the case of added vitamins and minerals, these ingredients may be arranged as separate groups for vitamins and minerals. Within these groups the vitamins and minerals need not be listed in descending order of proportion.

9.2.2 The specific name shall be declared for ingredients of animal or plant origin and for food additives. In addition, appropriate functional classes for food additives shall be included on the label. The food additives INS number may also be optionally declared.

9.3 Declaration of Nutritive Value

The declaration of nutrition information for the product as defined in Section 2.1 shall contain the following information which should be in the following order:

- a) the amount of energy, expressed in kilocalories (kcal) and/or kilojoules (kJ), and the number of grams of protein, carbohydrate and fat per 100 g or per 100 ml of the food as sold [as well as] [or] per 100 ml of the food ready for use, when prepared according to the instructions on the label.
- b) the total quantity of each vitamin, and mineral as listed in paragraph 3.1.3 of Section B and any other ingredient as listed in paragraph 3.2 of Section B per 100 g or per 100 ml of the food as sold [as well as] [or] per 100 ml of the food ready for use, when prepared according to the instructions on the label.
- c) In addition, the declaration of nutrients in a) and b) per 100 kilocalories (kcal) (or per 100 kilojoules) (kJ) and/or per serving size, provided that the serving size is quantified on the label, is permitted.

9.4 Date Marking and Storage Instructions

9.4.1 The date marking and storage instructions shall be in accordance with section 4.7 of the *General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods*.

9.4.2 Where practicable, storage instructions shall be in close proximity to the date marking.

9.5 Information for use

9.5.1 Ready to use products in liquid form should be used directly. Concentrated liquid products and powdered products, must be prepared with potable water that is safe or has been rendered safe by previous boiling before feeding, according to directions for use. Adequate directions for the appropriate preparation and handling should be in accordance with Good Hygienic Practice.

9.5.2 Adequate directions for the appropriate preparation and use of the product, including its storage and disposal after preparation, i.e. that product remaining after feeding should be discarded, shall appear on the label.

9.5.3 The label shall carry clear graphic instructions illustrating the method of preparation of the product.

9.5.4 The directions should be accompanied by a warning about the health hazards of inappropriate preparation, storage and use.

9.5.5 Adequate directions regarding the storage of the product after the container has been opened, shall appear on the label.

9.5.6 The label of the product as defined in Section 2.1 shall include a statement that the product shall not be introduced to infants 12 months of age or less, and is not to be used as a sole source of nutrition.

9.6 Additional Labelling Requirements

9.6.1 The label of the product as defined in Section 2.1 shall have no image, text or representation, including pictures of feeding bottles, that could undermine or discourage breastfeeding or which idealises the use of the product as defined in Section 2.1. The terms ‘humanized’, ‘maternalized’ or other similar terms must not be used on the label.

9.6.2 Labels should not discourage breastfeeding. Each container label shall have a clear, conspicuous and easily readable message which includes the following points:

- a) the statement “Breastfeeding is recommended up to two years and beyond.”
- b) a statement that the mother/caregiver should seek advice of a health worker on proper feeding of the young child.

9.6.3 The label shall have no pictures of infants, older infants, young children and women or any other picture, text, or representation that:

- 9.6.3.1 undermines or discourages breastfeeding; or that makes a comparison to breast-milk, or suggests that the product is similar, equivalent to or superior to breast-milk;
- 9.6.3.2 might convey an endorsement or anything that may be construed as an endorsement by a professional or any other body, unless this has been specifically approved by relevant national or regional regulatory authorities

9.6.4 The product as defined in Section 2.1 shall be distinctly labelled in such a way as to avoid any risk of confusion with infant formula, follow-up formula for older infants, and formula for special medical purposes intended for infants, in particular as to the text, images and colours used, to enable consumers to make a clear distinction between them.

9.6.5 The labelling of the product as defined in Section 2.1 shall not refer to infant formula, follow-up formula for older infants, or formula for special medical purposes intended for infants, including numbers, text, statements, or images of these products.

PROPOSED DRAFT GUIDELINE FOR READY-TO-USE THERAPEUTIC FOODS (RUTF)

12. LABELLING

It is recommended that the labelling of RUTF for children from 6 to 59 months with SAM be in accordance with the *Standard for the Labelling of and Claims for Foods for Special Medical Purposes* (CXS 180-1991), the *General Standard for the Labelling of and Claims for Pre-packaged Foods for Special Dietary Uses* (CXS 146-1985), and *Guidelines on Nutrition Labelling* (CXG 2-1985).

12.1 The Name of the Food

The name of the food to be declared on the label shall indicate that the food is a Ready-To-Use Therapeutic Food for Children from 6 to 59 months with SAM. The appropriate designation indicating the true nature of the food should be in accordance with national legislation. The age from which the product is recommended for use shall appear in close proximity to the name of the food.

12.2 List of Ingredients

The list of ingredients shall be declared in accordance with Section 4.2 of the *General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods* (CXS 1-1985).

12.3 Additional Mandatory Labelling Requirements

Provisions of section 4.4 and 4.5 of the *Standard for the Labelling of and Claims for Food for Special Medical Purposes* (CXS 180-1991) shall apply.

12.4 The following additional statements shall appear on the label of RUTF:

- The product is not to be used for Nasogastric Tube (NG tube) administration.
- The product should be used in conjunction with breastfeeding.
- Exclusive breastfeeding is recommended for the first 6 months of life, and continued breastfeeding is recommended for up to two years or beyond.

12.5 Instructions for use

- The label should indicate clearly from which age the product is recommended for use. This age shall not be less than six months for any product.
- Feeding instructions shall be given; preferably accompanied by graphical presentations.
- The time within which the product should be consumed after opening should be clearly indicated.

F. CODEX COMMITTEE ON PROCESSED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES (CCPFV)

Note: CCPFV29 forwarded the proposed draft standard for gochujang, the proposed draft standard for chili sauce, the proposed draft revision to the standard for mango chutney (CXS 160-1987), the proposed draft general standard for dried fruits, and the proposed draft general standard for canned mixed fruits to CAC43 for adoption at Step 5/8. CAC43 adopted them accordingly pending endorsement of the labelling provisions by CCFL.

It should be noted that the standard for gochujang was converted from regional standard CXS 294R-2009 with the labelling provisions unchanged, which was endorsed by CCFL36³. Likewise the standard for chili sauce, converted from the regional standard CXS 306R-2011, has the same labelling provisions which were endorsed by CCFL39⁴.

The labelling provisions of the revised standard for mango chutney were changed significantly from the previous version. As such, the provisions should be newly considered for endorsement.

The general standard for dried fruits supercedes the standards for dried apricots (CXS 130-1981), dates (CXS 143-1985) and raisins (CXS 67-1981), whose labelling provisions were endorsed in the past, but the general standard for dried fruits provide the labelling provisions that significantly differ from the abovementioned individual standards. In addition the general standard for dried fruits includes dried longan and dried persimmons, both of which are new and thus CCFL has not considered for endorsement.

The general standard for canned mixed fruits supercedes the standards for canned fruit cocktail (CXS 78-1981) and canned tropical fruit salad (CXS 99-1981), whose labelling provisions were endorsed in the past, but the general standard for canned mixed fruits provide the labelling provisions that significantly differ from the abovementioned individual standards.

STANDARD FOR GOCHUJANG

8. LABELLING

In addition to the provisions of the *General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods* (CXS 1-1985), the following specific provisions apply.

8.1 PRODUCT NAME

8.1.1 The name of product shall be “Gochujang”.

8.1.2 The name of product can be labelled in accordance with domestic laws, so that its characteristics may be expressed.

8.2 LABELLING OF NON-RETAIL CONTAINERS

Information for non-retail containers shall be given on the container or in accompanying documents, except that the name of the product, lot identification and the name and address of the manufacturer, packer or distributor, as well as storage instructions, shall appear on the container. However, lot identification, and the name and address of the manufacturer, packer or distributor may be replaced by an identification mark, provided that such mark is clearly identifiable with the accompanying documents.

STANDARD FOR CHILI SAUCE

8. LABELLING

The product covered by the provisions of this Standard shall be labelled in accordance with the latest edition of the *General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods* (CXS 1-1985). In addition, the following specific provisions apply:

8.1 Name of the product

8.1.1 The name of the product shall be “Chili sauce”, “Sweet chili sauce” or other names in accordance with the composition and the law and custom of the country in which the product is sold and in the manner not to mislead the consumer.

8.1.2 The level of chili pungency (heat value) may be declared in conjunction with, or in close proximity to, the name of the product in a manner not to mislead the consumer, and must be accepted by or be acceptable to competent authorities of the country where the product is sold.

³ ALINORM 08/31/22, para 47

⁴ REP 11/FL, para 19

8.1.3 If other permitted ingredients, as defined in Section 3.1.2, alters the flavour characteristic of the product, the name of the product shall be accompanied by the term “flavoured with X” or “X flavoured” as appropriate.

8.2 Labelling of non-retail containers

Information for non-retail containers shall be given either on the container or in accompanying documents, except that the name of the product, lot identification, and the name and address of the manufacturer, packer, distributor or importer, as well as storage instructions shall appear on the container. However, lot identification, and the name and address of the manufacturer, packer, distributor or importer may be replaced by an identification mark, provided that such a mark is clearly identifiable with the accompanying documents.

REVISION TO THE STANDARD FOR MANGO CHUTNEY (CXS 160-1987)

8.LABELLING

The product covered by the provisions of this Standard shall be labelled in accordance with the latest edition of the *General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods* (CXS 1-1985). In addition, the following specific provisions apply:

8.1 The name of the product shall be:

- a) “Mango Chutney or other names in accordance with the composition or
- b) Other names usually employed in the country
- c) If an added ingredient, as defined in Section 3.1.2 alters the flavour characteristic of the product, the name of the food shall be accompanied by the term “flavoured with X” or “X flavoured” as appropriate.

8.2 Labelling of Non-Retail Containers

Information for non-retail containers shall be given either on the container or in accompanying documents, except that the name of the product, lot identification, and the name and address of the manufacturer, packer, distributor or importer, as well as storage instructions, shall appear on the container. However, lot identification, and the name and address of the manufacturer, packer, distributor or importer may be replaced by an identification mark, provided that such a mark is clearly identifiable with the accompanying documents.

GENERAL STANDARD FOR DRIED FRUITS

8.LABELLING

8.1 The products covered by the provisions of this Standard shall be labelled in accordance with the *General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods* (CXS 1-1985). In addition, the following specific provisions apply:

8.2 Name of the Product

8.2.1 The names of the dried fruits shall appear on the label, such as “Dried XXX”, “Dehydrated XXX” and/or “Freeze dried XXX” where XXX is the name of the fruit; or as defined in the individual Annexes.

8.2.2 The name of the product shall include indication of the style as set out in Section 2.2 or as indicated in the individual Annex, as appropriate.

8.2.3 **Other styles** - If the product is produced in accordance with the other styles provision (Section 2.2.1), the label should contain in close proximity to the name of the product such additional words or phrases that will avoid misleading or confusing the consumer.

8.2.4 If an added ingredient, as defined in Section 3.1.2, alters the flavour characteristic of the product, the name of the food shall be accompanied by the term “flavoured with X” or “X flavoured” as appropriate.

8.2.5 The name of the product may include the varietal type.

8.2.6 Where a characteristic coating or similar treatment has been used, appropriate terms shall be included as part of the name of the product or in close proximity to the name: e.g., “Sugar Coated”, “Coated with X”.

8.2.7 When dried fruits are sized, the size (or sizes when sizes are mixed), as defined in the individual Annex, may be declared as part of the name or in close proximity to the name of the product.

8.3 Labelling of Non-Retail Containers

Information for non-retail containers shall be given either on the container or in accompanying documents, except that the name of the product, lot identification, and the name and address of the manufacturer, packer, distributor or importer, as well as storage instructions, shall appear on the container. However, lot identification,

and the name and address of the manufacturer, packer, distributor or importer may be replaced by an identification mark, provided that such a mark is clearly identifiable with the accompanying documents.

ANNEX A DRIED APRICOTS

In addition to the general provisions applicable to dried fruits, the following specific provisions apply:

4.LABELLING

Dried apricots that have a moisture content between above 25% (by mass) and 40% (by mass), shall be labelled as high moisture or equivalent denomination.

ANNEX B DATES

In addition to the general provisions applicable to dried fruits, the following specific provisions apply:

4.LABELLING

4.1 The name of the product shall be "Dates" or optionally "Dates coated with Glucose Syrup".

4.2 The style shall be indicated as "pitted" or "unpitted", as is applicable.

4.3 The name of the product may include the name of the varietal type, such as "Hallawi", "Saher", "khadhrawi", "Deglet Noor", "Barhee", "Majhoul", "Boufeggous", "Najda" or others, the sub-style as "pressed" or "unpressed", and the size designation.

ANNEX C RAISINS

In addition to the general provisions applicable to dried fruits, the following specific provisions apply:

4.LABELLING

4.1 The Name of the Food

4.1.1 The name of the product shall be "Raisins"; or it shall be "Sultanas" in those countries where the name sultana is used to describe certain types of raisins.

4.1.2 If the raisins are bleached, part of the name shall include a meaningful term as customarily understood and used in the country of sale, such as "Bleached", "Golden", or "Golden Bleached".

4.1.3 If raisins are of the seed-bearing type, the name of the product shall include, as appropriate:

(1) the description "Seeded" or "With Seeds Removed";

(2) the description "Non-Seeded", "Unseeded", "With Seeds", or similar description indicating that the raisins are naturally not seedless, except in cluster form and Malaga Muscatel type.

4.1.4 If raisins are in cluster form, the name of the product shall include the description "Clusters", or a similar appropriate description.

4.1.5 If raisins intentionally do not have cap-stems removed, the name of the product shall include the description "Unstemmed" or a similar appropriate description, except in cluster form and Malaga Muscatel type.

4.1.6 Where a characteristic coating or similar treatment has been used, appropriate terms may be included as part of the name of the product or in close proximity to the name: e.g. "Sugar Coated", "Coated with X"

4.2 Optional Declarations

4.2.1 Raisins may be described as "Natural" when they have not been subjected to dipping in an alkaline lye as an aid to drying nor subjected to bleach treatment,

4.2.2 Raisins may be described as "Seedless" when they are of that type.

4.2.3 The product name may include the variety or varietal type group of raisins.

ANNEX D DRIED LONGANS

In addition to the general provisions applicable to dried fruits, the following specific provisions apply:

4.LABELLING

4.1 The Name of the product shall be "Dried longan", "Dehydrated longan" or "Freeze Dried longan" as appropriate.

4.2 The style shall be indicated as “Dried whole longan”, “Dried longan flesh”, “Freeze dried longanflesh” or “Freeze Dried longan flesh stuffed with” as appropriate.

ANNEX E DRIED PERSIMMONS

4.LABELLING

4.1 The Name of the product shall be “Dried persimmon”, “Dehydrated persimmon” or “Semi-driedwhole persimmon” as appropriate.

4.2 The style shall be indicated as “Dried whole peeled persimmon” or “Dried slices or pieces peeledpersimmon” as appropriate.

GENERAL STANDARD FOR CANNED MIXED FRUITS

8. LABELLING

8.1 The products covered by the provisions of this Standard shall be labelled in accordance with the *General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods* (CXS 1-1985). In addition, the following specific provisions apply:

8.2 Name of the Product

8.2.1 For products covered by the Annexes, the names of the canned mixed fruits shall be those defined in the individual Annexes. For products not covered by the Annexes, specific names of canned mixed fruits should be permitted provided that they are not misleading or confusing to the consumer.

8.2.2 For products covered by the Annexes, when the fruits are sized, the size (or sizes when sizes are mixed), as defined in the individual Annexes, may be declared as part of the name or in close proximity to the name of the product.

8.2.3 The name of the product shall include the indication of the packing medium as set out in Section 2.1(2)(a). For canned mixed fruits packaged in accordance with Section 2.1 (2) (b)the words “vacuum packaged” shall be affixed to the commercial designation of the product or in close proximity.

8.2.4 For products covered by the Annexes, the name of the product shall include indication of the style as set out in Section 2.2.

8.2.5 For products not covered by the Annexes, If the product is produced in accordance with the other styles provision (Section 2.2.1), the label should contain in close proximity to the name of the product such additional words or phrases that will avoid misleading or confusing the consumer.

8.2.6 If an added ingredient, as defined in Section 3.1.2, alters the flavour characteristic of the product, the name of the food shall be accompanied by the term “flavoured with X” or “X flavoured” as appropriate.

8.2.7 The name of the product may include the varietal type.

8.3 Labelling of Non-Retail Containers

Information for non-retail containers shall be given either on the container or in accompanying documents, except that the name of the product, lot identification, and the name and address of the manufacturer, packer, distributor or importer, as well as storage instructions, shall appear on the container. However, lot identification, and the name and address of the manufacturer, packer, distributor or importer may be replaced by an identification mark, provided that such a mark is clearly identifiable with the accompanying documents.

ANNEX A CANNED FRUIT COCKTAIL

In addition to the general provisions applicable to canned mixed fruits, the following specific provisions apply:

4 LABELLING

4.1 Name of the Product

4.1.1 The name of the product shall be “Fruit Cocktail”.

ANNEX B CANNED TROPICAL FRUIT SALAD

In addition to the general provisions applicable to canned mixed fruits, the following specific provisions apply:

4. LABELLING

4.1 Name of the Product

4.1.1 The name of the product shall be “Tropical Fruit Salad” or another name that accurately describes the product and is not misleading or confusing to the consumer.

G. CODEX COMMITTEE ON SPICES AND CULINARY HERBS (CCSCH)

Note: CCSC5 forwarded to CAC44 the draft standard for dried oregano, draft standard for dried roots, rhizomes and bulbs — dried or dehydrated ginger, draft standard for dried floral parts – dried cloves and draft standard for dried leaves - dried basil for adoption at Step 8, and the proposed draft Standard for dried seeds – Nutmeg for adoption at Step 5.

CCFL45 had previously considered the labelling provisions in the standards for dried oregano; dried roots, rhizomes and bulbs – dried or dehydrated ginger; dried floral parts – dried cloves; and dried basil; and had agreed to endorse all the labelling provisions in these draft standards except for sections 8.3, 8.3.1 and 8.5, which were referred to CCSC5 for further consideration.

Regarding Section 8.3 and 8.3.1 “Country of Origin/Country of Harvest”, CCSC5 agreed to inform CCFL that:

- i. both provisions would be kept in the SCH standards.
- ii. the provision “Country of Origin/Country of Harvest” would be split into two independent and clear provisions, i.e. a provision on “Country of Origin” being mandatory and a provision on “Country of Harvest” being optional; and that these provisions would be reconsidered in individual standards, should the need arise.

CCSC5 also noted that declaration of the region of production was considered equally important in providing significant information to the consumer, especially for regional products, and would also be an optional labelling requirement where appropriate.

Regarding Section 8.5 “Inspection mark (optional)”, CCSC5 agreed that the provision be expunged from SCH standards. However, it could be considered under individual draft standards should there be a need.

CCSC5 agreed to forward the revised provisions for labelling to CCFL46 for endorsement.

DRAFT STANDARD FOR DRIED OREGANO

8 LABELLING (sections 8.2.2, 8.3, 8.3.1, 8.3.2 and 8.3.3 for endorsement)⁵

8.2.2 The general name and style of the product shall be as described in Table 1 and Section 2.2 (styles). The scientific name of the product is optional.

8.3. Country of origin and country of harvest

- 8.3.1 Country of origin shall be declared
- 8.3.2 Country of harvest (optional)
- 8.3.3 Region of harvest and year of harvest (optional)

DRAFT STANDARD FOR DRIED ROOTS, RHIZOMES AND BULBS— DRIED OR DEHYDRATED GINGER

8 LABELLING (sections 8.2.1, 8.3, 8.3.1, 8.3.2 and 8.3.3 for endorsement)⁶

8.2.1 The common name of the product shall be as described in Section 2.1.

8.3 Country of origin and country of harvest

- 8.3.1 Country of origin shall be declared
- 8.3.2 Country of harvest (optional)
- 8.3.3 Region of harvest and year of harvest (optional)

DRAFT STANDARD FOR DRIED FLORAL PARTS-CLOVES

8 LABELLING (sections 8.3, 8.3.1, 8.3.2 and 8.3.3 for endorsement)⁷

8.2.1 The common name of the product shall be as described in Section 2.1.

8.3 Country of origin and country of harvest

⁵ Section 8.2.2 was revised to make declaration of scientific name optional by including a statement “The scientific name of the product is optional”.

⁶ Section 8.2.1 was revised to replace “the name of the product” with “the common name of the product” for the purpose of aligning the provision with section 2.1 Product Definition.

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- 8.3.1 Country of origin shall be declared.
- 8.3.2 Country of harvest (optional)
- 8.3.3 Region of harvest and year of harvest (optional)

DRAFT STANDARD FOR DRIED BASIL

8 LABELLING (sections 8.2.1, 8.2.2, 8.3, 8.3.1, 8.3.2 and 8.3.3 for endorsement)⁸

- 8.2.1 The common name of the product shall be as described in Section 2.1.
- 8.2.2 The common name may be used if the product is a blend of the different species listed in Table 1. If a trade name is used, then the product shall be a minimum of 80% of the species listed for that trade name.
- 8.2.3 The name of the product may include an indication of the trade name and varietal type described in Table 1 and style as described in Section 2.2.

8.3 Country of origin and country of harvest

- 8.3.1 Country of origin shall be declared
- 8.3.2 Country of harvest (optional)
- 8.3.3 Region of harvest and Year of harvest (optional)

PROPOSED DRAFT STANDARD FOR DRIED SEEDS – NUTMEG

8. LABELLING⁹

8.1. The products covered by this standard shall be labelled in accordance with the *General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods* (CXS 1-1985). In particular, the following specific provisions apply:

8.2. Name of the products

- 8.2.1. The name of the product shall be as described in Section 2.1.
- 8.2.2. The name of the product may include an indication of the style as described in Section 2.2.

8.3. Country of origin and country of harvest

- 8.3.1. Country of origin shall be declared.
- 8.3.2. Country of harvest (optional)
- 8.3.3. Region of harvest and year of harvest (optional)

8.4. Commercial Identification

- 8.4.1 Size (optional)

8.5. Labelling of non-retail containers

Information for non-retail containers shall be given either on the container or in accompanying documents, except that the name of the product, lot identification, and the name and address of the manufacturer, packer, distributor or importer, as well as storage instructions, shall appear on the container. However, lot identification, and the name and address of the manufacturer, packer, distributor or importer may be replaced by an identification mark, provided that such a mark is clearly identifiable with the accompanying documents.

⁸ Section 8.2.1 was revised to align with Section 2.1 Product description by inserting the term "Common name". The following wordings previously contained in a footnote was inserted in the text of the section as section 8.2.2, i.e. "The Common name may be used if the product is a blend of the different species listed in Table 1. If a trade name is used then the product shall be a minimum of 80% of the species listed for that trade name. In addition, section 8.2.2 was amended and renumbered as section 8.2.3 by deleting both the term "species" in square bracket and the footnote stating, "Other distinctly different styles besides the three described in this standard were allowed" noting that this aspect was already covered by section 2.2.1 (bullet 4).

⁹ New proposed draft labelling provisions being presented for the first time to CCFL for endorsement.