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AMENDMENTS TO CODEX STANDARDS AND RELATED TEXTS

1 BACKGROUND

In this document the Codex Secretariat presents a number of amendments to Codex standards and related texts to improve their editorial consistency, correctness, legibility and clarity. In some cases proposed amendments originate from subsidiary bodies, in others from a regular review by the Secretariat. They may be of a horizontal nature following earlier decisions of the Commission or affect individual texts only.

2 AMENDMENTS TO SPECIFIC STANDARDS AND RELATED TEXTS

2.1 Principles and Guidelines for the Exchange of Information in Food Safety Emergency Situations (CAC/GL 19-1995)

Delete footnote 2 as it makes reference to the ongoing revision of CAC/RCP 20-197920) which has been finalized.

Amend the reference in paragraph 23 as follows: " ... and taking into account the *Code of Ethics for International Trade in Food including Concessional and Food Aid Transactions* (CAC/RCP 20-1979)."

2.2 Code of Hygienic Practice for Meat (CAC/RCP 58-2005)

Update footnote 2 to read: "See also OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code chapter 6.2. 'Control of biological hazards of animal health and public health importance through ante- and post-mortem meat inspection'."

2.3 Standards for Cocoa Products

2.3.1 Standard for Cocoa Butter (CODEX STAN 86-1981)

Delete Section 6.3 Determination of Lead as there is no ML for lead.

2.3.2 Codex Standard for Cocoa (Cacao) Mass (Cocoa/Chocolate Liquor) and Cocoa Cake (CODEX STAN 141-1983)

Delete Section 7.3 Determination of Lead as there is no ML for lead.

2.4 Standards for Cereals

2.4.1 Codex Standard for Rice (CODEX STAN 198-1995)

2.4.1.1 Amend section 3.2.1 Moisture content as follows:

"Lower moisture limits should be required for certain destinations in relation to the climate, duration of transport and storage. ~~Governments accepting the Standard are requested to indicate and justify the requirements in force in their country.~~"

2.4.1.2 In the Annex amend section 3. Optional Ingredients as follows:

"Nutrients

Vitamins, minerals and specific amino acids may be added in conformity with the legislation of the country in

which the product is sold. (~~Governments accepting the Standard are requested to indicate the requirements in force in their country.~~)”

2.4.2 In the following standards amend section 3.2.1 as in 2.4.1.1:

CODEX STAN 151-1989 Gari
 CODEX STAN 152-1985 Wheat Flour
 CODEX STAN 153-1985 Maize
 CODEX STAN 154-1985 Whole Maize (Corn) Meal
 CODEX STAN 155-1985 Degermed Maize (corn) and maize (corn) grits
 CODEX STAN 169-1989 Whole and Decorticated Pearl Millet Grains
 CODEX STAN 170-1989 Pearl Millet Flour
 CODEX STAN 172-1989 Sorghum Grains
 CODEX STAN 173-1989 Sorghum Flour
 CODEX STAN 176-1989 Edible Cassava Flour
 CODEX STAN 178-1991 Durum Wheat Semolina and Durum Wheat Flour
 CODEX STAN 200-1995 Peanuts
 CODEX STAN 199-1995 Wheat and Durum Wheat
 CODEX STAN 201-1995 Oats

2.4.3 *Codex Standard for Certain Pulses (CODEX STAN 171-1989)*

Amend section 3.2.1.1 as in 2.4.1.1.

2.5 Standards for Food for Infants and Young Children

2.5.1 Food Additive provisions

In the standards for Follow-up Formula (CODEX STAN 156-1987) and Canned Baby Foods (CODEX STAN 73-1981) to ensure consistency in the additive provisions in the standards, the CCNFSDU agreed to replace the current section on the carry-over principle with the following text at the beginning of the section on food additives:

“Only the food additives listed in this section may be present in the foods covered by this Standard, as a result of carry-over from a raw material or other ingredient (including food additive) used to produce the food, subject to the following conditions:

- (a) *The amount of the food additive in the raw materials or other ingredients (including food additives) does not exceed the maximum level specified; and*
- (b) *The food into which the food additive is carried over does not contain the food additive in greater quantity than would be introduced by the use of the raw material or ingredients under good manufacturing practice, consistent with the provisions on carry-over in the Preamble of the General Standard for Food Additives (CAC/STAN 192-1995).”*

2.5.2 Food Hygiene Provisions

Noting that the *Code of Hygienic Practice for Powdered Formulae for Infants and Young Children (CAC/RCP 66-2008)* has superseded the *Code of Hygienic Practice for Foods for Infants and Children (CAC/RCP 21-1979)*, the CCNFSDU agreed to update references as follows:

- In the *Standard for Cereal-Based Foods for Infants and Young Children (CODEX STAN 74-1981)*: Delete the reference to CAC/RCP 21-1979 and refer to the *General Principles of Food Hygiene*, which adequately cover the products concerned.
- In the *Standard for Canned Baby Foods (CODEX STAN 73-1981)*: Delete the reference to CAC/RCP 21-1979 and refer to the *Code of Hygienic Practice for Low-Acid and Acidified Low-Acid Canned Foods (CAC/RCP 23-1979)* and the *Code of Hygienic Practice for Aseptically Processed and Packaged Low-Acid Foods (CAC/RCP 40-1993)* as well as the *General Principles of Food Hygiene (CAC/RCP 1-1969)*
- Revise the hygiene section of the *Guidelines for Formulated Supplementary Foods for Older Infants and Young Children (CAC/GL 8-1991)* while revising the Guidelines (see Agenda Item 6).

(REP 12/NFSDU, para.11 and 15-16)