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COMMENTS FROM MALAYSIA

Agenda item 5:

ANNEX TO THE GENERAL STANDARD FOR THE LABELLING OF PRE-PACKAGED FOODS (CXS 1-1985): GUIDELINES ON THE USE OF PRECAUTIONARY ALLERGEN LABELLING (STEP 7)

Malaysia supports the development of the Annex to the General Standard for The Labelling of Pre-Packaged Foods (CXS 1-1985): Guidelines on the use of Precautionary Allergen Labelling. In considering the draft guidelines in Appendix I, Malaysia would like to express our comments as below:

i) Section 4.3

[4.3 PAL should only be used when it is demonstrated that unintended food allergen presence cannot be mitigated to a level at or below the action level³ for a food allergen based on the reference doses in the table at 4.3.1.

Malaysia agrees with the proposed amendment to section 4.3. The term 'should only' to be retained to ensure flexible application of this guidelines. Malaysia also has no objection with the reference doses in the table 4.3.1 and its footnote.

ii) Section 4.3.3

4.3.3. If a PAL statement for cereal(s) containing gluten [appears / is used] on the label, then the term "gluten free" shall not [appear/ be used] on the label [or in labelling].

Malaysia is propose to retian the word 'appears on the label' to maintain consistency in the preamble of Section 4-Mandatory Labelling of Pre-packaged Foods in the *General Standard for the Labelling of Pre-Packaged Foods* (CXS 1-1985). Therefore, Malaysia propose to retain the word 'appears' and delete the word 'is used' in both square bracket and delete the sentence 'or in labelling' in the last square bracket.

iii) Section 5.2

Malaysia can agrees with all the the text in section 5.2 including 5.2bis, 5.2.1, 5.2.2 and also the footnote.

Malaysia can support advancing of the draft guidelines to Step 8 pending resolution of the remaining texts for discussion.