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Proposed amendment of the *Standard for Canned Sardines and Sardine-Type Products* (CXS 94-1981)

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Background

1. CAC43 (2020) reactivated the Codex Committee on Fish and Fishery Products (CCFFP) to work by correspondence to evaluate if the *Standard for Canned Sardines and Sardine-Type Products* (CXS 94-1981) could be amended to include the fish species *Sardinella lemuru* (Bali Sardinella) in the list of *Sardinella* species under section 2.1. The work should be done in accordance with the Codex Procedural Manual, Section 2 (Elaboration of Codex standards and related texts), Procedure for the inclusion of additional species in Codex standards for fish and fishery products,
2. CCFFP35 (2021) worked by correspondence applying the Procedure for the inclusion of additional species in Codex standards for fish and fishery products regarding sensory evaluation:
 - a. The laboratories to perform the sensory evaluation were agreed:
 - i. Intertek ITALIA S.p.A, Italy
 - ii. Portuguese Institute for the Sea and Atmosphere (IPMA), Portugal
 - iii. AENOR Internacional, Spain
 - b. It was also agreed that Intertek ITALIA S.p.A (Italy) be the lead laboratory for coordination and preparation of the report of the sensory evaluation.
 - c. Species to be compared with *S. lemuru* were agreed:
 - i. *Sardina pilchardus* / European Pilchard
 - ii. *Sardinella aurita* / Round Sardinella
 - iii. *Sardinella maderensis* / Madeiran Sardinella
 - d. An electronic working group (EWG) was established, to be chaired by the Philippines and co-chaired by the EU, working in English, French and Spanish to support the evaluation with the following Terms of references (ToR):
 - overseeing the sensory evaluation of the candidate species, i.e. *S. lemuru* in accordance with the inclusion procedure of the Procedural Manual, in particular sections 2.3, 3.3 and 4.
 - preparing a report to the CCFFP36 on its findings, conclusions and recommendations.
3. The EWG started immediately following the end of CCFFP35 on the online Codex e-forum platform. Ten (10) Members registered to participate in the EWG.
4. The final report of the EWG will be published in July 2024 as CX/FFP 24/36/3 Add.1.

Recommendations

5. CCFFP36 is invited to review the report from the EWG and decide if the candidate species *Sardinella lemuru* is adequate for inclusion in the *Standard for Canned Sardines and Sardine-Type Products* (CXS 94-1981) in Section 2.1, Product Definition.