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Matters Arising from the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC44 And CAC46)

A. Inclusion of two species (*Sardinella fimbriata* and *Sardinella sirm*) to the Standard for Canned Sardines and Sardine-Type Products (CXS 94-1981) (CX/FFP 24/36/2)

1. Regarding to the Matters Arising from CAC44, Thailand wishes to draw CCFFP's attention to a matter on the issuance of corrigendum to rectify the accidental omission of two species, including *Sardinella fimbriata* and *Sardinella sirm*, under the Standard for Canned Sardines and Sardine-Type Products (CXS 94-1981), that was agreed by previous CAC and CCFFP meetings.
2. It is very important to note that, as per ALINORM79/38, the CAC13 (1979) agreed with the CCFFP's recommendation to include the species of ***Sardinella fimbriata***, ***Sardinella sirm***, *Sardinella longiceps*, *Sardinella gibbosa* and *Engraulis mordax* after there was examination of samples of finished products.
3. Based on ALINORM 81/18, the CCFFP14 (1980) was informed that CAC13 agreed with the Committee's recommendation to include the above-five species in the standard.
4. However, in CAC15 (1983), it was recalled that at CAC13, it had been agreed to include the above-five species in the Standard. These species had not been included in the recently issued Codex Fish Standards and a corrigendum would be issued to rectify the omission (as mentioned in ALINORM 83/43).
5. Subsequently, CCFFP16 (1984) noted that, as agreed by the CAC15 the above-five species should be included in the standard. The corrigendum to the Standard had been prepared to this effect (as mentioned in ALINORM 85/18).
6. Nonetheless, in ALINORM 97/18, the CCFFP22 (1996) decided to reinstate the two species, ***Sardinella fimbriata*** and ***Sardinella sirm*** in the revised CXS94 as these mentioned sardine species had been accidentally omitted.
7. In view of the above, the current CXS94 does not include the two-sardine species namely, ***Sardinella fimbriata*** and ***Sardinella sirm***. The corrigendum in both paper and electronic forms on this matter also does not exist.
8. CAC44 discussed the matter concerning the two species that were not included in CXS 94-1981, despite the decision of CAC13 (1979) and CCFFP22 (1996) to include them in the standard, and of CAC15 (1983) to issue a corrigendum rectifying the accidental omission of the two species. And, CAC44 agreed to refer this issue to CCFFP36 for further consideration.
9. Referring to FAO species catalogue Volume 7. Clupeoid fishes of the world, *Sardinella sirm* has been moved to Genus *Amblygaster*, according to the differences in their characteristics (compared to the *Sardinella* genus) i.e. more rounded and elongated body shape, more rounded belly part and less number of gill rakers (26-43) on lower arm of the first gill arch. As a result, *Sardinella sirm* should be revised to *Amblygaster sirm* accordingly.
10. Hereunder are the relevant Codex meeting reports, for ease of reference:
 - https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/sh-proxy/en/?lnk=1&url=https%253A%252F%252Fworkspace.fao.org%252Fsites%252Fcodex%252FMeetings%252FCX-701-13%252Fa179_38e.pdf (CAC13-1979)
 - https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/sh-proxy/pt/?lnk=1&url=https%253A%252F%252Fworkspace.fao.org%252Fsites%252Fcodex%252FMeetings%252FCX-722-14%252Fa181_18e.pdf (CCFFP14-1980)

- https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/sh-proxy/en/?lnk=1&url=https%253A%252F%252Fworkspace.fao.org%252Fsites%252Fcodex%252FMeetings%252FCX-701-15%252Fai83_43e.pdf (**CAC15-1983**)
- https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/sh-proxy/pt/?lnk=1&url=https%253A%252F%252Fworkspace.fao.org%252Fsites%252Fcodex%252FMeetings%252FCX-722-16%252Fai85_18e.pdf (**CCFFP16-1984**)
- https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/sh-proxy/pt/?lnk=1&url=https%253A%252F%252Fworkspace.fao.org%252Fsites%252Fcodex%252FMeetings%252FCX-722-22%252Fai97_18e.pdf (**CCFFP22-1996**)
- https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/sh-proxy/en/?lnk=1&url=https%253A%252F%252Fworkspace.fao.org%252Fsites%252Fcodex%252FMeetings%252FCX-701-44%252FFINAL%252520REPORT%252FRep21_CACe.pdf (**CAC44-2021**)

11. CCFFP36 will take consideration on the issuance of corrigendum to rectify accidental omission of the two species, arising from CAC44.

Recommendation

1. According to the agreements of previous CCFFP and CAC meetings, CCFFP36 should consider the inclusion of the aforementioned species to CXS94 as the corrigendum to rectify the accidental omission.
2. To be accurate and up-to-date, *Sardinella sirm* should be revised to *Amblygaster sirm* accordingly with FAO species catalogue Volume 7.