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Comments of Malaysia, Philippines, Tanzania and African Union

**Committee on Nutrition and Food for Special Dietary Uses
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Comité sobre Nutrición y Alimentos para Regímenes Especiales**

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MALAYSIA

Proposed amendments	Malaysia's Comments
<p>2. Definitions Daily intake reference values as used in these principles refer to reference nutrient intake values provided by FAO/WHO or other recognized authoritative scientific bodies that may (e.g. recommendations for a specified age range).</p>	<p>Malaysia has no objection to the proposed amendment.</p>
<p>3.1 Selection of suitable data sources to establish NRVs Relevant daily intake reference values that reflect recent independent review of the science, from recognized authoritative scientific bodies other than FAO/WHO could also be taken into consideration.</p>	<p>Malaysia is of the opinion that the statement should be consistent with other amendments which have maintained WHO/FAO as underlined as follows:</p> <p>3.1 Selection of suitable data sources to establish NRVs Relevant daily intake reference values that reflect recent independent review of the science, from <u>FAO/WHO or</u> recognized authoritative scientific bodies other than FAO/WHO could <u>also</u> be taken into consideration.</p>
<p>3.2.2 Selection on Nutrients and Appropriate Basis for NRVs-NCD 3rd paragraph</p> <p>Daily intake reference values from FAO/WHO or other recognized authoritative scientific bodies that may be considered for NRVs-NCD..... energy intake.</p>	<p>Malaysia has no objection to the proposed amendment.</p>
<p>3.3 Consideration of Daily Intake Reference Values for Upper Levels The establishment of general population NRVs should also take into account daily intake reference values for upper levels established by FAO/WHO or other recognized authoritative scientific bodies where applicable (e.g. upper level of intake, acceptable macronutrient distribution range).</p>	<p>Malaysia has no objection to the proposed amendment.</p>

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<p>STANDARD FOR CANNED BABY FOODS (CODEX STAN 73-1981) 5. Contaminants Replace the text in 5.1 and 5.2 with the text from the Procedural Manual for consistency with the approach taken for this section in Codex standards.</p>	<p>Malaysia has no objection to the proposed amendment.</p>
<p>6. Hygiene Replace the existing text in 6.1, 6.2 and 6.3 with the text from the Procedural Manual for consistency with the approach taken for this section in Codex standards. and to delete reference to the revoked <i>Code of Hygienic Practice for Foods for Infants and Young Children (CAC/RP 21-1979)</i>.</p>	<p>Malaysia has no objection to the proposed amendment.</p>

PHILIPPINES

The Philippines supports the proposed editorial amendments to the Guidelines on Nutrition Labeling (CAC/GL 2-1985) (including the FAO/WHO Joint Expert Meetings on Nutrition (JEMNU)).

Rationale:

JEMNU is a recognized authoritative body of experts. JEMNU aims to strengthen the role of FAO and WHO in providing scientific advice on nutrition to Member States and bodies such as the Codex Alimentarius Commission

TANZANIA

Editorial Amendments to the Guidelines on Nutrition Labelling (CAC/GL 2-1985) Rep17/NFSDU Para. 12 (II)

POSITION:

Tanzania supports adoption of the amendment as proposed by CCNFSDU38.

Rationale

This will resolve the existing inconsistencies in sections 3.1 and 3.2 in the Guidelines on Nutrition Labeling (CAC/GL 2 -1985) arising out of further amendments to the definition of Recognized Authoritative Scientific Bodies (RASB) in section 2.5 of the guidelines.

EDITORIAL AMENDMENTS TO VARIOUS CCNFSDU STANDARDS: FLAVOURINGS, I.E., STANDARDS FOR CANNED BABY FOODS (CODEX STANDARD 73-1981), PROCESSED CEREAL-BASED FOODS FOR INFANTS AND YOUNG CHILDREN (CODEX STANDARD 74-1981), FOLLOW-UP FORMULA (CODEX STAN 156-1987) AND GUIDELINES ON FORMULATED COMPLEMENTARY FOODS FOR OLDER INFANTS AND YOUNG CHILDREN (CAC/GL 8-1991)(REP 17/NFSDU, PARA. 16, APPENDIX 11)

CCNFSDU38 (2016) agreed to the proposals from CCFA on the editorial amendments related to the appropriate use of the term flavourings in the following standards:

- Standard for "baby foods" (CODEX STAN 73-1981) Standard for processed cereal-based foods for infants and young children (CODEX STAN 74-1981),
- Standard for follow-on formulas (CODEX STAN 156-1987),
- Guidelines for the development of supplementary food preparations for elderly infants and young children (CAC / GL 8-1991).

Position and rationale

Tanzania supports the proposed editorial modifications in order to ensure coherence and alignment between the different texts of Codex.

AFRICAN UNION

EDITORIAL AMENDMENTS TO THE GUIDELINES ON NUTRITION LABELLING (CAC/GL 2-1985) REP17/NFSDU Para. 12 (ii)

BACKGROUND: CCNFSDU38 noted the existing inconsistencies in sections 3.1 and 3.2 in the Guidelines on Nutrition Labelling (CAC/GL 2 -1985) arising out of further amendments to the definition of Recognized

Authoritative Scientific Bodies (RASB) in section 2.5 of the guidelines and proceeded with a consequential amendment.

POSITION: African Union supports adoption of the amendment to address inconsistencies in the guidelines on nutrition labelling.

EDITORIAL AMENDMENTS TO VARIOUS CCFSDU STANDARDS: FLAVOURINGS, I.E., STANDARDS FOR CANNED BABY FOODS (CODEX STANDARD 73-1981), PROCESSED CEREAL-BASED FOODS FOR INFANTS AND YOUNG CHILDREN (CODEX STANDARD 74-1981), FOLLOW-UP FORMULA (CODEX STAN 156-1987) AND GUIDELINES ON FORMULATED COMPLEMENTARY FOODS FOR OLDER INFANTS AND YOUNG CHILDREN (CAC/GL 8-1991)(REP 17/NFSU, PARA. 16, APPENDIX 11)

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POSITION AND RATIONALE: African Union supports the proposed editorial modifications to ensure coherence and alignment between the General Standards for Food Additives (GSFA) and Codex commodity standards.