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MATTERS ARISING FROM THE REPORTS OF THE COMMISSION, THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND THE SUBSIDIARY BODIES¹

The following Codex meetings held between September 2017 – April 2018 having matters for information or action by the Commission are reproduced here below. The relevant documents and details of the discussion can be found in the reports of the Codex committee's meetings as indicated in the footnotes.

MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

CCFL44 - Committee on Food Labelling

Regional Standard for Doogh – endorsement of labelling provisions²

1. The Committee when endorsing the labelling provisions in the regional Standard for Doogh, noted that there was no Codex definition for the term “probiotics” and that ideally terms without Codex definitions should not be used in Codex standards. This matter should be brought to the attention of CAC and CCNE.

2. The Committee, however, recognized that this standard has been thoroughly discussed in CCNE and adopted by CAC40 and that removal of the term³ from the labelling section would impact on other sections of the standard which would then require further consideration by CCNE. On this basis, the Committee endorsed the labelling provisions as presented in the standard.

CCFA50 - Committee on Food Additives

Management of CCFA Work⁴

3. The Committee discussed and supported a “One CCFA approach” as an avenue to catalyse progress towards the key priority of developing the GSFA by defining efficient strategies for engagement on complementary fronts (i.e. GSFA, alignment of Food Additive Provisions in Commodity Standards and GSFA; INS, JECFA Evaluation and Re-evaluation of Food Additives; Processing aids; Prioritization of work); and agreed to implement the conclusions reached with respect to the work management of CCFA.

4. The Committee also agreed to report to the Executive Committee and CAC through the critical review, the significant achievements made, especially regarding Note 161 (i.e. the preparation of a discussion paper on the development of wording for an alternative to Note 161 relating to the use of sweeteners).

5. The Commission is invited to note this information.

¹ This document has also been included in the agenda of CCEXEC 75 under item 2

² REP18/FL, paras 17 - 18

³ Probiotics

⁴ REP18/FA, paras 135-173