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Agenda Item 8

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## JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME

### CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD ADDITIVES

#### Fifty-third Session

#### UPDATE TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS ON AGENDA ITEM 8, DISCUSSION PAPER ON MAPPING FOOD CATEGORIES OF THE GSFA TO THE FOODEX2 DATABASE

(Submitted by Canada, Australia and Japan)

Based on discussion in preparation for Agenda item 8, Mapping of the GSFA to Food EX2 (CX/FA 23/53/15), the Co-chairs have made small changes to 3 of the recommendations to provide clarity or updates to status. Deleted text has been marked with "strikethrough" and new text is marked in bold.

#### Recommendation 5:

Pursuant to Recommendation 3, that the Committee agrees that the initial mapping could remain as an internal reference document for use by JECFA. Further elaboration of the functionality or public hosting of the mapping could be left to the discretion of JECFA.

Alternatively, if the Committee decides that the food coding should be conducted by petitioners who submit requests to JECFA, then the mapping should be a publicly available document. In this case, the Committee should also agree on which group or organization should develop options to **consider supporting JECFA in hosting** the mapping and any accompanying documentation (e.g., assumptions made; decisions taken).

#### Recommendation 6:

**That** the Committee should ~~endorse support that the initial mapping be undertaken by Japan a Member or Members to prepare the initial mapping,~~ to be available by the end of 2023.

#### Recommendation 8:

~~The Committee should determine who should be responsible for updating the GSFA FoodEx2 mapping when either system is updated. If the CCFA will be primarily responsible for all updates, additional discussion on the procedures and level of work may be needed in a subsequent discussion.~~

**Note: recommendation 8 is considered premature. Once the initial mapping has been tested by JECFA, the committee should consider what further actions are necessary, such as the process to maintain the mapping.**