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COMMENTS OF PHILIPPINES

Agenda item 5.1: Review of methods of analysis in CXS 234: Fruit juices workable package

Comment Type	Category	Proposed change	Comment
General Comment	Substantive	Support all the proposed changes to CXS 234-1999 in CX/MAS 25/44/6 Appendix I.	The Philippines supports the endorsement of Appendix I with the proposed changes to CXS 234-1999.
General Comment	Substantive	<p>To delete the methods in CXS 234-1999: ENV 12142 (1996) for determining the stable hydrogen isotope ratio of water and ENV 12141 (1996) for determining the stable oxygen isotope ratio of water (Sections 3.2 Quality Criteria and 3.3 Authenticity)</p> <p>To delete the method in CXS 234-1999: IFU 42 (1976) for determining the carbon dioxide content</p> <p>To delete the above provisions until new methods are endorsed via the method endorsement process.</p>	<p>- The Philippines supports the proposal to delete the methods ENV 12142 (1996) for determining the stable hydrogen isotope ratio of water and ENV 12141 (1996) for determining the stable oxygen isotope ratio of water (Sections 3.2 Quality Criteria and 3.3 Authenticity) because the committee(s) responsible have been disbanded and the method IFU 42 (1976) for determining the carbon dioxide content are also be deleted because it is no longer available.</p> <p>- The Philippine supports the proposal that CCMAS should delete the above provisions until new methods are endorsed via the method endorsement process.</p>

Agenda item 5.2: Review of methods of analysis in CXS 234: Cocoa products and chocolate workable package

Comment Type	Category	Proposed change	Comment
General Comment	Substantive	Support all the proposed changes to CXS 234-1999 in CX/MAS 25/44/7 Appendix I	The Philippines supports the endorsement of Appendix I with the proposed changes to CXS 234-1999. Many of the methods reviewed are widely adopted internationally and are regularly evaluated through proficiency testing programs
General Comment	Substantive	Examine the suggestion to revise CXS 87-1981, part 6.8.2 'Quantitative Determination of Non-Cocoa Butter Vegetable Fats,' with the provisions 'Cocoa butter equivalents in cocoa butter and plain chocolates' and 'Cocoa Butter Equivalents in Milk Chocolate' shown in Appendix II in accordance with CCMAS procedures	<p>The Philippines supports CCMAS44 to examine the suggestion to revise CXS 87-1981, part 6.8.2 'Quantitative Determination of Non-Cocoa Butter Vegetable Fats,' with the provisions 'Cocoa butter equivalents in cocoa butter and plain chocolates' and 'Cocoa Butter Equivalents in Milk Chocolate' shown in Appendix II in accordance with CCMAS procedures.</p> <p>Rationale:</p> <p>In accordance with Codex Procedural Manual, any modification or addition to a Codex Standard method must undergo proper scientific scrutiny to ensure it meets the Codex criteria for method selection, including criteria such as specificity, accuracy, precision (repeatability, reproducibility) limit of detection, sensitivity, applicability and practicability. A formal review of the proposed provisions in Appendix II would help determine whether they fulfill these criteria and should be recommended as revisions or additions to the standard.</p>