EWG Invitation

You are invited to participate in the CCFA EWG on the Alignment of the food additive provisions of commodity standards and relevant provisions of the GSFA.

Chair: Canada
Co-Chairs: United States of America and Japan

Description of work: CCFA54 agreed to establish an Electronic Working Group (EWG), chaired by Canada and co-chaired by the United States of America (USA) and Japan, and working in English only, to:

i. align the CCASIA regional standards: CXS 298R-2009; CXS 301R-2011; CXS 322R-2015; CXS 354R-2023; CXS 355R-2023;

ii. align the CCNE regional standards: CXS 257R-2007; CXS 258R-2007; CXS 259R-2007; CXS 341R-2020;

iii. align the following CCSCH standards: CXS 342-2021; CXS 343-2021; CXS 344-2021; CXS 345-2021; CXS 347-2019; CXS 351-2022; CXS 352-2022; CXS 353-2022;

iv. verify and update the provisions for colours in the GSFA FC 02.1.2 reflecting that colours were not permitted in vegetable oils covered by CXS 19-1981 prior to the alignment of the standard with the GSFA;

v. introduce the limited use of methacrylate copolymer, basic (BMC) (INS 1205) in fortified rice, by:
   a. introducing a food additive section in the Standard for Rice (CXS 198-1995), including an appropriate reference to certain carriers in FC 06.1 of the GSFA; and
   b. making consequential changes to the food additive provisions of FC 06.1, as necessary; and

vi. update the list of Table 3 additives that should be migrated from Tables 1 and 2 of the GSFA, following the Table 3 Notes approach.

Working Group Languages: English

Should you be interested in participating in this EWG by contributing to Canada's comments, please send your full contact information to the Canadian Coordinator below and copy Codex Canada at codex_canada@hc-sc.gc.ca by COB June 10, 2024.

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