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Agenda Item 1

CX/FA 10/42/1
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JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME

CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD ADDITIVES

Forty-second Session

Beijing, China, 15-19 March 2010

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

The session will be held at Kunlun Hotel, 2 Xin Yuan Nan Lu, Chaoyang district, Beijing, China
from Monday 15 March at 9.30 hours to Friday 19 March 2010

The meeting of the Working Group on the Codex General Standard for Food Additives will be held at the same
venue on Saturday, 13 March 2010 from 09.00 hours to 18.00 hours

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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3	Matters of Interest arising from FAO/WHO and from the 71 st Meeting of the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA)	CX/FA 10/42/3
4	Endorsement and/or Revision of Maximum Levels for Food Additives and Processing Aids in Codex Standards	CX/FA 10/42/4
<u>Codex General Standard for Food Additives (GSFA)</u>		
5(a)	Draft and proposed draft food additive provisions of the GSFA - Comments	CX/FA 10/42/5 CX/FA 10/42/5 Add.1 Part 1 CX/FA 10/42/5 Add.1 Part 2 CX/FA 10/42/5 Add.2 CX/FA 10/42/5 Add.3
5(b)	Comments and information on several food additive provisions of GSFA (replies to CL 2009/7-FA Part B, points 6-9)	CX/FA 10/42/6 CX/FA 10/42/6 Add.1
5(c)	Comments and information on the reporting basis of the provisions for aluminium containing food additives included in the GSFA (replies to CL 2009/10-FA)	CX/FA 10/42/7 CX/FA 10/42/7 Add.1

Working documents will be uploaded onto the Codex website: www.codexalimentarius.net/ or direct ftp-link:
<ftp://ftp.fao.org/codex/ccfa42>

Delegates should bring to the meeting all documents which have been distributed, as the number of additional copies which can be made available at the session is limited.

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5(d)	Comments and information on several aspects of the Food Category System of the GSFA (replies to CL 2009/7-FA Part B, points 10-12)	CX/FA 10/42/8 CX/FA 10/42/8 Add.1
5(e)	Discussion Paper on innovative proposals to expedite the work on the GSFA	CX/FA 10/42/9
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<u>Processing Aids</u>		
6(a)	Proposed draft Guidelines and Principles for Substances Used as Processing Aids (N14-2008)	CX/FA 10/42/10
	- Comments at Step 3	CX/FA 10/42/10 Add.1
6(b)	Inventory of Substances used as Processing Aids (IPA), Updated List	CX/FA 10/42/11
<u>International Numbering System (INS) for Food Additives</u>		
7(a)	Proposals for Changes and/or Addition to the International Numbering System for Food Additives	CX/FA 10/42/12
	- Comments at Step 3	CX/FA 10/42/12 Add.1
7(b)	Discussion paper on principles regarding the need for justification for proposals of changes to the INS	CX/FA 10/42/13
	- Comments	CX/FA 10/42/13 Add.1
<u>Specifications for the Identity and Purity of Food Additives</u>		
8	Specifications for the Identity and Purity of Food Additives Arising from the 71 st JECFA Meeting	CX/FA 10/42/14
	- Comments	CX/FA 10/42/14 Add.1
<u>Priority List of Food Additives Proposed for Evaluation by JECFA</u>		
9(a)	Proposals for Additions and Changes to the Priority List of Food Additive proposed for evaluation by JECFA (replies to CL 2009/9-FA)	CX/FA 10/42/15
9(b)	Discussion Paper on mechanisms for re-evaluation of substances by JECFA	CX/FA 10/42/16
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<u>Others</u>		
10	Discussion Paper on the Identification of Problems and Recommendations Related to the Inconsistent Presentation of Food Additives Provisions in Codex Commodity Standards	CX/FA 10/42/17
	- Comments	CX/FA 10/42/17 Add.1
11	Discussion paper on Codex Standard for Food Grade Salt (CODEX STAN 150-1985)	CX/FA 10/42/18
	- Comments	CX/FA 10/42/18 Add.1
12	Other Business and Future Work	
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INFORMATION DOCUMENTS

Information Document to the Discussion on the GSFA

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NOTES ON THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Agenda Item 1: Adoption of the Agenda (Doc. Ref. CX/FA 10/42/1)

The Committee will be invited to adopt the Provisional Agenda, as contained in document CX/FA 10/42/1, as the Agenda for the Session.

Agenda Item 2: Matters Referred by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and Other Codex Committees and Task Forces (Doc. Ref. CX/FA 10/42/2)

Document CX/FA 10/42/2, prepared by the Codex Secretariat, includes matters referred to the Committee by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and other Codex Committees and Task Forces.

Agenda Item 3: Matters of Interest arising from FAO/WHO and from the 71st Meeting of the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA) (Doc. Ref. CX/FA 10/42/3)

Document CX/FA 10/42/3, prepared by FAO and WHO, includes matters from FAO and WHO and from the 71st JECFA meeting referred to the Committee for information and action.

Agenda Item 4: Endorsement and/or revision of Maximum Levels for Food Additives and Processing Aids in Codex Standards (Doc. Ref. CX/FA 10/42/4)

Document CX/FA 10/42/4 compiles food additive and processing aid provisions in draft and proposed draft commodity standards submitted by various Codex Committees to the CCFA for endorsement.

Codex General Standard for Food Additives (GSFA)

Agenda Item 5 (a): Draft and proposed draft food additives provisions of the GSFA (Doc. Ref. CX/FA 10/42/5)

The 41st CCFA, agreed to request the United States of America to prepare a document compiling all provisions which could not be considered at the Session, along with written comments. The documents also includes provisions for selected food additives (*see* ALINORM 09/32/12, paras 83 and 106). Comments on document prepared by the United States of America are compiled in CX/FA 10/42/5 Add.1.

Agenda Item 5 (b): Comments and information on several provisions of GSFA (replies to CL 2009/7-FA Part B, points 6-9) (Doc. Ref. CX/FA 10/42/6)

The 41st CCFA agreed to request comments and information on: (i) application of note 161 “Subject to national legislation of the importing country aimed, in particular, at consistency with Section 3.2 of the Preamble”; (ii) technological justification for the use of certain colours in selected food categories; and (iii) uses and use levels of selected food additives (*see* ALINORM 09/32/12, paras 22, 23, 27, 28, 89, 99 and 103). Document CX/FA 10/42/6 compiles comments and information submitted in response to CL 2009/7-FA Part B, point 6-9.

Agenda Item 5 (c): Comments and information on the reporting basis of the provisions for aluminium containing food additives included in the GSFA (replies to CL 2009/10-FA) (Doc. Ref. CX/FA 10/42/7)

The 41st CCFA agreed to request clarification on the reporting basis (e.g. as aluminium; molecular weight) of all provisions (adopted and in the Step process) for aluminium containing food additives (*see* ALINORM 09/32/12, para. 66). Document CX/FA 10/42/7 compiles comments and information submitted in response to CL 2009/10-FA.

Agenda Item 5 (d): Comments and information on several aspects of the Food Category System of the GSFA (replies to CL 2009/7-FA Part B, points 10-12) (Doc. Ref. CX/FA 10/42/8)

The 41st CCFA agreed comments and information on several aspects of the Food Category System of the GSFA (*see* ALINORM 09/32/12, paras 147, 149, 151 and Appendix X). Document CX/FA 10/42/8 compiles comments and information submitted in response to CL 2009/7-FA Part B, points 10-12.

Agenda Item 5 (e): Discussion Paper on innovative proposals to expedite the work on the GSFA (Doc. Ref. CX/FA 10/42/9)

The 41st CCFA agreed to issue a Circular Letter (CL 2009/7-FA Part C) requesting comments and innovative proposals to expedite its work on the GSFA (*see* ALINORM 09/32/12, para 108). Document CX/FA 10/42/9, prepared by the Codex Secretariat, consolidates the comments submitted. Comments to the document are compiled in CX/FA 10/42/9 Add.1.

Processing Aids

Agenda Item 6(a): Proposed draft Guidelines and Principles for the Use of Substances used as Processing Aids (N14-2008) (Doc. Ref. CX/FA 10/42/10)

The 41st CCFA agreed to return the proposed draft Guidelines and Principles to Step 2 for redrafting by an electronic Working Group taking into account the written comments submitted at the session (*see* ALINORM 09/32/12, para 113). Comments at Step 3 are compiled in CX/FA 10/42/10 Add.1.

Agenda Item 6(b): Inventory of Substances used as Processing Aids (IPA), Updated List (Doc. Ref. CX/FA 10/42/11)

Document CX/FA 10/42/11, prepared by New Zealand, is an updated version of the IPA which include relevant decisions of the 41st CCFA and new information provided in written comments (*see* ALINORM 09/32/12, para 114).

International Numbering System (INS) for Food Additives

Agenda Item 7(a): Proposals for Changes and/or Addition to the International Numbering System for Food Additives (Doc. Ref. CX/FA 10/42/12)

Document CX/FA 10/42/12 is the report of the electronic Working Group on INS, established by the 41st CCFA, to consider the replies to CL 2009/8-FA requesting proposals for changes/addition to the INS list (*see* ALINORM 09/32/12, para 123). Comments at Step 3 are compiled in CX/FA 10/42/12 Add.1.

Agenda Item 7(b): Discussion paper on principles regarding the need for justification for proposals of changes to the INS (Doc. Ref. CX/FA 10/42/13)

The 41st CCFA agreed that the electronic Working Group on INS prepare a discussion paper on principles regarding the need for justification for proposals of changes to the INS (*see* ALINORM 09/32/12, para 123). Comments to the document are compiled in CX/FA 10/42/13 Add.1.

Specifications for the Identity and Purity of Food Additives

Agenda Item 8: Specifications for the Identity and Purity of Food Additives Arising from the 71st JECFA Meeting (Doc. Ref. CX/FA 10/42/14)

The document references specifications arising from the 71st JECFA Meeting (Geneva, Switzerland 16-24 June 2009). The summary report is available at: http://www.fao.org/ag/agn/agns/files/jecfa71_final.pdf (FAO JECFA website) and at: <http://www.who.int/ipcs/food/jecfa/summaries/en/index.html> (WHO JECFA website). The specifications are available on the on-line edition of the Combined Compendium of Food Additive Specifications at: <http://www.fao.org/ag/agn/jecfa-additives/search.html>. Comments are compiled in document CX/FA 10/42/14 Add.1.

Priority List of Food Additives Proposed for Evaluation by JECFA

Agenda Item 9(a): Proposals for Additions and Changes to the Priority List of Food Additive proposed for evaluation by JECFA (replies to CL 2009/9-FA) (Doc. Ref. CX/FA 10/42/15)

Document CX/FA 10/42/15 compiles proposals for addition and changes to the Priority List of Food Additive proposed for evaluation by JECFA, submitted in response to CL 2009/9-FA.

Agenda Item 9(b): Discussion Paper on mechanisms for re-evaluation of substances by JECFA (Doc. Ref. CX/FA 10/42/16)

The 41st CCFA requested the JECFA Secretariat to prepare a discussion paper on mechanism for periodic re-evaluation of substances by JECFA for consideration at its next session (*see* ALINORM 09/32/12, para 142). Comments are compiled in document CX/FA 10/42/16 Add.1.

Others

Agenda Item 10: Discussion Paper on the Identification of Problems and Recommendations Related to the Inconsistent Presentation of Food Additives Provisions in Codex Commodity Standards (Doc. Ref. CX/FA 10/42/17)

The 41st CCFA agreed to establish an electronic Working Group to prepare a revised discussion paper on the identification of problems and recommendations related to the inconsistent presentation of food additives provisions in codex commodity standards for comments and consideration at its next session (*see* ALINORM 09/32/12, para 156). Comments are compiled in the document CX/FA 10/42/17 Add.1.

Agenda Item 11: Discussion paper on Codex Standard for Food Grade Salt (CODEX STAN 150-1985) (Doc. Ref. CX/FA 10/42/18)

The 41st CCFA accepted the kind offer of Switzerland to prepare a short discussion paper outlining possible options for updating the *Standard for Food Grade Salt* (CODEX STAN 150-1985) for consideration at its next session (*see* ALINORM 09/32/12, para 164). Comments are compiled in document CX/FA 10/42/18 Add.1.

Agenda Item 12: Other Business and Future Work

The Committee will discuss issues, raised under Item 1, as other business and/or proposals for future work

Agenda Item 13: Date and Place of Next Session

The Committee will be advised of the tentative dates and place of the next Session.

Agenda Item 14: Adoption of the Report

In accordance with Rule X.1 of the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the Committee shall adopt a report of its 42nd Session based on a draft provided by the Codex Secretariat.