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Comments of Syrian Arab Republic

Syrian Arab Republic would like to thank the CAC Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for their efforts.

Syria would like to highlight the comments on agenda item 4.4, 4.5& 4.8.

AGENDA ITEM 4.4: Work from the Codex Committee on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables (CCFFV) for adoption or approval by the Commission.

General Comment:

Syria objects to the final adoption of the draft standard for fresh dates submitted for (Step 8 or Step 5/8) as listed in Part 1 of this document.

Specific Comment- Part1: Proposed draft standard for fresh dates:

Syria expressed a reservation concerning the final adoption of proposed draft standard for fresh dates (Step 5/8). There is a request during the meeting of Committees of CCFFV22 that was not approved, which is to amend the moisture content of dates and reduce it from 30% to 20%, Failure to reduce the moisture will lead to making a category of dates unclassified, which is the semi-moisture group, and this leads to economic losses for the country producing this variety.

AGENDA ITEM 4.5: Work from the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Food (CCCF) for adoption or approval by the Commission.

General Comment:

Syria expressed a reservation concerning the final adoption of proposed Maximum levels for total aflatoxins in cereal-based food for infants and young children (excluding foods for food aid programs), and cereal-based food for infants and young children for food aid programs submitted for (Step 8 or Step 5/8) as listed in Part 1 of this document.

Specific Comment- Part1: Proposed Maximum levels for total aflatoxins in cereal-based food for infants and young children for food aid programs

Syria suggests considering that ML for aflatoxin should be set as low as reasonably achievable, in particular for foods destined for infants and young children. As those food are important as a complementary feeding period for infants and other than milk, exclusive feeding of the products, made infants even more vulnerable to the dietary risk of contaminated cereals.

AGENDA ITEM 4.8: Work from the Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods- comment on Zilpaterol Hydrochloride

Specific Comment:

Syria expresses its reservations regarding the adoption of MRLs for Zilpaterol and supports the discontinuation of Codex Alimentarius' work on this substance.