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Agenda item 3, 5 and 6

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Comments of India

INDIA

Agenda Item 3: ENDORSEMENT OF METHODS OF ANALYSIS AND SAMPLING PLANS FOR PROVISIONS IN CODEX STANDARDS

1. Appendix II: COMMITTEE ON SPICES AND CULINARY HERBS (CCSCH4)

Comment: India suggests indicating whether the principal mentioned in the table are identical or equivalent.

Rationale: It will bring more clarity.

Agenda Item 5: REVISION OF THE RECOMMENDED METHODS OF CXS 234 –PREAMBLE AND STRUCTURE

1. Page 6, Section IV- Point (e)

Comment: The text should be “Type of analytical method”

Rationale: Typographical error

2. Part II. Methods of analysis, section I – Methods of analysis and method performance criteria by commodity

i. **Comment:** It is observed that under “Provision” different terms like protein, protein content, and protein with nitrogen factor are mentioned in the table for various food commodities. Therefore, India proposes to use single term i.e. “Protein”.

Rationale: In order to maintain uniformity.

ii. **Comment:** The terms like Capillary gas chromatography, CAP GC Method and Capillary GLC used in the table should be replaced the term Gas Chromatography should be used in place of in line with the LIST OF PRINCIPLES OF THE METHODS attached at appendix II.

Rationale: As per the LIST OF PRINCIPLES OF THE METHODS attached at appendix II, the suggested principle for all these principles is Gas Chromatography.

3. Page 8: Cereals, Pulses and Legumes and Derived Products- Peanuts (Cereals, shell-fruits and derived products (including peanuts))

Comment: In this commodity, provision is given as Sum of aflatoxins B1, B2, G1 and G2, however in other cases it is mentioned as Aflatoxins, total. Therefore, India suggests to replace provision “Sum of aflatoxins B1, B2, G1 and G2” with Aflatoxin, total.

Rationale: Uniformity shall be maintained as per CXS 193 as Aflatoxin, total

Agenda Item 6: REVISION OF THE GUIDELINES ON MEASUREMENT UNCERTAINTY (CXG 54 - 2004)

1. **Appendix I- Para20:** The statement “The ISO/IEC 17025 (ISO/IEC 17025:2005 General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories) standard..... such as the bottom-up approach”

Comment: India proposes to amend the above mentioned statement as below:

“The ISO/IEC 17025 (~~ISO/IEC 17025:2005 General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories~~) standard requires laboratories to use validated methods; it is thus usually recommendable to use data from the inter laboratory or single-lab validation study rather than another approach such as the bottom-up approach.”

Rationale: As per our understanding, whenever a reference has been made to any document it is made to latest version only.