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DISCUSSION PAPER ON THE USE OF CERTAIN FOOD ADDITIVES IN WINE PRODUCTION

(Comments of Canada)

Canada wishes to provide the following comments in response to the revised note prepared by Chile, the United States, and the European Union) (CX/FA 23/53/17 Add. 1).

Reference:

*“The maximum level of the additive in grape wine set as Good Manufacturing Practice must not result in (i) the modification of the natural and essential characteristics of the wine and (ii) a substantial change in the composition of the wine. **Some Codex Members further specify the use to be consistent with the Code of Oenological Practices of the International Organisation of Vine and Wine (OIV.)**”*

Canada strongly supports the CCFA53 in progressing those winemaking additives that have been put on hold.

Canada believes that the first sentence of the Note proposed in CX/FA 23/53/17 Add.1 is sufficient to account for human health protection as well as the promotion of fair practices in food trade.

Further, we remark that the CCEXEC78 reported that “while there may on occasion be merit in including reference to standards of another standard setting organization, these should be kept to a minimum since they become an integral part of a Codex text and require life-long monitoring.” It was noted by CCEXEC78 that “other standard setting organizations may have more limited membership and may develop standards in a less transparent manner than Codex.”

In considering the above, while Canada would not object to the endorsement of the provisions based on consensus of the Note presented in CX/FA 23/53/17 Add.1, Canada emphasizes that referencing an external organization in this Note should not be viewed as setting a precedent for future Codex texts, and that the CCFA continue to apply the CCEXEC guidance that references to external organizations be considered on a case-by-case basis and be kept to a minimum.