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SUBJECT: **Request for Comments at Step 6 on the draft section 7.2 of the *Guidelines for Use of Nutrition and Health Claims (CAC/GL 23-1997): Non-Addition of Sodium Salts***

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BACKGROUND

CCFL40 advanced to step 5 the proposed draft **section 7.2 of the *Guidelines for Use of Nutrition and Health Claims (CAC/GL 23-1997): Non-Addition of Sodium Salts***. CAC35 (July 2012) adopted it at Step 5 and advanced it to Step 6. It will be considered at Step 7 by CCFL41 to be held in Charlottetown, PEI, Canada from 14 – 17 May 2013.

Draft section 7.2 of the *Guidelines for Use of Nutrition and Health Claims (CAC/GL 23-1997): Non-Addition of Sodium Salts (REP 12/FL Appendix III)*

Insert a new section 7.2 as follows:

7.2 Non-Addition of Sodium Salts

Claims regarding the non-addition of sodium salts to a food, including “no added salt”, may be made provided the following conditions are met*:

- (a) The food contains no added sodium salts (Examples: sodium chloride, sodium tripolyphosphate, etc.);
- (b) The food contains no ingredients that contain added sodium salts (Examples: Worcestershire sauce, pickles, pepperoni, soya sauce, etc.); and
- (c) The food contains no ingredients that contain sodium salts that are used to substitute for added salt (Examples: seaweed, depending on how it is used).

*National authorities may permit the addition for technological purposes of sodium salts other than sodium chloride where such addition would not result in the food not meeting the conditions for “low in sodium” claims as described in the Table to these *Guidelines*.

