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Agenda Item 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9

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JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME

CODEX COMMITTEE ON METHODS OF ANALYSIS SAMPLING

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(comments submitted by Kenya)

AGENDA ITEM 2 - MATTERS REFERRED BY THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION AND OTHER CODEX COMMITTEES

Work Management (CCEXEC)

Kenya proposes a CCMAS working plan referencing to that of CCFH with key areas identified by CCMAS as per its terms of reference.

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND FISH AND FISHERY PRODUCTS (CCFFP34)

Sampling plans in standards for fish and fishery products

Kenya agrees to the improvement of CAC/GL 50-2003 to make it user friendly so long as it does not affect the technical part of the guideline with clarity on whether its CAC/GL 50 -2003 OR CAC/GL 50 -2004 as found on CAC website.

AGENDA ITEM 3 - ENDORSEMENT OF METHODS OF ANALYSIS PROVISIONS IN CODEX STANDARDS (CX/MAS 16/37/3)

COMMITTEE ON CONTAMINANTS IN FOODS (CCCF9)

Kenya proposes to accept the sampling plans in Appendix I on “Sampling Plans for Fumonisin in Maize Grain, Maize Flour and Maize Meal” and “Sampling Plans for Deoxynivalenol (DON) in cereal-based foods for infants and young children; in flour meal, semolina and flakes derived from wheat, maize or barley; and in raw cereal grains (wheat, maize and barley) including sampling plans for raw cereal grains”

COMMITTEE ON SPICES AND CULINARY HERBS (CCSCH2)

Kenya proposes to accept the methods of analysis in Appendix II on methods of analysis for both cumin and methods of analysis for dried thyme.

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND FISHERY PRODUCTS (CCFFP34)

Amendments to Section 7.4 of the Standard for Quick Frozen Fish Sticks (Fish Fingers), Fish Portions and Fish Fillets – Breaded or in Batter

(2) Determination of Fish Content During Production

Kenya accepts the method of analysis no.2 in Appendix III for the determination of fish content during production as illustrated.

COMMITTEE ON NUTRITION AND FOODS FOR SPECIAL DIETARY USES (CCNFSDU37)

Methods of analysis in the Standard for Infant Formula and Formulas for Special Medical Purposes Intended for Infants (CODEX STAN 72-1981)

Kenya proposes to consider to replacing the corresponding methods in the methods of analysis in appendix IV the standard for infant formula and formulas for special medical purposes intended for infants (CODEX STAN 72-1981) and accept.

Agenda Item 4 - DEVELOPMENT OF PROCEDURES/GUIDELINES FOR DETERMINING EQUIVALENCY TO TYPE I METHODS (CX/MAS 16/37/4)GENERAL COMMENT

Kenya appreciates the good work done led by the United States of America in coming up with this paper for discussion by the committee and for comments

SCOPE

Kenya agrees to open the bracket on clause 8 for clarity on the scope covered by the discussion paper.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

- i. The general procedures for evaluating equivalence once endorsed shall be presented in the procedural manual; which will be revised as appropriate to be available to all the committees and codex members, observers and interested parties for use.
- ii. The methods for measuring a composition or characteristic (e.g. moisture content) and for provisions where a maximum limit is established it would be acceptable to establish equivalency around that limit which should be comparable within a range that is declared clearly.
- iii. The general procedures for evaluating equivalence once endorsed shall be presented in the procedural manual as a single document for both qualitative and quantitative methods.

AGENDA ITEM 6 - DISCUSSION PAPER ON CRITERIA FOR ENDORSEMENT OF BIOLOGICAL METHODS USED TO DETECT CHEMICALS OF CONCERN (CX/MAS 16/37/6)

Kenya appreciates the good work prepared by electronic working group led by Chile and France in the progress made in preparing this discussion paper for committee members to discuss and comment on.

Kenya therefore supports the continuation of the work on the criteria for the endorsement of biological methods used to detect chemicals of concern

AGENDA ITEM 7 - REVIEW AND UPDATE OF METHODS IN CODEX STAN 234-1999 (CX/MAS 16/37/7)GENERAL COMMENT

Kenya appreciates the good work prepared by electronic working group led by Brazil and Japan in the progress made in the review and update of CODEX STAN 234 – 1999 for members to discuss and comment on.

Kenya therefore supports the continuation of the work of review and update of methods in CODEX STAN 234 - 1999

AGENDA ITEM 9 - PROCEDURES FOR DETERMINING UNCERTAINTY OF MEASUREMENT RESULTS (CX/MAS 16/37/9)

The approach of determining uncertainty of measurement of test results mentioned herein are acceptable to Kenya.