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TECHNOLOGICAL JUSTIFICATION FOR SEVERAL FOOD ADDITIVES

(Comments by Burundi, Morocco, Panama, Thailand)

Burundi

Issue: There is no technological justification for use of guar gum, distarch phosphate, phosphate distarch phosphate, acetylated distarch phosphate and hydroxypropyl starch in foods conforming to CXS 72-1981 (Infant formula).

Position: Burundi supports the recommendation of EWG to withdraw the use of the additives in CXS 72-1981.

Rationale: JECFA will not be able to conduct risk assessment due to lack of supporting data. In addition, the additives are not currently in use based on the feedback received after the circular letter was issued.

Morocco

Position nationale :

Le Maroc soutient la recommandation du GTE qu'il n'existe aucune nécessité technologique pour les 5 additifs alimentaires en question, vu l'insuffisance d'informations sur leur utilisation et sur leur sécurité pour les nourrissons de moins de 12 semaines.

Panama

Panama appreciates the detailed review of the technological justification for food additives presented in CX/NFSDU 24/44/5. We believe that transparency in the evaluation criteria is essential to generate confidence in the use of these additives, and we also appreciate the enormous effort made by countries in participating and providing data to enrich the discussion documents within the Electronic Working Groups.

We propose that further studies be conducted to assess the safety and efficacy of additives in different populations, especially children and vulnerable populations. This will allow for the identification of potential long-term health effects.

Furthermore, we suggest that clear and objective criteria be established for the inclusion of additives in food products, based on solid scientific evidence.

We accept and support the conclusions presented by the Electronic Working Group.

Spanish:

Panamá agradece la revisión detallada de la justificación tecnológica para los aditivos alimentarios presentada en CX/NFSDU 24/44/5. Creemos que la transparencia en los criterios de evaluación es fundamental para generar confianza en el uso de estos aditivos, a su vez de agradecer el enorme esfuerzo que realizan los países en la participación y aporte de datos para enriquecer los documentos de debate dentro de los Grupos de Trabajo Electrónicos.

Proponemos que se realicen estudios adicionales que evalúen la seguridad y eficacia de los aditivos en diferentes poblaciones, especialmente en niños y poblaciones vulnerables. Esto permitirá identificar posibles efectos a largo plazo en la salud.

Además, sugerimos que se establezcan criterios claros y objetivos para la inclusión de aditivos en los productos alimentarios, basados en evidencia científica sólida.

Aceptamos y apoyamos las conclusiones presentada por el Grupo de Trabajo Electrónico.

Thailand

Thailand agrees that there is no technological need for the use of guar gum (INS 412), distarch phosphate (INS 1412), phosphated distarch phosphate (INS 1413), acetylated distarch phosphate (INS 1414), and hydroxypropyl starch (INS 1440) in foods conforming to CXS 72-1981, as no use in currently available products has been reported, and no commitment to provide the data required for safety assessment has been made.