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REVIEW OF STANDARDS UNDER THE PURVIEW OF CCNFSDU

(Comments by Burundi, Panama, Senegal, Thailand)

Burundi

Issue: CCNFSDU is invited to consider the recommendations from the Codex Secretariat on the process of revision/ amendment of the standards under the Committee.

Position: Burundi supports the recommendations below from the Codex Secretariat on the revision, amendment and update of Codex standards under CCNFSDU.

- i) to use the existing procedures to review standards under the purview of CCNSFUDU
- ii) encourage Members (and Observers) to propose revisions / amendments to existing standards, where needed, in response to the regular circular letter requesting new work proposals with initial screening exercises could be taken into account to guide new work proposals
- iii) request the Codex Secretariat to submit the consequential amendments identified for CXS 72-1981 and/or any other editorial amendments for consideration and approval by CAC47; and
- iv) request the CCNFSDU host country Secretariat to include the existing standards developed by CCNFSDU in the inventory of proposals and potential areas of work as proposed in the "Process for compiling new work proposals" (CL 2024/52-NFSDU)

Rationale: Given that there are existing procedures and guidance in the Procedural Manual for proposals for new work (including revision / amendment of standards) and that CCNFSDU has embarked on a process of prioritization of new work / emerging issues including the revision / amendment of existing standards and the issuance of a regular circular letter calling for proposals for new work since 2020. With the limited number of existing CCNFSDU standards, a specific mechanism to review standards under the purview of CCNSFUDU is not necessary. Maintaining an inventory list as introduced with the draft Guideline for the preliminary assessment to identify and prioritize new work for CCNFSDU could be sufficient to create transparency on the need for updates.

Panama

Panama welcomes the review of the texts under the CCNFSDU's jurisdiction. We propose to hold an open consultation to receive comments from member countries on the revised texts, which will ensure that local realities are reflected and specific concerns are addressed.

We also suggest including practical examples in the texts, which will facilitate their implementation and adaptation in different contexts. This will enable member countries to apply the recommendations more effectively.

We also consider it valuable to establish a mechanism to monitor the implementation of the revised texts, ensuring that adjustments are made as necessary.

Panama appreciates the CCNFSDU's ongoing efforts to update and revise food standards to ensure that they are based on the latest scientific and technological advances and reflect consumer needs. We recognize that the review of guidelines and standards, including the Guidelines for Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Foods (CXG 95-2022) and the Standard for Follow-up Formula for Older Infants and Products for Young Children (CXS 156-1987), is crucial to maintaining the relevance and applicability of these regulations.

We reiterate the importance of periodically reviewing specific standards, such as the standard for canned foods for infants and children (CXS 73-1981) and the standard for dietary preparations intended for weight control

regimens (CXS 181-1991). These reviews should take into account the progress of nutritional science and new evidence on the use of nutritional supplements.

Spanish:

Panamá agradece la revisión de los textos bajo la competencia del CCNFSDU. Proponemos realizar una consulta abierta para recibir comentarios de los países miembros sobre los textos revisados, lo que asegurará que se reflejen las realidades locales y se aborden las preocupaciones específicas.

Además, sugerimos la inclusión de ejemplos prácticos en los textos, lo cual facilitará su implementación y adaptación en diferentes contextos. Esto permitirá a los países miembros aplicar las recomendaciones de manera más efectiva.

También consideramos valioso establecer un mecanismo para el seguimiento de la implementación de los textos revisados, asegurando que se realicen ajustes según sea necesario.

Panamá valora el esfuerzo continuo del CCNFSDU por actualizar y revisar las normas alimentarias para garantizar que se basen en los más recientes avances científicos y tecnológicos y reflejen las necesidades de los consumidores. Reconocemos que la revisión de las directrices y normas, incluidas las Directrices para los alimentos terapéuticos listos para el consumo (CXG 95-2022) y la Norma para preparados complementarios para lactantes de más edad y producto para niños pequeños (CXS 156-1987), es crucial para mantener la relevancia y aplicabilidad de estas normativas.

Reiteramos la importancia de revisar periódicamente normas específicas, como la norma para alimentos envasados para lactantes y niños (CXS 73-1981) y la norma para preparados dietéticos destinados a regímenes de control del peso (CXS 181-1991). Estas revisiones deben tener en cuenta el avance de la ciencia de la nutrición y las nuevas evidencias sobre

Senegal

Contexte: Le Comité du Codex sur la Nutrition et les Aliments Diététiques ou de Régime (CCNFSDU) a élaboré et publié diverses lignes directrices, normes et autres textes dans le Codex Alimentarius depuis les années 1970 et 1980. Ces normes sont mises à jour périodiquement. Récemment, le CCNFSDU a publié les nouvelles "Lignes directrices pour les aliments thérapeutiques prêts à l'emploi (RUTF)" (CXG 95-2022) et a entièrement révisé la "Norme pour les préparations de suite" (CXS 156-1987), désormais intitulée "Norme pour les préparations de suite pour nourrissons du deuxième âge et le produit pour enfants en bas âge."

Il est de la responsabilité de la Commission du Codex Alimentarius (CAC) et de ses organes subsidiaires de réviser les normes pour qu'elles reflètent les connaissances scientifiques actuelles. Les comités doivent régulièrement examiner leurs normes pour garantir leur pertinence et leur mise à jour, en réponse aux demandes des membres ou des observateurs et selon des procédures spécifiques.

Lors de sa 43e session (CCNFSDU43), le Comité a décidé de mettre en place une approche systématique pour l'examen de toutes les normes sous sa compétence afin d'assurer leur actualité. Le document présente les méthodes d'examen des textes du CCNFSDU, le contexte historique des normes, les mécanismes d'examen, et les éventuelles mises à jour nécessaires. Pour préparer ce document, le Secrétariat du Codex, avec la collaboration de divers pays et organisations (Allemagne, Australie, Canada, Finlande, Ghana, OMS, FAO), a sélectionné des normes pour illustrer le besoin de révision, en excluant les normes les plus récentes et celles régulièrement mises à jour.

Position: Le Sénégal insiste sur l'importance de suivre le manuel de procédure tout en soutenant la révision des normes, qui doivent être éclairées par les avancées scientifiques.

Justification: Le manuel de procédure sert de guide essentiel pour assurer que toute révision soit faite de manière coordonnée, cohérente et juste.

Thailand

General comment

We view that the review of standards under the purview of CCNFSDU is crucial and should be reviewed and updated regularly, particularly for standards that have been adopted for an extended period. Consideration should be given to:

1. Current global issues, such as consumer health, trade, and technology.

2. Alignment with related CODEX texts, such as CCFL, CCFA, and CCMAS.

Specific comments

1. We agree to use the existing procedures and guidance in the Procedural Manual for proposals for new work (including revision/amendment of standards) and a specific mechanism to review standards under the purview of CCNSFDU is not necessary.

2. We agree to request the Codex Secretariat to submit the consequential amendments identified for CXS 72-1981 and/or any other editorial amendments for consideration and approval by CAC47.