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(Comments by Viet Nam)

AGENDA ITEM 6.21 DISCUSSION PAPER ON HARMONIZED PROBIOTIC GUIDELINES FOR USE IN FOODS AND FOOD SUPPLEMENTS

Vietnam would like to express our appreciation to Argentina, Malaysia and China also for the great effort in organization and preparation of discussion paper on harmonized probiotic guidelines for use in foods and food supplements (CX/NFSDU 24/44/6 Add.1).

In general, Vietnam supports the proposal for new work for a harmonized guideline on probiotics (the project document is as attached in Appendix II), with highest priority and to forward it to the 47th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC47) for approval as new work.

AGENDA ITEM 8 DISCUSSION PAPER ON USE OF FRUCTANS, BETA-CAROTENE, LYCOPENE IN STANDARD FOR INFANT FORMULA AND FORMULAS FOR SPECIAL MEDICAL PURPOSES INTENDED FOR INFANTS (CXS 72-1981)

Vietnam agrees that beta-carotene, oligofructan for use as optional ingredients in relevant Codex Standards mentioned in the Agenda Item 8.

Regarding to recommendation (iii), Vietnam proposes that this method AOAC 2016.13 / ISO DIS 23443 should be considered and validated by CCMAS before to use this in standard 72.

AGENDA ITEM 9 DISCUSSION PAPER ON METHODS OF ASSESSING THE SWEETNESS OF CARBOHYDRATE SOURCES IN THE STANDARD FOR FOLLOW-UP FORMULA (CXS 156-1987)

For this issue, Vietnam at present has no method for assessing the sweetness of carbohydrate source in the Standard for FUF. So Vietnam suggests CCFSDU to ask CCMAS for consideration and validation of this method.