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Agenda Item 4

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DRAFT STANDARD FOR STURGEON CAVIAR

COMMENTS AT STEP 6

(Australia, Egypt and Japan)

AUSTRALIA

Delete 6.3 as it is unnecessary.

Delete 7.1.5 as CITES has no food labelling provisions

EGYPT

Sturgeon Caviar

Item 6.4 The final product shall be free from any foreign material in amount that poses a threat to human health or reduces the product quality.

JAPAN

6. HYGIENE

Comments: Square brackets around Sections 6.3 and 6.4 can be deleted. However, Section 6.3 should be modified as follows;

6.3 The product shall not contain any other substance in amounts which may ~~present a hazard to health~~ **pose a risk to human health** in accordance with standards established by the Codex Alimentarius Commission.

Rationale: Basically, food control measures in Codex standards are risk-based ones, and hazardous substances are not controlled at the level actually causing adverse health effects. As the expression “present a hazard to health” has been used in several other Codex standards, they may have to be checked and amended consequently if this proposal is accepted.