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**CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD LABELLING
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**PROPOSAL FOR NEW WORK TO INCLUDE
SPINOSAD, POTASSIUM BICARBONATE AND COPPER OCTANOATE IN
ANNEX II, TABLE 2, OF THE GUIDELINES FOR PRODUCTION,
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GOVERNMENT COMMENTS

COMMENTS FROM:

**CANADA
MALI**

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CANADA:

Canada recognizes that the Annex in the *Guidelines for the Production, Processing, Labelling and Marketing of Organically Produced Foods* is an indicative list intended to provide guidance on substances which might be used by national authorities. Criteria in section 5.1 of the guidelines provide the basis for the inclusion or removal of substances from the list in Annex 2. Each country must evaluate, against the established criteria, whether or not it is appropriate to use a particular substance, given their regional circumstances.

Canada can support the new work proposal on the potential addition of spinosad, potassium bicarbonate, and copper octanoate to Annex II, Table 2, of the *Guidelines for Production, Labelling and Marketing of Organically Produced Foods*. If accepted as new work, the Committee will have the opportunity to examine the proposed new substances in depth, in relation to the organic principles.

MALI:

Mali does not support adding SPINOSAD to Annex II, Table 2 of the Guidelines for production, processing, labelling and marketing of organically produced foods for the following reasons:

- Product non registered with CSP/CILSS;
- Toxic for aquatic organisms, hymenoptera, and dermoptera