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### COMMENTS OF GHANA

AGENDA ITEM 6

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**Sorbates (INS 200 – 203):** We propose the committee waits for the results of JECFA's risk assessment on sodium sorbate to be available and the specifications for INS 201 to be established. With regards to the use of Benzoates or Sorbates either as group of additives or as single additives, an assessment of the possible health risk associated with cumulative exposure of combined additives should be considered before a decision is made.

AGENDA ITEM 9

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#### Discussion Paper on Histamine

Histamine formation in certain fish species and scombrototoxin fish poisoning (SFP) have significant impact on public health and trade. Given that the dual mandate of the Codex Alimentarius Commission are public health protection and trade promotion, Ghana welcomes efforts towards achievement of these objectives. The fish industry contributes significantly to the economy of Ghana, hence we support the recommendation that a dedicated Electronic Working Group (EWG) be established to revise and elaborate further guidance in the Code of Practice for Fish and Fishery Products. We believe revision of the current Code of Practice is a good risk management decision since it will provide useful information to countries on how to control SFP.

scombrototoxin fish poisoning include the other species with histamine producing capability.