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DISCUSSION PAPER ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF WORDING FOR AN ALTERNATIVE TO NOTE 161 RELATING TO THE USE OF SWEETENERS

(Comments of FIA)

FIA

FIA Recommendation: Food Industry Asia (FIA) supports all five recommendations outlined in CX/FA 19/51/10

FIA, an observer of Codex, would like to thank the European Union and United States of America for chairing the electronic working group (eWG) on Note 161 and carefully considering the comments from the eWG members from previous Circulars and finding a workable solution to the Note 161 matter. In the Discussion Paper, it provides clear direction on the approach for the use of alternate notes for sweeteners that is used only for sweetening function and those which have both sweetener and flavour enhancer technological functions. FIA understand that appropriate compromise has been made and supports the recommendations in the Discussion Paper. FIA hopes that this agenda can advance further.

FIA would also like to commend the Chairs for including Recommendation 4 which clarifies that the replacement notes are supposed to only provide information on the current use of sweeteners by Codex Members and specific considerations of CCFA in adopting the provision but does not place any labelling requirements on food, nor put additional criteria on the use of sweeteners to that listed in Section 3.2 of the GSFA preamble.