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**MATTERS REFERRED TO THE COMMISSION BY CODEX COMMITTEES
AND TASK FORCES**

A. MATTERS RELATED TO REQUESTS FROM THE COMMISSION

Committee on Fats and Oils

*Code of Practice for the Storage and Transport of Edible Fats and Oils in Bulk: Draft and Proposed Draft Lists of Acceptable Previous Cargoes**

The Committee recalled that the 34th Commission (2011) had adopted the Draft List at Step 8 and the Proposed Draft List at Step 5/8 and had directed the Committee on Fats and Oils to review the lists against the criteria adopted at the present session as a matter of priority, to identify the most critical substances for review by JECFA, taking into account the limitations of JECFA resources and the availability of data.

The Committee considered CRD 11 in which the JECFA Secretariat suggested that the Committee or a working group classify the substances into those which fulfill criteria 2, 3 and 4 contained in Section 2.1.3 of the Code of Practice and thus do not pose a food safety hazard and do not require action by JECFA and those that do not fulfill at least one of these criteria which might have to be reviewed by JECFA. The Committee noted that criterion 1 was related to cleaning and not with the safety properties of the substance thus was not related to the work of JECFA and that it was the responsibility of the Committee to evaluate the substances against criterion 1.

The Delegation of the European Union proposed that the substances in (i) to (iv) be evaluated by JECFA and proposed other amendments in (v) to (vii):

- (i) CALCIUM LIGNOSULPHONATE LIQUID (CAS No 8061-52-7): insufficient information in particular related to impurities in crude quality material and its reactivity with fats and oils, thus, despite the fact that JECFA had established an ADI, the criteria were not fulfilled.
- (ii) CARNAUBA WAX (CAS No 8015-86-9): concerns regarding the efficiency of tank cleaning following transport as a previous cargo.
- (iii) MONTAN WAX (CAS No 8002-53-7): insufficient data and it cannot be excluded that it contains components of concern
- (iv) SILICON DIOXIDE (CAS No 7631-86-9): concerns regarding the difficulties in transfer and cleaning of the tanker based on current shipping practices.
- (v) To restrict the entry "MOLASSES" (CAS No 57-50-1) to "Molasses obtained from citrus, sorghum, sugar beet, and sugar cane" as the term "molasses" could be applicable to any liquid food or feed ingredient obtained from plants that contains in excess of 43 % sugars.
- (vi) To delete the additional condition for POTABLE WATER (CAS No 7732-18-5), "only acceptable where the immediate previous cargo is also on the list" taking into account current shipping and cleaning practices.

* REP13/FO, paras. 9-31

(vii) To delete some substances currently on the list (e.g. candelilla wax (CAS No 8006-44-8), bees wax white (CAS No 8006-40-4) /yellow (CAS No 8012-89-3), etc.) as they do not appear to be transported as previous cargoes.

2. The Delegation also proposed that further information on the current shipping practices should be requested in order to avoid that substances, which are not transported as previous cargoes, are evaluated by JECFA.

Proposals (i) to (iv)

3. The observer from FOSFA explained that the substances under (ii) and (iv) were not carried in bulk and that the substance under (iii) had been deleted from the FOSFA list and the industry was only concerned about the substance under (i).

4. Some delegations supported the deletion of these substances while others were of the opinion that further study was needed. The Committee decided to retain these substances in the list and that the working group should look at these substances and make recommendations for the next session.

Proposals (v) and (vi)

5. Concerning molasses, the Committee agreed with the proposal to restrict entry "Molasses" (CAS No 57-50-1) to molasses obtained from citrus, sorghum, sugar beet, and sugar cane.

6. Concerning potable water, the Committee agreed to delete the additional condition "only acceptable where the immediate previous cargo is also on the list".

The Committee agreed to forward these proposals to the Commission for approval. The Commission is invited to consider Proposals (v) and (vi) above.

Proposal (vii)

7. The Committee agreed that the working group should review this issue and review the category of white mineral oils.

8. The Committee agreed to the following:

- To have a standing agenda item in every session of the CCFO to consider the review of the Codex List of Acceptable Previous Cargoes.
- To establish an electronic Working Group, with the following Terms of Reference, chaired by Malaysia, open to all members and observers and working in English only:
 - (i) To review available data of each substance on the ability to be adequately cleaned between cargoes as required by criterion 1.
 - (ii) To compile available information for each substance against criteria 2, 3 and 4.
 - (iii) To identify substances that meets all the criteria and recommend them as acceptable.
 - (iv) To identify and if necessary, prioritise substances to be submitted to JECFA for evaluation.
 - (v) To consider proposals from Members on new substances to be added to the List provided such proposals are supported by adequate and relevant information provided by the proponent.
 - (vi) To identify substances currently on the List not carried as previous cargoes and recommend to the Committee that they be removed from the List.
 - (vii) To report to the Committee with recommendations as indicated by the findings
- To convene a physical Working Group to consider the report of the electronic WG and additional comments/proposals received and prepare a report with recommendations to the Committee. This physical WG will meet immediately prior to CCFO Sessions, to be chaired by Malaysia, open to all members and observers and working in English only.

- To retain the four (4) substances namely Calcium Lignosulphonate Liquid, Carnauba Wax, Montan Wax and Silicon Dioxide in the list.
- To restrict the term “molasses” to those obtained from citrus, sorghum, sugar beet and sugar cane only and to forward this proposed amendments to the Commission for approval.
- To delete the additional condition for potable water "only acceptable where the immediate previous cargo is also on the list".
- To forward the following items to the electronic WG:
 - (i) Calcium Lignosulphonate Liquid, Carnauba Wax, Montan Wax, Silicon Dioxide and Mineral oils.
 - (ii) To request for information on substances (e.g. candelilla wax, bees wax white /yellow, etc.) that appear not to be transported as previous cargoes
- To request the Commission to reiterate its directive to the Committee to review the Codex List of Acceptable Previous Cargoes against the Criteria and to direct the Committee to carry out the review on a continuous basis with the view to facilitate the review process of the List.

Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems

The Committee agreed to consider at its next session the amendments to the *Guidelines for the Exchange of Information between Countries on Rejections of Imported Food* (CAC/GL 25-1997) to address animal feeding.[†]

Committee on Food Additives

The Committee agreed to continue work on the alignment food additive provisions of commodity standards and relevant provisions of the GSFA with a view to finalise work on the meat standards by its next Session.[‡]

Committee on Pesticide Residues

The Committee agreed on the completion of the *Pilot project for JMPR recommendation of MRLs for pesticides before national governments or other regional registration authorities for a global joint review chemical* by advancing several proposed draft MRLs for the new chemical sulfoxaflor for final adoption by the Commission; retained a few proposed MRLs for further evaluation by JMPR; and did not identify any further follow-up actions to this project.[§]

[†] REP13/FICS, para. 60

[‡] REP13/FA, para. 51

[§] REP13/PR, paras. 75-80, 170, 175-176, 182, Appendix III.