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### DRAFT REGIONAL STANDARD FOR GOCHUJANG (N03-2004)

#### COMMENTS AT STEP 6

#### JAPAN

Japan is pleased to offer the following comments in reply to CL 2007/32-ASIA.

#### 4. FOOD ADDITIVES

Taking into consideration the comments provided by CCFA, we would like to suggest amending the list of food additives as follows:

(INS No)	(Name of Food additives)	(Maximum level)
<b>4.1 Preservatives</b>		
200	Sorbic acid	1.0g/kg of 1000 mg/kg as sorbic acid, singly or in combination
202	Potassium sorbate	
203	Calcium sorbate	
<b>4.2 Texturizers</b>		
452(i)	Sodium Polyphosphate	limited by GMP
452(ii)	Potassium Polyphosphate	limited by GMP
<b>4.23 Flavour Enhancing Agents</b>		
621	MSG (Monosodium L-glutamate)	limited by GMP
508	Potassium chloride	limited by GMP
<b>4.34 Antioxidant</b>		
325	Sodium lactate	limited by GMP
<b>4.45 Acidity regulators</b>		
296	Malic acid (D-, L-)	limited by GMP
339i	Monosodium orthophosphate	5000 mg/kg singly or in combination as phosphorus
339ii	Disodium orthophosphate	
340i	Monopotassium orthophosphate	
340ii	Dipotassium orthophosphate	
452(i)	Sodium polyphosphate	
452(ii)	Potassium polyphosphate	

**4.56 Stabilizers**

412	Guar gum	limited by GMP
414	Gum arabic (acacia gum)	limited by GMP
415	Xanthan gum	limited by GMP

Although in Japan 452(i) Sodium Polyphosphate and 452(ii) Potassium Polyphosphate are not used to produce Gochujang, if they are used in any members, we propose that all phosphates be grouped under the functional class of Acidity regulators with one single maximum level as the recommendation provided by CCFA.

**9. METHODS OF ANALYSIS AND SAMPLING**

Analytical methods for Gochujang were considered at the 28<sup>th</sup> CCMAS. This discussion should be reflected when revised.