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SUBJECT: **REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON THE CRITERIA AND CATEGORIES OF NUTRIENTS TO BE USED FOR THE INCLUSION AND/OR DELETION IN THE ADVISORY LIST(S) OF MINERAL SALTS AND VITAMIN COMPOUNDS FOR THE USE IN FOODS FOR INFANTS AND CHILDREN**

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1. Following the proposal of the Twenty-first session of the Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses (CCNFSDU) the 23rd Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission approved the revision of the above List(s) as new work.

2. The CCNFSDU at its Twenty-fourth Session (July 2000) considered the Proposed Draft Revision of the Advisory List(s) of Mineral Salts and Vitamin Compounds for the Use in Foods for Infants and Children (ALINORM 01/26, paras 103-107). The Committee agreed that a Circular Letter would ask for comments concerning the criteria to be used for the inclusion and deletion of mineral salts and vitamin compounds in the Lists and which categories of nutrients (e.g. vitamins, minerals, amino acids etc) should be included in the List, and that the Delegation of Germany, with the assistance of interested countries, would prepare proposals for consideration by the next session. The Committee noted that the earlier criteria would be included in the CL as a reference.

2. Governments and interested international organizations are invited to submit their comments/proposals on the title, objective and structure of the List(s), the choice of nutrients, the purity requirements, the use in different types of foods for infants and children and the criteria to be used for the inclusion and deletion of vitamin compounds in the List(s).

2. Appendix 1 to this document includes the selection criteria adopted by the 18th Session of the CCNFSDU and used to develop the current List(s).

CRITERIA FOR THE AMENDMENT OF ADVISORY LISTS OF MINERAL SALTS AND VITAMIN COMPOUNDS (ALINORM 89/69, para. 193)

1. Mineral salts and vitamin compounds may be added to the above lists only if:
 - a) they are shown to be safe and suitable as nutrient sources;
 - b) the anion (or acids from which the anion is derived) is an approved additive and its use does not exceed the ADI;
 - c) it is demonstrated by appropriate studies in animals and/or infants that the mineral salts and vitamin compounds are biologically available;
 - d) the purity requirements for the mineral salts and vitamin compounds are established in an internationally recognized specification.

2. Mineral salts and vitamin compounds shall be deleted from the List if they are found no longer to meet the above criteria or if there is no evidence of their continued commercial application.