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Agenda Item 2

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MATTERS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE BY THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION AND/OR OTHER CODEX COMMITTEES

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE 49TH SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Draft Revised Standard For Gluten-Free Foods (CCNFSDU)¹

34. The Revised Draft Standard has been held at Step 7 as there has been no consensus on either the level for gluten or the method of determination to be used. In particular, there have been questions about the reliability of the method of determination. The Executive Committee recommended that the Draft Revised Standard continue to be held at Step 7 until such time as the scientific basis for the establishment of a level and a method of determination is clarified. Although it noted that a Working Group of the Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses had been studying these issues, it suggested that FAO and WHO may wish to convene an expert group to review available evidence and provide independent scientific expert advice as a means of resolving the issue. It was further noted that the question of the method of analysis was for the Committee to propose in light of its technical requirements and would then be subject to endorsement by the Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling in the light of Codex Criteria.

¹ ALINORM 01/26, paras. 28-35.