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Agenda Item 4(a)

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JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD ADDITIVES

Fifty-First Session

ENDORSEMENT AND/OR REVISION OF MAXIMUM LEVELS FOR FOOD ADDITIVES AND PROCESSING AIDS IN CODEX STANDARDS

Comments of Ghana, Japan, Kenya, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation and Senegal

Ghana

Position: Ghana supports the endorsement of all proposed texts for food additives as provided in CXFA 19/51/5.

Rationale: The recommended texts are consistent with the Codex Procedural Manual on the alignment of the food additives in commodity standards with the GSFA.

Japan

Japan's comment on the Endorsement and/or Revision of Maximum Levels for Food Additives and Processing Aids in Codex Standards (CX/FA 19/51/5)

Japan would like to submit the following comment on CX/FA 19/51/5.

Japan supports the endorsement of the use of anticaking agents for the powdered products covered in the following proposed draft standards.

- Proposed draft standard for dried or dehydrated garlic
- Proposed draft standard for dried oregano
- Proposed draft standard for dried roots, rhizomes and bulbs – dried or dehydrated ginger
- Proposed draft standard for dried leaves - dried basil
- Proposed draft standard for dried floral parts - dried cloves

However, Japan proposes some amendments to the food additive provisions contained in the above mentioned standards in accordance with the "Format for Codex Commodity Standards" in the Codex Procedural Manual. New text should read as follows: insertion is in **bold and underlined**, and deletion is in **~~strikethrough~~**.

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Anticaking agents ~~may be used in the powdered form of the product in accordance with listed in~~ Table 3 of the *General Standard for Food Additives* **are acceptable for use in powdered form of the foods conforming to this standard.**

(Rationale)

The "Format for Codex Commodity Standards" in the 26th Procedural Manual (see p.57) indicates that the section of food additives should contain a general reference to the corresponding sections of the General Standard for Food Additives which should take the following form:

"[Food Additive functional class] used in accordance with Tables 1 and 2 of the General Standard of Food Additives in food category x.x.x.x [food category name] or listed in Table 3 of the General Standard for Food Additives are acceptable for use in foods conforming to this standard."

Kenya

Issue: The Committee is invited to consider for endorsement the food additive provisions forwarded by the 4th Session of the Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs (REP19/SCH) related to:

- Proposed draft standard for dried or dehydrated garlic (at Step 5/8)
- Proposed draft standard for dried oregano (at Step 5)
- Proposed draft standard for dried roots, rhizomes and bulbs – dried or dehydrated ginger (at Step 5)
- Proposed draft standard for dried leaves - dried basil (at Step 5)
- Proposed draft standard for dried floral parts- dried cloves (at Step 5)

- Proposed draft standard for saffron (at Step 5)

Comment: Kenya supports endorsement of these provision as requested by the committee

Justification: It is consistent with the Codex Procedural Manual on alignment of food additives provisions

Republic of Korea

The Republic of Korea does not agree with using Calcium silicate, synthetic Magnesium silicate, and Talc, which are GSFA table 3 anticaking agents, to the powdered form of products under the five proposed draft standards. We do not permit using those three additives in spice preparations which refer to products made by mixing food or food additives with natural spices, corresponding to FC 12.2.1(Herbs and spices).

Also, we do not agree with using amorphous Silicon dioxide as GMP to the powdered form of products under the five proposed draft standards. We have the limits of using it not more than 2 % of foods.

Russian Federation

The Russian Federation considers it possible to agree with endorsement of the food additive provisions forwarded by the 4th Session of the Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs (REP19/SCH) related to:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proposed draft standard for dried or dehydrated garlic (at Step 5/8); - Proposed draft standard for dried oregano (at Step 5); - Proposed draft standard for dried roots, rhizomes and bulbs – dried or dehydrated ginger (at Step 5); - Proposed draft standard for dried leaves - dried basil (at Step 5); - Proposed draft standard for dried floral parts - dried cloves (at Step 5). 	<p>Anticaking agents may be used in the powdered form of the product in accordance with Table 3 of the General Standard for Food Additives (CXS 192-1995).</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proposed draft standard for saffron (at Step 5). 	<p>No food additives are permitted in the products covered by this standard.</p>

Senegal

Contexte : conformément à la section relative aux relations entre les Comités de produits et les Comités généraux du Manuel de procédure de la Commission du Codex Alimentarius, «Toutes les dispositions en matière d'additifs alimentaires (y compris les auxiliaires technologiques) de chaque norme Codex intéressant un produit devraient être soumises pour examen au Comité sur les additifs alimentaires de préférence avant que les normes aient été avancées à l'étape 5 de la procédure d'élaboration des normes Codex ou avant leur examen à l'étape 7 par le comité de produit compétent, un tel examen ne devant cependant pas retarder le passage de la norme aux étapes suivantes de la procédure».

Question : le Comité est invité à examiner pour confirmation les dispositions relatives aux additifs alimentaires (de l'annexe 1) transmises par la quatrième session du Comité du Codex sur les épices et les herbes culinaires (REP19/SCH) relatives aux avant-projets de norme pour :

- l'ail séché ou déshydraté (à l'étape 5/8)
- l'origan séché (à l'étape 5)
- les racines, rhizomes et bulbes séchés – gingembre séché ou déshydraté (à l'étape 5)
- les feuilles séchées – basilic séché (à l'étape 5)
- les parties florales séchées– clous de girofles séchés (à l'étape 5)
- le safran (à l'étape 5)

Position : le Sénégal recommande d'approuver les textes proposés pour les additifs alimentaires dans CXFA 19/51/5.

Justification : Le texte recommandé est conforme au Manuel de procédure du Codex sur l'alignement des additifs alimentaires dans les normes de produits avec la NGAA.