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**From:** Secretariat,  
Codex Alimentarius Commission, Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme  
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**Subject:** **Distribution of the Report of the Forty-second Session of the Codex Committee on Food Additives (ALINORM 10/33/12)**

The report of the Forty-second Session of the Codex Committee on Food Additives will be considered by the 33<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Geneva, Switzerland, 5-9 July 2010).

**PART A – MATTERS FOR ADOPTION BY THE 33<sup>RD</sup> SESSION OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION**

**Draft and Proposed Draft Standards and Related Texts at Steps 8 or 5/8 of the Procedure**

1. **Food additive provisions of the *General Standard for Food Additives (GSFA)*, at Steps 8 and 5/8, respectively (paras 19, 31, 62 and Appendix III);**
2. **Guidelines on substances used as processing aids (N14-2008), at Step 5/8 (para. 125 and Appendix VIII);**
3. **Amendments to the International Numbering System for food additives, at Step 5/8 (para. 134 and Appendix IX);**
4. **Specifications for the Identity and purity of food additives arising from the 71<sup>st</sup> JECFA meeting, at Step 5/8 (para. 142 and Appendix X).**

**Other matters for adoption**

5. **Amendment to the name and descriptors of food categories 06.0, 6.2 and 06.2.1 of the GSFA (para. 16);**
6. **Deletion of note 180 “expressed as beta-carotene” in all adopted and proposed provisions for carotenoids (INS 160a(i), (iii), e, f) and carotene, beta- (vegetable) (INS 160a(ii)) of the GSFA (para. 61);**
7. **Amendment of the provision for ascorbyl esters (INS 304, 305) in food category 13.2 “Complementary foods for infants and young children” of the GSFA (para. 90);**
8. **Amendment to notes 130 and 131 associated with the provisions for phenolic antioxidants, i.e. butylated hydroxyanisole (BHA, INS 320), butylated hydroxytoluene (BHT, INS 321); propyl gallate (INS 310) and tertiary butylhydroquinone (TBHQ, INS 319) of the GSFA (para. 91);**
9. **Amendment to the text of note 136 of the GSFA (para. 92);**
10. **Amendment to Section 2 “Table of functional classes, definitions and technological purposes” of CAC/GL 36-1989 (para. 129).**

Governments and international organizations wishing to submit comment on the above texts should do so in writing, *preferably by e-mail*, to the Secretariat, Codex Alimentarius Commission, Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme, FAO, Viale delle Terme di Caracalla, 00153 Rome, Italy (e-mail: [codex@fao.org](mailto:codex@fao.org), fax : +39 06 57054593) **before 15 May 2010.**

**PART B - REQUEST FOR COMMENTS AND INFORMATION**

11. **Comments at Step 3 for provisions for lycopenes (INS 160d(i)(ii)(iii)) and sodium hydrogen sulfate (INS 514) in Table 3 of the GSFA** (paras 36 and 39);
12. **Proposals on uses and use levels for lycopenes (INS 160d(i)(ii)(iii)) and sodium hydrogen sulfate (INS 514) for food categories listed in the Annex to Table 3** (paras 36 and 39);
13. **Use and use levels of sucrose oligoesters (SOE) type I and type II (INS 473a)** (para. 40);
14. **Specific additional information on several food additives** (paras 58, 60, 63 and Appendix VI).

Governments and international organizations wishing to submit comments on the above matters should do so in writing, *preferably by e-mail*, to the Secretariat of the Codex Committee on Food Additives, National Institute of Nutrition and Food Safety, China CDC, 7 Panjiayuan Nanli, Chaoyang District, Beijing 100021, China (e-mail: [secretariat@ccfa.cc](mailto:secretariat@ccfa.cc), Telefax: + 86 10 67711813;), with a copy to the Secretariat, Codex Alimentarius Commission, Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme, FAO, Viale delle Terme di Caracalla, 00153 Rome, Italy (e-mail: [codex@fao.org](mailto:codex@fao.org), *preferably* fax : +39 06 57054593) **before 15 October 2010.**

The 42<sup>nd</sup> Session of the CCFA emphasised the need that Members and Observers in submitting information comply with the *Procedures for consideration of entry and review of food additive provisions in the General Standard for Food Additives*, included in the Procedural Manual, in particular for the information regarding justification for the use and technological need (ALINORM 10/33/12, para. 63).