Agenda Item 5(a) Proposed Draft Regional Standard for Non-fermented soybean products.

4. Food Additives
Regarding firming agent, calcium chloride (INS 509) derived from natural sea water, called “Nigari”, is often used. Consumers especially like soybean curd which coagulated by this substance because of its taste and texture. IACFO would like to know whether calcium chloride listed in Table 3 of the GSFA include “Nigari.”

Agenda Item 5c Proposed draft regional standard for laver products

IACFO would like to congratulate the development of regional standard for laver products, and support to establish an electronic working group to finalize the proposed draft regional standard for further consideration at the 19th session of the CCASIA in 2012. IACFO also supports to establish a physical working group before its 19th Session. IACFO would like to join e-working group and a physical working group.

IACFO concerns that there was no discussion about acid treatment and fertilizer of laver, as it is not raised as key points for CX/ASIA 12/18/7 of section 7. IACFO would like to suggest adding the following as key points.

5) Contaminants
For the production of laver, acid treatment is often conducted to prevent disease of laver. For acid treatment, organic acid should be used. Such organic acid includes citric acid and malic acid. Inorganic acid, such as hydrochloric acid, sulfic acid, phosphonic acid should not be used to avoid contamination of laver.

For fertilizer, ammonium sulfate should not be used to avoid contamination of laver.