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COMMMENTS OF REPUBLIC OF KOREA

Agenda Item 6 Draft Regional Standard for Non-Fermented Soybean Products

Food Additives

Republic of Korea suggests that the use of Chlorophyll (INS 141(i)), Chlorophyllins, copper complex (INS 141(ii)), Tartrazine (INS 102), Sunset yellow FCF (INS 110), Indigotine (INS 132) and Brilliant blue FCF (INS 133) in Composite/flavoured soybean milk and soybean-based beverage should be reviewed of the technological justification.

The use of the above green colours in Composite/flavoured soybean milk and soybean-based beverage can mislead or deceive consumers by manufacturing adulterated products.

For this reason, the use of Chlorophyll (INS141(i)), Chlorophyllins, copper complexes (INS 141(ii)), Tartrazine (INS 102), Sunset yellow FCF (INS 110), Indigotine (INS 132) and Brilliant blue FCF (INS 133) are not allowed in Composite/flavoured soybean milk and soybean-based beverage in the national standard.

Soybean milk

Since the term ‘soybean milk’ describes a characteristic quality of this product and has been used traditionally in this region, it is not expected for consumers to be confused or misled by using the term.

In addition, It is required to take General Standard for the Use of Dairy Terms(CODEX STAN 206 -1999) into account.

4.6 Use of dairy terms for other foods

4.6.2 However, the provision in Section 4.6.1 shall not apply to the name of a product the exact nature of which is clear from traditional usage or when the name is clearly used to describe a characteristic quality of the non-milk product.

Some non-dairy commodities are traded with a term of dairy goods.

For this reason, Republic of Korea suggests that the “milk” can be used in this product.

Agenda Item 8a Status of Implementation of the Strategic Plan for the CCASIA 2010 - 2014

Q 1: Of the Actions listed in the Regional Strategic Plan, what are the priority areas for your country?
- Objective 1, Objective 5

Q2: Of the Actions listed in the Regional Strategic Plan, which actions have you taken in your country?

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<td>1.2 Technical discussion on methods of analysis or setting standards with regular Republic of Korea-China Food Standards Meeting</td>
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<td>1.3 Continuous effort to identify the capacity-building needs to facilitate and strengthen the implementation and participation in Codex work</td>
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Q3: What additional support is required to help its effective implementation?

None.

But in the country, it is required to encourage stakeholders to have more interests and to participate in the Codex activities.