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Agenda Item 6 and 8a

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COMMENTS 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?

Objective 1	1.1 Continuous effort to identify capacity-building needs in national food regulatory system and to identify the resources required including funding
	1.2 Technical discussion on methods of analysis or setting standards with regular Republic of Korea-China Food Standards Meeting
	1.3 Continuous effort to identify the capacity-building needs to facilitate and strengthen the implementation and participation in Codex work

	1.6 CODEX curriculum has been developed and operated to discuss the direction of development and to promote understanding of the CODEX from 2013.
Objective 2	2.2 Participation to US-CCASIA Colloquium to share national positions among Asian member countries
	2.2 Maintaining a website for National CODEX activities and updating data including the latest standard etc
Objective 3	3.1 Participation of informal meetings of CCASIA prior to Codex meetings
	3.2 Discuss Codex issues of interest to the region including those issues arising from other Codex committees
Objective 4	4.2 A list of experts and institutions available in the country which can provide the scientific/technical expertise
	4.3 Lead an EWG for development of Proposed draft regional standard for Laver Products
	4.4 Submission relevant monitoring data to CCCF as a CRD in 2013 * Details about actions taken under Action 4.4 - Monitoring data for aflatoxins in cereals - Data on Maximum levels for methylmercury in fish
	4.6 Host APEC food inspection capacity-building based on risk analysis workshop(May 2014, Seoul)
Objective 5	5.1 Explain the results discussed in Codex committees for policy makers and stakeholders and translate related texts into Korean language.
	5.2 Listen opinions from relevant stakeholders i.e. government, industries, academia and professional bodies prior to developing national positions.

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.