Codex Committee on Food Additives (CCFA)

Last Meeting: 46th Session, 17-21 March 2014, Hong Kong, China

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The Committee outcomes included:

- All the CCFFP additives were endorsed (Agenda Item 4a)
- The application of a new alignment decision tree resulted in agreement on additives in processed meat standards for adoption into the GSFA.
- Approximately 550 new provisions were recommended for adoption taking the GSFA to over halfway to completion. (Agenda Item 5a);
- Wine additives: The issues involve the desire by some members to set levels of use and the application good manufacturing practice (GMP) principles favoured by most Codex members
- Descriptors and additive provisions for liquid milks within the GSFA: New Zealand led work to address inconsistencies in liquid milk categories (when sold to the consumer) was well received. New Zealand will lead an eWG to further revise the categories and prepare a project document for new work next year, which will include an analysis of proposed additives provisions. (Agenda Item 5d)
- Entry of new provisions: Agreement to include specific new additive provisions at Step 2 to be circulated for comment. Proposals under 5h were not considered and were requested to be resubmitted in reply to the next circular letter including those for wine proposed by Australia (Agenda Items 5e 5h)
- The new web-based processing aids database developed by China with assistance from New Zealand was successfully promoted in a lunchtime workshop and will record CCFA processing aids related decisions and information on the use and safety of processing aids internationally.