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Codex Committee on Food Additives (CCFA)

Terms of Reference

- Establish or endorse acceptable maximum use levels for individual food additives
- Prepare a priority list of food additives for risk assessment by JECFA
- Assign functional classes to individual food additives
- Recommend specifications of identity and purity for food additives for adoption by the Commission
- Consider methods of analysis for the determination of food additives in food
- Elaborate standards for related subjects such as the labeling of food additives when sold as such

Codex & Food Ingredients

Important Texts

- General Standard For Food Additives (GSFA)
- GSFA Online
- Class Names and the International Numbering System for Food Additives
- List of Advisory Specifications for Food Additives
- Guidelines for the Use of Flavourings
- Labelling of Prepackaged Foods

CCFA and Wine

- GSFA and Wine
 - Current Status
 - How APEC members can participate
- Codex and Processing Aids

Codex Definitions

Food means any substance, whether processed, semi-processed or raw, which is intended for human consumption, and includes drink, chewing gum and any substance which has been used in the manufacture, preparation or treatment of “food” but does not include cosmetics or tobacco or substances used only as drugs.

Codex Definitions

Food Additive means any substance not normally consumed as a food by itself and not normally used as a typical ingredient of the food, whether or not it has nutritive value, the intentional addition of which to food for a technological (including organoleptic) purpose in the manufacture, processing, preparation, treatment, packing, packaging, transport or holding of such food results, or may be reasonably expected to result, (directly or indirectly) in it or its by-products becoming a component of or otherwise affecting the characteristics of such foods. The term does not include “contaminants” or substances added to food for maintaining or improving nutritional qualities.

Codex Definitions

Processing Aid means any substance or material, not including apparatus or utensils, and not consumed as a food ingredient by itself, intentionally used in the processing of raw materials, foods or its ingredients, to fulfil a certain technological purpose during treatment or processing and which may result in the non-intentional but unavoidable presence of residues or derivatives in the final product.

GSFA

Components

Preamble

Annex A (Guidelines for the estimation of appropriate levels of use of food additives)

Annex B (Food categorization system for the GSFA)

Annex C (Cross reference of CX standards and FCS)


Food Additive Tables

Table 1 Alphabetically by Food Additives

Table 2 By Food Category

Table 3 Foods Generally


Annex (Food categories excluded from the general conditions of Table 3) (14.2.3 Grape wines are included in this annex)



GSFA

Food Category System

- 14.2 Alcoholic beverages, including alcohol-free and low-alcoholic counterparts (0/3)
 - 14.2.1 Beer and malt beverages
 - 14.2.2 Cider and perry
 - 14.2.3 Grape wines (3/42)
 - 14.2.3.1 Still grape wine (0/3)
 - 14.2.3.2 Sparkling and semi-sparkling grape wines (0/9)
 - 14.2.3.3 Fortified grape wine, grape liquor wine, and sweet grape wine (2/7)
 - 14.2.4 Wines (other than grape) (4/20)
 - 14.2.5 Mead
 - 14.2.6 Distilled spirituous beverages containing more than 15% alcohol
 - 14.2.7 Aromatized alcoholic beverages (e.g., beer, wine and spirituous cooler-type beverages, low-alcoholic refreshers) (28/19)



Processing Aids

No Official Codex Text

CCFA Database

Prototype under development for the
CCFA by the People's Republic of China

CCFA

How to Participate

Submit Written Comments

Electronic Working Groups (Inter-Session)

- GSFA (USA) (Table 3 acidity regulators, emulsifiers, stabilizers & thickeners)
- Aluminium-containing Additives (Brazil)
- Integration of Commodity Standards (Australia)
- International Numbering System (Iran)
- Use of Note 161 (South Africa)
- JECFA Priorities (Canada)

Physical Workings (Prior to Plenary)

- GSFA (USA)
- INS (Iran)
- JECFA Priorities (Canada)

Attend the CCFA meeting (Beijing, March 12-16, 2012)