

## Report of the 43rd Session of the Codex Committee on Food Additives

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### < Summary >

The Codex Committee on Food Additives held its 43rd Session in Xiamen, Peoples Republic of China from 14 March to 18 March, 2011. The Session was attended by 200 delegates representing 53 Member Countries and 28 Member organization and international organizations. The summary and conclusions of the Session are as follows;

The Committee;

- agreed to advance to Step 8 and Step 5/8, respectively, the draft and proposed draft food additive provisions of the General Standards for Food Additives (GSFA).
- agreed to advance to Step 5/8 the proposed draft revision of the Food Category System of the GSFA (food categories 05.1, 05.2 and 05.4) (N07-2010).
- agreed to advance to Step 5/8 the proposed draft amendments to the International Numbering System for Food Additives.
- agreed to advance to Step 5/8 the Specifications for the Identity and Purity of Food Additives arising from the 73<sup>rd</sup> JECFA meeting.
- agreed to advance to Step 5 the proposed draft revision of the Standard for the Food Grade Salt (CODEX STAN 150-1985) (N08-2010).
- agreed to forwarded to adopt amendments to food additive provisions for antioxidants and preservatives of food category 04.1.2.2 “dried fruits” of the GSFA.
- agreed to forwarded to adopt amendment to Section 4 “Carry-over of Food Additives” of the Preamble of the GSFA.
- agreed to forwarded to adopt amendment to “Explanatory notes of the lay-out of the INS” Section I of the Class Names and International Numbering System for Food Additives.
- agreed to propose to revoke food additive provisions of the GSFA.
- agreed that there was no need to revise its risk analysis principles as to their applicability to animal feed and that Activity 2.2 of the Strategic Plan was completed.
- agreed to discontinue work on a number of draft and proposed draft food additives provisions of the GSFA.
- agreed to continue work on a decision-tree approach for the alignment of the food additive provisions in commodity standards and the GSFA and prepare a proposal for the revision of the food additive provisions of the five standards for processed meat.