

## **The Report of the 39th Session of the Codex Committee on Food Additives**

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### **< Summary >**

The Codex Committee on Food Additives held its 39th Session in Beijing, the People's Republic of China from 24 April to 28 April, 2007. The Session was attended by 210 delegates representing 55 Member Countries and 30 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 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 65<sup>th</sup> JECFA meeting.
- agreed to advance to Step 5 the proposed draft Guidelines for the Use of Flavourings (NO3-2006).
- agreed to propose to amend the proposed amendments to the Terms of Reference of the Codex Committee on Food Additives in the Procedural Manual.
- agreed to propose to amend the proposed amendments to the Risk Analysis Principles Applied by the Codex Committee on Food Additives and the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods in the Procedural Manual.
- agreed to propose to amend the proposed amendments to Sections on Format of Codex Standards (Food Additives) and on Relations between Commodity Committees and General Committee (Introduction and Food Additives and Contaminants) in the Procedural Manual.