

## **Report of the 40th Session of the Codex Committee on Food Additives**

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### **< Summary >**

The Codex Committee on Food Additives held its 40th Session in Beijing, Peoples Republic of China from 21 April to 25 April, 2008. The Session was attended by 260 delegates representing 65 Member Countries and 31 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.
- agreed to advance to Step 5 and Step 5/8 the draft and the proposed draft Guidelines for the use of Flavourings .
- agreed to advance to Step 8 the draft revision of the Codex Class Names and International Numbering System (CAC/GL 36-1989).
- agreed to advance to Step 5/8 the Specifications for the Identity and Purity of Food Additives arising from the 68th JECFA meeting.
- agreed to propose to revoke the food additives provisions of the GSFA.
- agreed to propose to revoke the Codex General Requirements for Natural Flavourings (CAC/GL 29-1985).
- agreed to propose to elaborate the project document of the Guidelines and Principles for Substances used as Processing Aids.
- agreed to propose to approve the Priority List of Food Additives, proposed for Evaluation by JECFA.