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PROPOSED DRAFT REVISION OF THE CLASSIFICATION OF FOOD AND FEED: SELECTED COMMODITY GROUPS GROUP 024 – SEEDS FOR BEVERAGES AND SWEETS

(AT STEP 4)

(Prepared by the Electronic Working Group chaired by the United States of America and co-chaired by the Netherlands)

Codex Members and Observers wishing to submit comments at **Step 3** on this document (**see Appendix I**), including possible implications for their economic interests, should do so in conformity with the *Uniform Procedure for the Elaboration of Codex Standards and Related Texts* (Codex Alimentarius Commission Procedural Manual) before **11 April 2016**. Comments should be directed:	
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BACKGROUND

1. Background on the discussion of the revision of the Classification of Food and Feed (CAC/MISC 4-1993) can be found in the reports of the 36th – 47th sessions of the Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR) including relevant sessions of the Codex Alimentarius (CAC) held from 2004 to 2015. Reports of Codex committee meetings are available at: http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings-reports/en/.

2. The 47th Session of CCPR (May 2015) agreed to re-establish[1] the Electronic Working Group on the revision of the Classification of Food and Feed (EWG) led by the United States of America and co-chaired by the Netherlands to continue with the revision of the Classification. In this framework, two new commodity groups were identified for discussion in the EWG and consideration by CCPR48:

- Group 021 – Grasses for sugar or syrup production and
- Group 024 – Seeds for beverages and sweets.

The list of participants is presented in Appendix II.

3. The EWG identified the commodity group 024 Seeds for beverages and sweets for consideration by the 48th Session of the Committee. Basil seeds were proposed by India and supported by the European Union. Carob (*Ceratonia silique*) was initially proposed by the European Union, but later acknowledged as already included in group 005 Assorted tropical and sub-tropical fruits – edible peel.

[1] REP15/PR, para 138

4. One option was proposed by New Zealand would be to include other commodities used for beverages and sweets into this group (including commodities in Oilseeds such as canola seed and sunflower seed), and develop subgroups based on tree nuts, ground nuts, seeds that are protected (pods) and seeds that are exposed.

CONCLUSIONS

5. The EWG submits for comments by Codex members and observer international organization the proposal based on the considerations given by members of the EWG. The proposal will be further considered by CCPR48.

6. When submitting comments, CodexMembers and observers are kindly invited to take into consideration the deliberations in the EWG as summarized in paragraphs 3 and 4 as well as the guiding principles and the criteria for crop group of the Classification of Food and Feed (Appendix III).

RECOMMENDATION

7. The Committee is invited to consider the sub-grouping and new commodities for Group 024 – Seeds for beverages and sweets with a view to their adoption at Step 5 by the 39th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission.

APPENDIX I

Seeds for beverages and sweets

Class A

Type 4 **Nuts and seeds** **Group 024** **Group Letter Code SB**

The seeds for beverages and sweets are derived from tropical and sub-tropical trees and shrubs. After processing the seeds are used in the production of beverages and sweets.

These seeds are protected from pesticides applied during the growing season by the shell or other parts of the fruit.

Portion of the commodity to which the MRL applies (and which is analysed): **Unless specified, whole commodity (seed only, other parts of the fruit not included).**

Group 024 **Seed for beverages and sweets**

Code No.	Commodity
SB 0091	**Seed for beverages**
SB 3180	**Basil, seeds**
	Ocimum basilicum L.
SB 0715	**Cacao beans**
	Theobroma cacao L.; several ssp.
SB 0716	**Coffee beans**
	among others *Coffea arabica* L.; *C. canephora* Pierre ex Froehner *C. liberica* Bull ex Hiern.; ssp. and cultivars
SB 0717	**Cola nuts**
	Cola nitida (Vent.) Schott & Endl.; *C. acuminata* (P. Beauv.) Schott & Endl; *C. anomala* K. Schum.; *C. verticillata* (Thonn.) Stapf ex A. Chev.
-	**Kola**, see Cola nuts

APPENDIX II

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APPENDIX III

The Classification of Food and Feed includes food commodities and animal feedstuffs for which Codex maximum residue limits will not necessarily be established.

The Classification is intended:

- to be a listing of food commodities in trade as complete as possible, classified into groups on the basis of the commodity's similar potential for pesticide residues;
- primarily to ensure the use of uniform nomenclature and secondarily to classify foods into groups and/or sub-groups for the purpose of establishing group maximum residue limits for commodities with similar characteristics and residue potential; and
- to promote harmonization of the terms used to describe commodities which are subject to maximum residue limits and of the approach to grouping commodities with similar potential for residue for which a common group maximum residue limit can be set.

The criteria for crop grouping in the Classification of Food and Feed:

1. Commodity's similar potential for pesticide residues.
2. Similar morphology.
3. Similar production practices, growth habits, etc.
4. Edible portion.
5. Similar GAP for pesticide uses.
6. Similar residue behavior.
7. To provide flexibility for setting (sub) group tolerances.