



Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses (CCNFSDU)

Last Meeting: 40th Session, Berlin, Germany 26-30 November 2018

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Next Meeting: 41st Session – Dusseldorf, Germany from 25 – 29 November

New Zealand participated in the 40th session. Main outcomes of importance to NZ were:

Review of the Follow-up Formula Standard (Chaired by New Zealand)

- Advancing Section A: Scope, Definitions, Composition and Labelling of the Standard for Follow-up Formula (for product for older infants) to Step 5 for adoption by CAC42. This reflects the significant amount of work that New Zealand lead throughout the year via an electronic working group (eWG), and leadership of the discussions at the CCNFSDU40 meeting.
- The labelling provisions for follow-up formula for older infants will now be sent to CCFL45 for endorsement.
- Completion of the essential compositional requirements of product for young children, with the exception of one footnote relating to carbohydrates and the proposal for dextrose equivalence for products not based on milk protein which the 2019 eWG (lead by New Zealand) will consider and propose recommendations at the next session of the Committee.
- Agreement to re-establish the eWG (chaired by New Zealand) to complete the remaining sections of the Standard yet to be considered.

Proposed draft definition of biofortification

- Agreement to forward the definition to CCFL and request the Committee consider if it meets their intended needs and for clarification on how, and where the definition will be used.

Draft NRV-NCD for EPA and DHA

- Agreement to discontinue this work until further evidence becomes available.

Trans fatty acid 'free' claim

- The Committee did not make a decision on the proposed draft condition for a claim of 'free' of trans fatty acids, but agreed that Canada would prepare a



discussion paper on different risk management possibilities for the reduction of trans fatty acids.

NRV-R for older infants and young children

- The Committee agreed to re-establish a working group to further consider recommendations within the Agenda Paper that were not discussed due to time constraints, including standardisation of the age for infants and young children across relevant Codex tests, to list and prioritise vitamins and minerals, and to also consider the inclusion of protein for NRV-Rs, and determine which ones will be applied to which Codex texts.

Food Additives – Mechanism and Framework

- There was considerable discussion on this agenda item, including an in-session working group. Although progress was made, the Committee agreed to hold a physical working group at the beginning of CCNFSDU41 next year, to discuss outstanding issues including appraising the technological need for xanthan gum, pectin, and gellan gum.

Probiotic guidelines

- The Committee agreed that Argentina would redraft the discussion paper to be more focussed on the scope of this item for consideration next year.

Guidelines to establish Nutritional Profiles

- The Committee agreed that Costa Rica and Paraguay would undertake a stocktake of nutrient profiles and further develop the discussion paper for consideration next year.

Prioritisation mechanism to better manage the work of the Committee

- Germany will prepare a paper summarising work completed, work that has not progressed, current ongoing work, and emerging issues to assist the Committee in prioritising its future work.