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NOTIFICATION RECEIVED FROM THE FAO/WHO
CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION

1. In accordance with the arrangements agreed to by the Committee at its third meeting (TBT/M/3, paragraph 24), the secretariat of FAO/WHO Codex Alimentarius Commission transmitted a copy of document:

CAC/ACCEPTANCES/PART I-Rev.3 "Summary of Acceptances, Part I - Worldwide and Regional Codex Standards"

which shows the position concerning acceptances of Codex Standards up to 3 December 1984. This document is available for consultation in the GATT secretariat (Room 1067).

2. Further information concerning progress on acceptances up to 30 June 1986 is contained in documents:

ALINORM 85/2

Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme, Codex Alimentarius Commission; Sixteenth Session, 1-12 July 1985: "Progress Report on acceptances of Codex standards and Codex maximum limits for pesticide residues and on action taken in member countries concerning their implementation."

CX/EXEC 86/33/2

Joint FAO/WHO Joint Standards Programme Executive Committee of the Codex Alimentarius Commission; Thirty-third Session, 30 June-4 July 1986: "Progress report on publication of the Codex Alimentarius and on acceptance of Codex standards and Codex maximum limits for pesticide residues".

3. Elements of information on acceptances of Codex standards and Codex maximum limits for pesticide residues contained, respectively, in documents ALINORM 85/2 and CX/EXEC 86/33/2 are contained below under each country heading.

Argentina

Since 1 February 1983, Argentina has notified Acceptance with Specified Deviations in respect of the following standards:

- Canned Tomatoes (Codex Stan. 13.1981)
- Canned Peaches (Codex Stan. 14.1981)
- Canned Grapefruit (Codex Stan. 15.1981)
- Canned Green Beans and Wax Beans (Codex Stan. 16.1981)
- Canned Applesauce (Codex Stan. 17.1981)
- Canned Sweetcorn (Codex Stan. 18.1981)
- Canned Pineapple (Codex Stan. 42.1981)
- Canned Mushrooms (Codex Stan. 55.1981)
- Canned Asparagus (Codex Stan. 56.1981)
- Processed Tomato Concentrate (Codex Stan. 57.1981)
- Canned Green Peas (Codex Stan. 58.1981)
- Canned Plums (Codex Stan. 59.1981)
- Canned Pears (Codex Stan. 61.1981)
- Canned Strawberries (Codex Stan. 62.1981)

Argentina has also notified Full Acceptance of the following standards:

- Edible Fungi and Fungus Products (General Standard) (Codex Stan. 38.1981)
- Dried Edible Fungi (Codex Stan. 39.1981)
- Fresh Fungus "Chanterelle" (Codex Stan. 40.1981)
- Canned Corned Beef (Codex Stan. 88.1981)

Canada

Canada has notified Full Acceptance of the Standard for Canned Corned Beef (Codex Stan. 88.1981) and Acceptance with Specified Deviations in respect of the standards for Cooked Cured Ham (Codex Stan.96.1981), Cooked Cured Pork Shoulder (Codex Stan.97.1981) and Cooked Cured Chopped Meat (Codex Stan.98.1981). In the case of the Standard for Luncheon Meat (Codex Stan.89.1981), Canada has not given acceptance, nor has it given any undertaking concerning distribution of this product.

Canada has notified Acceptance with Specified Deviations of the following Cheese Standards:

- C-1 Cheddar Cheese
- C-2 Blue Cheese
- C-3 Danbo Cheese
- C-4 Edam Cheese
- C-5 Gouda Cheese
- C-6 Havarti Cheese
- C-8 Cheshire Cheese
- C-9 Emmentaler Cheese
- C-10 Gruyere Cheese
- C-11 Tilsiter Cheese
- C-12 Limburger Cheese
- C-15 Provolone Cheese
- C-17 Butterkase Cheese
- C-18 Coulommiers Cheese
- C-24 Maribo Cheese

Canada (cont'd)

C-25	Fynbo Cheese
A-8(a)	Named Variety Process(ed) Cheese and Named Variety Spreadable Process(ed) Cheese
A-8(b)	Process(ed) Cheese and Spreadable Process(ed) Cheese
A-8(c)	Process(ed) Cheese Preparation, Process(ed) Cheese Food and Process(ed) Cheese Spread
C-31	Cream Cheese (Rahmfrischkase)
C-32	Blue Veined Cheese
C-33	Camembert Cheese
C-34	Brie Cheese

Canada has also notified Acceptance with Specified Deviations to the following standards:

Edible Tallow	- Codex Stan 31.1981
Canned Mandarin Oranges	- Codex Stan 68.1981

Czechoslovakia

Czechoslovakia has indicated its position regarding the acceptance of the MRLs included in the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Series of Codex maximum residue limits (CAC/RS 65 - 1974, CAC/RS 71 - 1976 and CAC/RS 100 - 1978, respectively). With the exception of MRLs for folpet, ortho-phenylphenol, carbaryl (cherries and plums), coumaphos, chlordimeform, heptachlor, HCB in meat, poultry and eggs, Czechoslovakia has given either 'full' or 'limited' acceptance to the Codex MRLs contained in the above three Series.

Finland

Finland has indicated that products in conformity with the following Codex standards may be freely distributed in Finland, subject to certain specified conditions. Details of the specified conditions will be set out in the next updating of the Summary of Acceptances:

- Quick Frozen Shrimps or Prawns (Codex Stan. 92 - 1981)
- Quick Frozen Lobsters (Codex Stan. 95 - 1981)
- Canned Shrimps or Prawns (Codex Stan. 37 - 1981)
- Canned Crab Meat (Codex Stan. 90 - 1981)
- Canned Tuna and Bonito in Water or Oil (Codex Stan. 70 - 1981)

Hungary

Hungary has given Full Acceptance to the following Codex standards:

Pickled Cucumbers	Canned Mushrooms
Canned Carrots	Canned Asparagus
Canned Apricots	Processed Tomato Concentrate
Dried Apricots	Canned Plums

Hungary (cont'd)

Canned Tomatoes
Canned Peaches
Canned Grapefruit
Canned Sweetcorn

Canned Raspberries
Canned Strawberries
Jams (Fruit Preserves) and Jellies

Hungary has also given Full Acceptance to the following Codex standards:

Quick Frozen Strawberries
" " Raspberries
" " Peaches
" " Spinach
" " Broccoli
" " Cauliflower

Quick Frozen Brussels Sprouts
" " Green Beans and Wax Beans
" " French Fried Potatoes
" " Whole Kernel Corn
" " Corn-on-the-Cob
" " Peas

In the case of the standards for Quick Frozen Bilberries, Blueberries, and Leeks, Hungary's position is that formal acceptance is not given, but products in conformity with the above standards may be freely distributed within the territorial jurisdiction of Hungary.

Hungary has given Full Acceptance to the following Codex standards:

Apricot, Peach and Pear Nectar
Apple Juice
Tomato Juice
Concentrated Apple Juice
Grape Juice

Concentrated Grape Juice
Non-pulpy Blackcurrant Nectar
Blackcurrant Juice
Concentrated Blackcurrant Juice
Pulpy Nectars of Certain Small Fruits

Hungary has not given formal acceptance to the Codex standards for Orange Juice, Grapefruit Juice, Lemon Juice, Pineapple Juice, Concentrated Orange Juice, Concentrated Labrusca Type Grape Juice, and Nectars of Certain Citrus Fruits, but products in conformity with the above standards may be freely distributed within the territorial jurisdiction of Hungary.

Hungary has given Full Acceptance to the following Codex standards:

Canned Corned Beef
Cooked Cured Ham
Cooked Cured Pork Shoulder
Cooked Cured Chopped Meat

Hungary has given Acceptance with Specified Deviations to the Codex standard for Luncheon Meat.

Hungary has given Full Acceptance to the following Codex standards:

Special Dietary Foods with Low Sodium Content
Canned Baby Foods
Processed Cereal Based Foods for Infants and Children
Gluten-Free Foods

Hungary has given Acceptance with Specified Deviations to the following Codex standards:

Infant Formula
Natural Mineral Waters (products in conformity with the Codex standard may be freely distributed in Hungary)

Hungary (cont'd)

Hungary has given Acceptance with Specified Deviations to the following Codex standards:

Edible Soya Bean Oil	Olive Oil
Edible Arachis Oil	Edible Mustardseed Oil
Edible Cottonseed Oil	Edible Low Erucic Acid Rapeseed Oil
Edible Sunflowerseed Oil	Edible Coconut Oil
Edible Rapeseed Oil	Edible Palm Oils
Edible Maize Oil	Edible Palm Kernel Oil
Edible Sesameseed Oil	Edible Grapeseed Oil
Edible Safflowerseed Oil	Edible Babassu Oil
Lard	Minarin
Edible Tallow	
Margarine	

As regards the Codex standards for:

Canned Fruit Cocktail	Canned Pineapple
Citrus Marmalade	Canned Mandarin Oranges
Canned Tropical Fruit Salad	Table Olives

Hungary is not in a position to accept these standards according to one of the methods provided for in the General Principles of the Codex Alimentarius, but declares that products in conformity with these standards are permitted to be distributed freely in Hungary.

India

The Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954 and Rules, 1955, lay down Tolerance limits for 20 pesticides only. The Tolerance limits for these chemicals in all food articles except food grains and milled grains are the same as the Codex maximum limits. In the case of food grains and milled grains the tolerance limits specified are half the Codex limits.

India has made available a list of pesticides and the maximum limits specified for them under Indian legislation. This information will be set out in detail in the next updating of the Summary of Acceptances of Codex maximum limits for pesticide residues. In response to subsequent inquiries by the Secretariat, India has stated that a maximum limit for a pesticide residue can only be laid down under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, if the pesticide in question is registered for use in food commodities under the Insecticide Act, 1968. Accordingly acceptance and non-acceptance of a pesticide depends on whether it is registered under the Insecticide Act, implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture. As regards the question of free distribution of food commodities containing pesticide residues conforming to the Codex maximum limits, it is not possible to give Limited Acceptance under the provisions of Indian legislation, but each case is decided on its merits.

New Zealand

New Zealand has notified Full Acceptance of the Standard for Whey Cheese (A-7) and to the Standard for Quick Frozen French Fried Potatoes. New Zealand has also notified Acceptance with Specified Deviations in respect of the following standards:

- Named Variety Process(ed) Cheese and Spreadable Process(ed) Cheese (A-8(a))
- Processed Cheese and Spreadable Processed Cheese (A-8(b))
- Processed Cheese Preparations (A-8(c))

Norway

Norway has notified Acceptance with Specified Deviations of the following standards:

- Butter and Whey Butter (A-1)
- Butter Oil and Anhydrous Butter Oil and Anhydrous Milk Fat (A-2)
- Tilsiter

Norway does not accept the standards for the under-mentioned food products, but products conforming to the standard may be distributed freely:

- Edible Acid Casein
- Edible Caseinates
- Cheese Standards as under

- Danablu
- Danbo
- Gouda
- Harvarti
- Samsø
- Cheshire
- Gruyere
- Svecia
- Coulommiers
- Herregardsart
- Hushallsart
- Maribo
- Fynbo
- Esrom
- Amsterdam
- Leidse
- Freise

Norway does not accept the standards for the under-mentioned food products, but products conforming to the standards may be distributed subject to specified conditions:

- Emmentaler
- Limburger
- Provolone
- Cottage Cheese
- Butterk se
- Harzer K se
- Romadur

Norway (cont'd)

Norway gives Full Acceptance to the following standards:

- Gudrandsvals Ost
- Norvegia

Acceptance of the following standards have also been under consideration:

- Volume III- Codex Standards for Sugars (including Honey)
- Volume IV - Codex Standards for Processed Meat and Poultry Products and Soups and Broths
- Volume V - Codex Standards for Fish and Fishery Products
- Volume VII- Codex Standards for Cocoa Products and Chocolate
- Volume IX- Codex Standards for Foods for Special Dietary Uses
- Volume X- Codex Standards for Fruit Juices, Concentrated Fruit Juices and Fruit Nectars
- Volume XI- Codex Standards for Edible Fats and Oils

Included are the completed forms of the standards Norway has evaluated so far. The forms are signed by the chairman of the Norwegian Codex Alimentarius Committee, Professor Anton Skulberg. The report comprises the following standards:

Volume III- Codex Standards for Sugars (including Honey).

Sugar, white	Codex Stan	4-1981: Free dist.
Sugar, powdered	Codex Stan	5-1981: Free dist.
Sugars, soft	Codex Stan	6-1981: Free dist.
Dextrose, anhydrous	Codex Stan	7-1981: Free dist.
Dextrose, monohydrate	Codex Stan	8-1981: Free dist. 1)
Glucose syrup	Codex Stan	9-1981: Free dist.u.s.c.
Glucose sirup, dried	Codex Stan	10-1981: Free dist.u.s.c.
Lactose	Codex Stan	11-1981: Free dist. 2)
Honey	Codex Stan	12-1981: Accept. w.s.d.
Dextrose, powdered	Codex Stan	54-1981: Free dist.
Fructose	Codex Stan	102-1981: Free dist.

Volume XI- Codex Standards for Edible Fats and Oils.

Soya Bean Oil	Codex Stan	20-1981: Free dist.u.s.c.
Arachis Oil	Codex Stan	21-1981: Free dist.u.s.c.
Cottonseed Oil	Codex Stan	22-1981: Free dist.u.s.c.
Sunflowerseed Oil	Codex Stan	23-1981: Free dist.u.s.c.
Rapeseed Oil	Codex Stan	24-1981: Free dist.u.s.c.
Maize Oil	Codex Stan	25-1981: Free dist.u.s.c.
Sesameseed Oil	Codex Stan	26-1981: Free dist.u.s.c.
Safflowerseed Oil	Codex Stan	27-1981: Free dist.u.s.c.
Olive Oils	Codex Stan	33-1981: Free dist.
Mustardseed Oil	Codex Stan	34-1981: Free dist.u.s.c.
Low Erucic Acid		
Rapeseed Oil	Codex Stan	123-1981: Free dist.u.s.c.
Coconut Oil	Codex Stan	124-1981: Free dist.u.s.c.
Palm Oils	Codex Stan	125-1981: Free dist.u.s.c.
Palm Kernel Oil	Codex Stan	126-1981: Free dist.u.s.c.
Grapeseed Oil	Codex Stan	127-1981: Free dist.u.s.c.
Babassu Oil	Codex Stan	128-1981: Free dist.u.s.c.
Lard	Codex Stan	28-1981: Free dist.u.s.c.
Rendered Pork Fat	Codex Stan	29-1981: Free dist.u.s.c.
Premier Jus	Codex Stan	30-1981: Free dist.u.s.c.

Norway (cont'd)

Tallow	Codex Stan 31-1981: Free dist.u.s.c.
Margarine	Codex Stan 32-1981: Accept.w.s.d.
Minarine	Codex Stan 135-1981: Accept.w.s.d.
Fats and Oils not covered by Individual Standards	Codex Stan 19-1981: Free dist.u.s.c.

¹ u.s.c. = under specified conditions

² w.s.d. = with specified deviations

Rwanda

Rwanda has indicated that it gives Full Acceptance to the standards contained in Volumes II to VIII of the Codex Alimentarius. The products for which there are Codex standards will also have to meet the national standards, where such exist.

United States

The United States has notified Acceptance with Specified Deviations in respect of the following Codex standards:

- Canned Peaches (No. 14)
- Canned Pineapple (No. 42, Rev.1)
- Canned Mushrooms (No. 55)
- Canned Green Peas (No. 58)
- Canned Raspberries (No. 60)
- Canned Pears (No. 61)
- Canned Strawberries (No. 62)
- Grapefruit Juice (No. 46)
- Lemon Juice (No. 47)

Free Entry subject to certain specified conditions has been notified in respect of the following Codex standards:

- Canned Asparagus (No. 56)
- Canned Tropical Fruit Salad (No. 99)
- Powdered Sugar (Icing Sugar) (No. 5)
- Powdered Dextrose (No. 54)
- Fructose (No. 102)
- Quick Frozen Raspberries (No. 69)
- Quick Frozen Peaches (No. 75)
- Quick Frozen Spinach (No. 77)
- Quick Frozen Blueberries (No. 103)
- Quick Frozen Leeks (No. 104)
- Quick Frozen Broccoli (No. 110)
- Quick Frozen Cauliflower (No. 111)
- Quick Frozen Brussel. Sprouts (No. 112)
- Quick Frozen Green Beans and Wax Beans (No. 113)
- Quick Frozen French Fried Potatoes (No. 114)
- Quick Frozen Whole Kernel Corn (No. 132)
- Quick Frozen Corn-on-the-Cob (No. 133)
- Quick Frozen Guttled Pacific Salmon (No. 36)
- Quick Frozen Lobsters (No. 95)
- Canned Sardines and Sardine Type Products (No. 94)