



China National Center for Food Safety Risk Assessment

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



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Background on the Committee

Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses

- ❑ The Forty-third Session
- ❑ Date: 07 – 10 March 2023
- ❑ Location: Düsseldorf, Germany
- ❑ Attended by 60 Member Countries, one Member Organization and 29 Observer organizations



Background on the Committee

Agenda

Item	Subject
1	Physical working group
2	Opening of the Session Adoption of the Agenda
3	Matters Referred to the Committee by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and/or Other Subsidiary Bodies Matters of Interest Arising from FAO and WHO
4	Review of the Standard for Follow-up Formula (CXS 156-1987)
5	General Principles for the establishment of NRVs-R for persons aged 6 – 36months (at Step 4)1CX/NFSDU 23/43/5
6	Technological justification for several food additives
7	Prioritization mechanism / emerging issues or new work proposals
8	Other Business and Future Work1
9	Date and Place of the Next Session
10	Adoption of the Report



Key Outputs of Committee Discussions

Items Recommended for Adoption at Step 5/8 or Step 8

- Item 4: Review of the Standard for Follow-up Formula (CXS 156-1987)
- Item 5: General Principles for NRVs-R of Persons Aged 6 – 36 Months
- Item 7: Proposals for Amendments

Proposal 1.1: Proposed amendment/revision: Standard for Canned Baby Foods (CXS 73-1981) (submitted by the Dominican Republic)

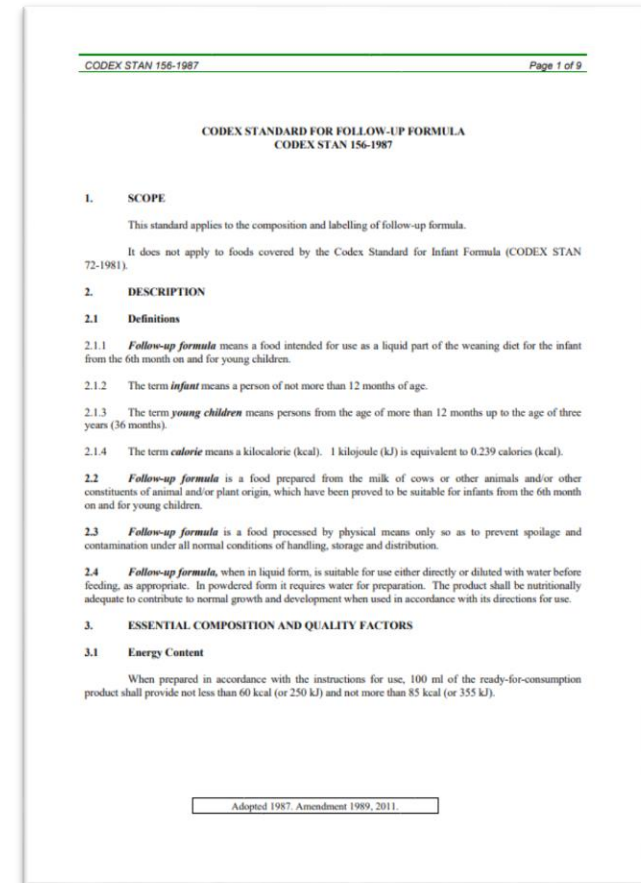
Proposal 1.2: To expand the usage range of Calcium-L-Methyl-Folate (folic acid source)



Key Outputs of Committee Discussions

Item 4: Review of the Standard for Follow-up Formula (CXS 156-1987)

- ❑ Began in 2012.
- ❑ Chaired: New Zealand,
Co-chaired: France and Indonesia
- ❑ Finished this year



Key Outputs of Committee Discussions

Overview: Review of the Standard for Follow-up Formula

Two major changes

1. Distinguish the two products for two distinct age groups by **different name**;

- Follow-up formula for older infants;
- Drink for young children with added nutrients or Product for young children with added
- nutrients or Drink for young children or Product for young children

2. Distinguish the two products for two distinct age groups by different **nutritional requirements**;

- All nutritional requirements of follow-up formula for older infants were revised,
- Almost nutritional requirements of Product for young children were removed, only key nutrients were remaining, like vitamin A, D, C, zinc, iron.

Key Outputs of Committee Discussions

Review of The Standard for Follow-up Formula: Preamble and Structure

□ Main discussions on:

1. Structure of the standard

- One standard with two parts:
- Part A: follow-up formula for older infants
- Part B: product for young children or drink for young children

2. Name of the standard

- Rename the draft revised standard as “*Standard for Follow-up Formula for Older Infants and Product for Young Children*”
- Other equivalent names are *Drink for Young Children with Added Nutrients* or *Product for Young Children with Added Nutrients* or *Drink for Young Children*.

Key Outputs of Committee Discussions

3.Preamble

- The Committee agreed to adopt all three paragraphs as the Preamble:
- 1. “ This Standard is divided into two sections. Section A refers to Follow-up Formula for Older Infants, and Section B deals with Drink for Young Children with Added Nutrients, or Product for Young Children with Added Nutrients, or Drink for Young Children, or Product for Young Children.”
- 2. “The application of this Standard should be consistent with national health and nutrition policies and relevant national/regional legislation and take into account the recommendations made in the International Code of Marketing of Breast-milk Substitutes, as per the national context. ”
- 3. “Relevant World Health Organization (WHO) guidelines and policies and World Health Assembly (WHA) resolutions were considered in the development of this Standard and may provide further guidance to countries.”

Key Outputs of Committee Discussions

Review of The Standard for Follow-up Formula (CXS 156-1987)

Further actions

CCNFSDU43 agreed to forward the:

- a) Name of the standard, the Structure and the Preamble together with the remaining sections of Part A and B to CAC46 for adoption at Step 5/8;
- b) Parts of the text at Step 7 of the draft Revised Standard to CAC46 for adoption at Step 8.



Key Outputs of Committee Discussions

Item 5: General Principles for NRVs-R of Persons Aged 6 – 36 Months

- ❑ Chaired by Ireland, co-chaired by Costa Rica and United States of America.
- ❑ Purposes: These Principles apply to the establishment of NRVs-R for persons aged 6–36 months.

NRVs-R may be used in the labelling of pre-packaged foods for special dietary uses (FSDU) intended for persons aged 6–36 months.



Key Outputs of Committee Discussions

General Principles for NRVs-R of Persons Aged 6 – 36 Months

□ Discussion on the following recommendations:

1. Preamble

2. Definitions

- Recognized Authoritative Scientific Body (RASB), Adequate Intake(AI)

3. General principles

- 3.2. Appropriate basis for establishing NRVs-R: INL98
- 3.2 NRVs-R for the 6-36 months age group
- 3.3 Upper levels of Intake: The establishment of NRVs-R for persons aged 6 to 36 months should also take into account upper levels of intake (UL)

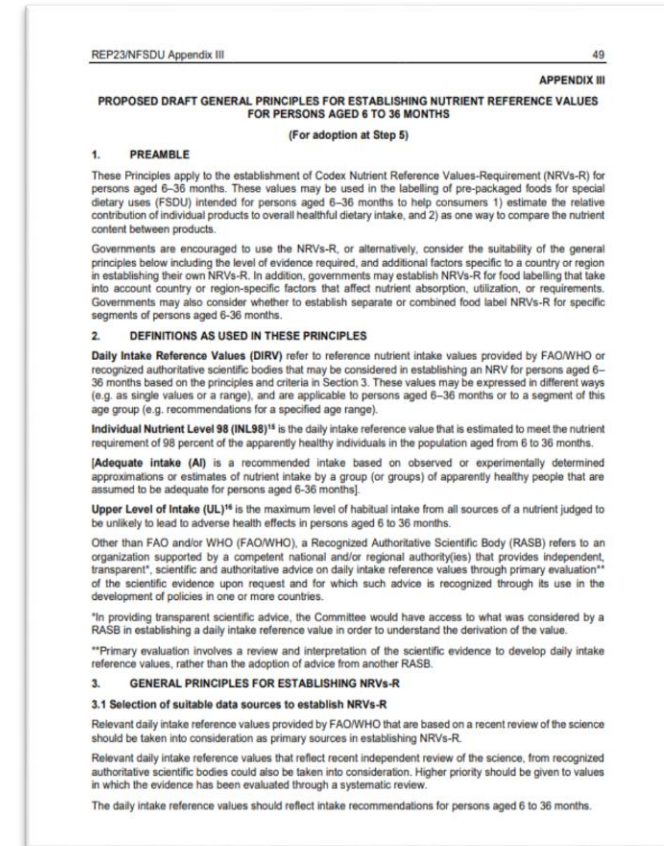


Key Outputs of Committee Discussions

General Principles for NRVs-R of Persons Aged 6 – 36 Months

□ CCNFSDU43 Agreements:

1. Forward the draft General Principles to CAC46 for adoption at Step 5
2. Re-establish the EWG to revise the draft Stepwise Process and to develop an approach to propose NRVs-R



Proposals for Amendments

□ Amendment proposals

1. To amend *Standard for Canned Baby Foods* (CXS 73-1981)

⑩ delete paragraph 9.5.2. not evidence-based

⑩ 9.5.2 For canned beets (beetroot) and spinach, the following statement shall appear on the label "use after the age of 12 weeks".

⑩ submit the amendment directly to CAC46 for adoption

2. To expand the usage range of Calcium-L-Methyl-Folate (folic acid source)

⑩ can be used in CXG 10-1979

⑩ submit the amendment directly to CAC46 for adoption



New Work

Harmonized probiotic guidelines for use in foods and food supplements

- Submitted by Argentina, Malaysia, China
- **Background:** Probiotic microorganisms have been used as ingredients in a wide range of foods, beverages and food supplements. A harmonized guideline on quality, safety and labelling is needed to facilitate trade and ensure that effective and safe products reach the consumers.
- **Purpose:** To establish guidelines to provide a framework towards a harmonised approach to probiotics but do not include evaluation of the safety and efficacy of specific probiotic strains.



New Work

Harmonized probiotic guidelines for use in foods and food supplements

- CCNFSDU43: agreed to establish an EWG chaired by Argentina, Malaysia, China
- **Progress:** Develop a revised discussion paper and project document.
- **Call on countries to support the proposal of this guideline as new work under CCNFSDU.**



