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**Codex Additives:
Status and Future Work**

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Food Additives Provisions



Additives used in food supplements to be included in the General Standard for Food Additives (GSFA)

New Work



Amendment of the Definition of Food Supplements in the Food Category System of the GSFA

Food Additives Provisions in GSFA: Background



THE FACTS

CCFAC 2005

Request information on the uses of key additives in supplements

Electronic Working Group (EWG) re-established to provide recommendations

EWG Report

Recommendation to discontinue 4 additives and adopt other 20 at lower levels

Impact on national and regional regulations

Action

IADSA provided information to Codex and through members to governments

Food Additives Provisions in GSFA: EWG Recommendation

⇒ Erythrosine

⇒ Iron Oxides

⇒ Chlorophylls/Copper Complexes

⇒ Castor Oil

1. Carnauba Wax
2. Butylated Hydroxyanisole (BHA)
3. Butylated Hydroxytoluene (BHT)
4. Caramel Colour Class III
5. Caramel Colour Class IV
6. Grape Skin Extracts
7. Fast Green FCF
8. Allura Red AC
9. Carotenoids
10. Indigotine
11. Ponceau 4R
12. Sunset Yellow
13. Polysorbates
14. Aspartame
15. Acesulfame Potassium
16. Sucralose
17. Saccharin
18. Neotame
19. Cyclamates
20. Polyvinyl Alcohol

Food Additives Provisions in GSFA: Outcome

Overwhelming
Amount of
Information
Provided

No decision this year -
4 Additives

3 Additives adopted
at higher levels

Carnauba wax:	5,000 mg/kg
BHA:	400 mg/kg
BHT:	400 mg/kg

Colours and sweeteners will
also be considered next year

Food Additives Provisions in GSFA: Coming Next

- Codex Commission to endorse in July the inclusion in the GSFA of Carnauba wax, BHA and BHT
- Provide information to EWG by 15 September 2006
 - Proves to be effective
 - Justify the use for Erythrosine, Iron Oxides, Chlorophylls, Castor Oil, colours and sweeteners
- Future action
 - CCFAC meeting in April 2007
 - Build-up and expand support among governments

Food Additives Provisions in GSFA: Action required

⇒ Immediate Action:

- Build up support for Commission meeting in July
- Members to provide further information
- IADSA draft comments for submission to EWG

⇒ Future Action:

- Approach governments to feed them with our comments and position
- IADSA will be speaking directly to key countries

New Work in GSFA

Adoption of Codex VMS Guidelines

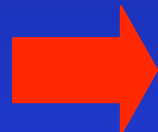


Wording proposed on the Food Category System of the GSFA:

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