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ESTABLISHED NITROGEN-PROTEIN CONVERSION FACTOR FOR MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS RECONFIRMED

Brussels, 7 November 2006 - The validity of the established nitrogen-protein conversion factor for milk and milk products was reconfirmed at the most recent 28th Session of the Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses (CCNFSDU) held in Chiang Mai, Thailand, from 30 October to 3 November 2006 on the basis of scientific input and advice provided by IDF.

The Codex Draft Revised Standard for Infant Formula and Formulas for Special Medical Purposes Intended for Infants clarifies that a default conversion factor of 6.25 relates merely to the final infant formula product, prepared ready for consumption, unless there is scientific justification for the use of a different conversion factor for a particular product according to amino acid composition. The established specific conversion factors of 6.38 for milk protein and 5.71 for soy protein are referred to in the Codex standard as the generally established nitrogen protein conversion factors for these two different sources of protein. They should be applied to the ingredients used in the manufacture of infant formulae and to products that are outside the scope of the standard.

"IDF welcomes the outcome of this Codex debate that aims at ensuring consistency among various Codex standards for international trade in foods regarding conversion of nitrogen into proteins. The recognition of the science-based conversion factors of milk and milk products and soy products as well as different compositional requirements for minimum values for infant formulae that are based on dairy and soy underline the unique and superior nutritional value of milk protein." says Christian Robert, IDF Director General.

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Note to editors:

The International Dairy Federation represents the dairy sector worldwide and provides the best global source of scientific expertise and knowledge in support of the development and promotion of quality milk and milk products to deliver consumers with nutrition, health and well-being.

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