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A NEW STANDARD ON DAIRY PERMEATE POWDERS ADOPTED AT CODEX

The International Dairy Federation (IDF) collaborated with Codex Alimentarius in the development, identification, elaboration and dissemination of a science-based international standard to promote the identity, composition, safety, and quality of powdered dairy permeates as ingredients in food.

Experts from IDF, recognized as technical advisor to the Codex Commission of Milk and Milk Products, contributed to this work. “Dairy permeate powders are new to the food market. There were no clear definitions available as a reference. This situation could jeopardize the true identity of these food ingredients and lead to unfair trade practices. In some countries, imports restrictions have already been imposed. This new standard is necessary as a reference in trade” mentioned Claus Heggum, leader of the IDF Action Team working on this subject.

IDF contributed in particular by providing a compromise on compositional specifications, including identification of the relevant analytical methods, and by clarifying the technical justifications relating to processing aids and food additives.

Dairy permeate powders includes milk permeate powder and whey permeate powder. Whey permeate powder is a milk product obtained by drying whey permeate. Whey permeate is obtained by removing by a mechanical process milk proteins from whey (excluding acid whey). Milk permeate powder is a milk product obtained by drying milk permeate. Milk permeate is obtained by removing by ultrafiltration milk proteins from milk. When other lactose-containing milk products are used as raw material, the powdered product will be “dairy permeate powder.”

“The anticipated increased demand in food and feed markets for whey permeate at regional and international levels will be a major challenge for the future. Regulatory frameworks need to evolve accordingly.” said Nico van Belzen, Ph.D., Director General of IDF. “Global harmonization of fair trade practices through an international standard will be a key component of such evolving regulatory frameworks.”

“This collaboration with Codex will amplify the global consumer health impact of both

organizations by leveraging our mutual scientific resources to advance food safety, protect consumer interest and ensure fair practices in the food trade,” said Dr. van Belzen.

The new standard will be used in line with all existing and relevant Codex standards*.

*The new standard will take into account the provisions of CODEX STAN 206 (General Standard for Use of Dairy Terms), the General Principles of Food Hygiene (CAC/RCP 1-1969), the Code of Hygienic Practice for Milk and Milk Products (CAC/RCP 57-2004), the General Standard for Labelling of Prepackaged Foods (CODEX STAN 1-1985), the General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in Food and Feed (CODEX STAN 193-1995) and the General Standard for Food Additives (CODEX STAN 192-1995.)

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