

Proposed Amendments to the Preservatives in Food Regulation

Proposed Outline / Content of the Updated Preservatives and Antioxidants User Guidelines

**1st Technical Meeting
23 August 2023**

Proposed outline / content (1)

1 Introduction

- Key features of the amended Cap. 132BD
- Definitions
 - Preservative
 - Antioxidant

2 Conditions of use of Preservatives and Antioxidants

- Interpretation of maximum permitted levels (MPLs) listed in the Schedules
 - Including additives that are acceptable for use in food in general when used as *quantum satis* levels and in accordance with the principles of GMP
 - Section 3(8) – Nisin in canned food
 - Section 4 – Antioxidants in food for infants and young children
 - Unit of MPL (i.e. mg/kg)



Proposed outline / content (2)

3 The Food Category System

- To update “The Food Category Descriptors” with reference to the one in Codex GSFA
- To delete Food items “Liquid foam headings” and “Gelatin capsules” under food category 15 of the existing Cap. 132BD

4 Frequently Asked Questions

- To update / add new FAQs, including:
 - Definitions of preservative and antioxidant;
 - Use of additives that are currently excluded from the definition of preservative / antioxidant (e.g. citric acid);
 - Various food labelling issues, including “no preservative added” claim;
 - Transitional period arrangement;
 - Regulatory scope; etc.



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