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**JOINT FAO/WHO EXPERT COMMITTEE ON FOOD ADDITIVES
Sixty-third meeting
Geneva, 8-17 June 2004**

3.1.6 Steviol glycosides

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

A meeting of the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA) was held in Geneva, Switzerland, from 8 to 17 June 2004. The purpose of the meeting was to evaluate certain food additives and ingredients, flavouring agents, and a natural constituent of food.

Dr John Larsen, Division of Toxicology and Risk Assessment, Danish Institute of Food and Veterinary Research, Søborg, Denmark, served as Chairman and Mrs Inge Meyland, Danish Institute of Food and Veterinary Research, Søborg, Denmark, served as Vice-Chairman.

Dr Manfred Luetzow, Food Quality and Standards Service, Food and Nutrition Division, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, and Dr Angelika Tritscher, International Programme on Chemical Safety, World Health Organization, served as joint secretaries.

The present meeting was the sixty-third in a series of similar meetings. The tasks before the Committee were (a) to elaborate further principles for evaluating the safety of food additives; (b) to evaluate certain food additives, ingredients, and flavouring agents; (c) to review and prepare specifications for selected food additives and flavouring agents; (d) to evaluate a natural constituent of food.

The report of the meeting will appear in the WHO Technical Report Series. Its presentation will be similar to that of previous reports, namely, general considerations, comments on specific substances, and recommendations for future work. An annex will include detailed tables (similar to the tables in this report) summarizing the main conclusions of the Committee in terms of acceptable daily intakes (ADIs) and other toxicological recommendations. Information on specifications for the identity and purity of certain food additives examined by the Committee will also be included.

The participants in the meeting are listed in Annex 1. Further information required or desired is listed in Annex 2. General considerations, that contain information that the Committee would like to disseminate quickly are included in Annex 3. Toxicological monographs or monograph addenda on most of the substances that were considered will be published in WHO Food Additives Series No. 54.

New and revised specifications for the identity and purity of the compounds will be published in FAO Food and Nutrition Paper Series 52, Addendum 12. More information on the work of the Joint FAO/WHO Expert

Committee on Food Additives (JECFA) is available at:

http://www.fao.org/ag/agn/jecfa/index_en.stm

<http://www.who.int/ipcs/food/jecfa/en/>

Toxicological recommendations and information on specifications

1. Food additives and ingredients evaluated toxicologically

| Food additive | Specifications a) | Acceptable daily intake (ADI) and other toxicological recommendations |
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| Steviol glycosides | N, T | 0–2 mg/kg bw (temporary) |

a) N: new specifications prepared

T: tentative specifications