

ANNEX 6

FOOD ADDITIVES

The Parties, in furtherance of Chapter 6, recognise the importance of transparency and predictability with respect to the application and approval procedures for food additives, reaffirm and undertake the following:

1. Recognising that relevant guidelines on food additives are available on an official website, free of charge, the Parties are encouraged to make those guidelines available in English. On request of a Party, the other Party will consider translating a specific guideline in English if possible.
 2. Information requirements of each Party are to be limited to what is necessary for the approval of a food additive.
 3. Relevant international standards and guidelines including their scope, definitions and principles, as well as the risk assessments of the international bodies, on food additives, enzymes, processing aids or nutrients, for the approval of such food additives are to be taken into account by each Party.
 4. Affirming that a Party may legitimately expect that the other Party conducts the approval procedure according to the standard processing period, each Party undertakes that:
 - (a) the authorisation of food additives is conducted and completed without undue delay; and
 - (b) the standard processing period of each procedure for the approval of a food additive is published.
 5. If their respective approval procedures for food additives undergo significant changes, the Parties shall apply the procedures set out in Article 6.11.
 6. Nothing in this Annex shall be construed as preventing the Parties from establishing, maintaining, amending or modifying their respective approval procedures in line with the provisions of Chapter 6.
 7. A Party may apply the procedures of consultation and dispute settlement under Chapter 21 for matters under this Annex, subject to and in conformity with the relevant provisions of Chapter 6.
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