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POSSIBLE AMENDMENTS TO THE NOMENCLATURE
REGARDING THE CLASSIFICATION OF SAUCES
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Reference documents :

41.320 (HSC/20 and HSC/21)	NC0250E2, Annexes G/3 and H/11 (HSC/25 – Report)
42.092 (HSC/21)	NR0111E1 (RSC/22)
42.100, Annex IJ/2 (HSC/21 - Report)	NR0133E2, Annex D/1 (RSC/22 – Report)
42.441 (HSC/22)	NC0292E1 (HSC/26)
42.750, Annex G/15 (HSC/22 - Report)	NC0340E2, Annexes G/10 and P/1 (HSC/26 - Report)
NC0123E1 (HSC/24)	NR0136E1 (RSC/23)
NC0160E2, Annex G/4 (HSC/24 – Report)	NR0165E2, Annex C/1 (RSC/23 – Report)
NC0185E1 (HSC/25)	NC0371E1 (HSC/27)
NC0208E1 (HSC/25)	NC0430E2, Annexes G/3 and Q/7 (HSC27 – Report)
	NR0169E1 (RSC/24)

I. BACKGROUND

1. After the preparation of Doc. NR0169E1, the Secretariat received on 24 July 2001 the following note from the Malaysian Administration.

II. NOTE FROM THE MALAYSIAN ADMINISTRATION

2. "We share the opinion that the definition of what constitutes a sauce varies from one country to another and therefore creates inherent classification problems. Nevertheless it is vital for a uniform world-wide standard of classification of sauce to be formulated pertaining to Chapters 20 and 21 taking into consideration these variations wherever possible. Suffice to say that the existing Explanatory Notes on sauces provides insufficient guidance as to the classification of such products and is open to varying interpretations especially in reference to terms such as "containing very little solid matter" "generally", etc. Therefore, a clear

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definition of sauce encompassing a broader scope to accommodate various food styles of countries wherever possible merits serious consideration. Though a specific definition may not satisfy all interested parties, its advantages overrides the disadvantages for the common goal of a more uniform yardstick of classification. In our country, some of the manufacturers/importers contend that their products are sauces that are meant to enhance the flavour of food preparations. However on detail examination of the labels of this product as well as analysis wherever necessary, we find that these products are more akin to ingredients in food preparations to enhance its flavors rather than sauces. Since there is an absence of a clear definition of sauces, there are often disputes I appeals on these matters."

III. CONCLUSION

3. The Committee is invited to take account of the above comments of the Malaysian Administration when examining this Agenda Item.
