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WHO Guidelines for drinking water quality and health related limits

For certain substances in the Standard for Natural Mineral Water (CODEX STAN 108-2981)

Dear Codex Secretariat,

On Behalf of the LEPL National Food Agency of Georgia I would like to express my compliments to Codex Alimentarius Committee and refer the following:

As an official CODEX member state, the LEPL National Food Agency of the Ministry of Agriculture of Georgia would like to comment on the Agenda Item 3 (CX/CF 17?11/3-add.1) of the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods (CCCF) regarding WHO Guidelines for drinking water quality and health related limits for certain substances in the Standard for Natural Mineral Waters (CODEX STAN 108-2981).

Specifically, we request that no final action be taken on this issue at the review to be undertaken by the CCCF and the short comment period does not facilitate the discussion required. We request that an electronic working group be established to allow appropriate consideration of all the merits on the issue.

Hereby, we would like to emphasize that this issues is of great importance for Georgian mineral water industry.

We look forward for positive consideration

Sincerely,

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Head of the Agency