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The forthcoming 51st meeting of the Codex Alimentarius Committee on Food Additives (CCFA51) is expected to finalize most of the backlog on food additives, other than sweeteners and colours. For the first time since 2011, CCFA51 will also address pending drafts for provisions for the remaining colours in three food sub-categories belonging to Confectionery for possible adoption in the Codex General Standard on Food Additives (GSFA). CCFA51 will also discuss important matters relating to nitrites and nitrates, as well as concepts such as "plain", "fresh", "unprocessed", "untreated" and possible reinforced principles for using food additives in food categories containing these qualifiers in the GSFA. CCFA51 will try to make progress as well to find alternative options for a revised wording – or a full replacement by new notes – of the famous Note 161 throughout the GSFA in the context of sweetener provisions. CCFA51 will also address an important issue relating to the use of parent names of food additives and the procedure by which such groupings could affect food additives permitted in the GSFA. CCFA51 will also review its regular yearly items such as alignment between GSFA and commodity standards, endorsement of provisions included in draft commodity standards developed by other Codex Committees, amendments to the international numbering systems and functional classes of food additives, set the future priorities of JECFA upcoming scientific evaluations, and endorsement as a Codex norm of a series of new or revised specifications of identity and purity for a couple of food additives. <i>By Christophe Leprêtre and Katia Merten-Lenz . . . . .</i>	21
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