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Working Party on Standardization of
Perishable Produce and Quality Development
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Item 2(b) of the provisional agenda

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ACTIVITIES OF OTHER INTERNATIONAL BODIES

Note by the secretariat

The following information has been received from the Codex Secretariat.

Results of the 10th Codex Committee on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables,
Mexico City, Mexico, 10-14 June 2002.

Objectives: Within the Terms of Reference established by the Codex Alimentarius Commission, the purpose of the meeting was to consider:

- (1) *draft Codex Standards for Cassava and Pitahayas; and, Outstanding Provisions in Citrus Fruits: Section 3 - Provisions concerning Sizing;*
- (2) *draft Codex Standard for Oranges, including Guide for Use in Scoring Freezing Injury;*
- (3) *Proposed Draft Codex Standards for Apples, Table Grapes and, Tomatoes;*
- (4) *Proposed Draft Codex Guidelines for the Quality Control of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables;*
- (5) *Food Labelling Provisions specific to Fresh Fruits and Vegetables;*
- (6) *Proposals for Amendments to the Priority List for the Standardization of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables.*

Attendance: 26 Member countries and 7 international organizations at the level of technical experts, senior administrators and researchers. Costs of attendance are borne by the countries concerned.

Results:

The Committee agreed to:

- (1) advance the *draft Codex Standards for Cassava and Pitahayas; and, draft revised provisions (Section 3 - Provisions concerning Sizing and Section 6.2.4 - Commercial Identification) of the Codex Standard for Limes, Pummelos and Grapefruits* to the Codex Alimentarius Commission for final adoption;
- (2) - retain the *draft Codex Standard for Oranges* with the understanding that the Section on Maturity Requirements would be finalized by the next session of the Committee and,
- discontinue the consideration of the *Guide for Use in Scoring Freezing Injury* (Annex to the Standard).
- (3) - retain the *proposed draft Codex Standard for Apples* for redrafting, circulation for comments and consideration at the next session of the Committee;
- retain the *proposed draft Codex Standard for Tomatoes* for circulation, circulation for comments and consideration at the next session of the Committee;
- recommend provisional adoption of the *Proposed Draft Codex Standard for Table Grapes* by the Codex Alimentarius Commission or its Executive Committee.

- (4) retain the *proposed draft Codex Guidelines for the Quality Control of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables* for redrafting, circulation for comments and consideration at the next session of the Committee;
- (5) discontinue the consideration of *Food Labelling Provisions specific to Fresh Fruits and Vegetables*;
- (6) amend the *Priority List for the Standardization of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables* by including *Durian* and *Pineapples* (revision);
- (7) commence work on standardization of *Rambutan* subject to approval of the Codex Alimentarius Commission or its Executive Committee;
- (8) continue using UNECE standard as a starting point for Codex standards when like products were being considered.

Follow-up: The report of the meeting is being prepared for issuance as ALINORM 03/35 in June 2002.