

Economic Commission for Europe

Steering Committee on Trade Capacity and Standards

Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards

Specialized Section on Standardization of Fresh Fruit and Vegetables

Sixty-sixth session

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Item 2(b) of the provisional agenda

Matters arising since the last session (Recent developments in other organizations)

Information on recent activities of the Codex Alimentarius Commission on the Standardization of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables

Submitted by the secretariat of the Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme

Standardization of fresh fruits and vegetables has been considered at the 20th Session of the Codex Committee on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables held in Uganda from 2 to 6 October 2017 (the Committee). Below are the relevant matters and corresponding decisions.

1. Proposed Standard for Aubergines

The Committee agreed to retain Section 4.1.1 “Extra” Class and to include tolerances for decay of 1% in “Extra” Class and forward the draft Standard for Aubergines for adoption.

The Committee noted the reservation of EU and its Member States, Colombia, Morocco and Thailand on having a tolerance for decay in “Extra” Class.

2. Proposed Standard for Kiwifruit

The Committee noted that the standard had been thoroughly discussed at its last and present session and agreed to hold the standard awaiting the resolution of the tolerances for decay in “Extra” Class and Class I at its next session.

3. Proposed draft Standards for Garlic

The Committee noted that the standard still required considerable review and was not ready for advancement. The standard will be further considered by its next session.

4. Proposed draft Standard for Ware Potatoes

The Committee noted that substantial progress had been made on the proposed draft standard and the proposed draft standard was ready to progress in the Step Procedure.

5. Proposed draft Standard for Fresh Potatoes

The Committee noted that the proposed draft standard still required further revision and consideration by its next session and was not ready for advancement in the Step process.

6. Proposals for new work on standards for fresh fruits and vegetables

The Committee agreed to recommend approval of three proposals on new work i.e. yam, onions and shallots, and berry fruits.

7. Proposed Standard Layout for Codex Standards for Fresh Fruits and Vegetables

The Committee noted that the layout was a guidance document to facilitate development and discussion of standards for fresh fruits and vegetables, and did not have any status in Codex (i.e. it was not a Codex text) and thus did not require approval or adoption by CAC but only the agreement of CCFFV.

The Committee agreed to attach the layout as an Appendix to the report.

8. Glossary of Terms

The Committee agreed to further develop the discussion paper on glossary of terms associated with the proposed standard layout as well as other terms used in Codex standards for fresh fruits and vegetables for consideration at its next session.

9. The exact time and venue of CCFFV21 will be determined by the Host Government in consultation with the Codex Secretariat.

Report of the meeting for CCFFV20 is available from the Codex website at:
http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/sh-proxy/en/?lnk=1&url=https%253A%252F%252Fworkspace.fao.org%252Fsites%252Fcodex%252FMeetings%252FCX-731-20%252FREPORT%252FREP18_FFVe.pdf
