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Revision of standards

Proposal to amend the standard for sweet peppers

Submitted Spain

The following informal document, submitted by Spain, contains comments on the sweet pepper standard:

Spain would like to amend the provision concerning marking due to the problem of varieties that may have hot taste:

The Spanish sector of sweet pepper that may have hot taste (ie Padron pepper) express its concerns when they have to mark their product as Sweet pepper when those pepper can present hot taste. The reason of this concern is that this marking can mislead consumers if they find hot taste in those peppers.

In addition they can't not market those pepper as "pepper" because it's not foreseen in the marketing standard for sweet pepper.

For the reasons mentioned above Spain would like to amend the provisions concerning marking as follows:

B. Nature of produce

- "Sweet peppers", if the contents are not visible from the outside
- "Peppers if the content is not visible from the outside for those peppers that may have a hot taste.
- And name of the variety (optional)
- "Mixture of sweet peppers", or equivalent denomination, in the case of a mixture of distinctly different commercial types and/or colors of sweet peppers. If the produce is not visible from the outside, the commercial types and/or colors and the quantity of each in the package must be indicated.
