

## **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-eighth session**

Geneva, 6-8 May 2020

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**

**Note:** The following note was submitted by the secretariat of the Codex Alimentarius Commission.

The 21st Session of the Codex Committee on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables (CCFFV21) was held in Monterrey, Nuevo León Mexico (7 – 10 October 2019). The following matters were discussed and decided:

1. Draft standards for Kiwifruit, Garlic and ware potatoes and proposed draft standard for yam  
CCFFV21 agreed to forward the following four standards to the Codex Alimentarius Commission for final adoption:

- Draft standard for kiwifruit;
- Draft standard for garlic;
- Draft standard for ware potatoes; and
- Proposed draft standard for yam

CCFFV21 noted that the draft provisions for labelling in these draft or proposed draft standards would be forwarded to the Codex Committee for Food Labelling for endorsement.

2. Proposed Draft Standard for Fresh Dates

CCFFV21 agreed to continue the revision of the proposed draft standard, noting that the scope of the standard required clarifying and the proposed draft standard was not ready for advancement in the Step process.

CCFFV21 further agreed to inform the Codex Committee on Processed Fruits and Vegetables (CCPFV), that it was in the process of the developing a standard for fresh dates; and to request CCPFV provide clarification on whether the Standard for Dates (CXS 143-1985) had covered all stages of fresh dates with different level of moisture content i.e. for khalal stage not exceeding 85%, rutab stage not exceeding 45% and tamer stage not exceeding 25%, which dates were freshly harvested and consumed without any processing, addition of ingredients and food additives.

3. Proposed draft standard for onions and shallots

CCFFV21 agreed to continue the revision of the proposed draft standard, noting that the proposed draft standard still required further review and was therefore not ready for advancement in the Step process.

4. Proposed draft standard for berry fruits

CCFFV21 agreed to continue the revision of the proposed draft standard, noting that there were some fundamental concerns in several provisions of the proposed draft standard and these concerns required further review and therefore the standard was not ready for advancement in the Step process.

5. Glossary of terms used in the layout for Codex standards for fresh fruits and vegetables

CCFFV21 agreed to consider the item at its next session, as this would enable the review of all comments received at this session and that the United States of America would continue with the development of the discussion paper taking into account all comments received at the session.

6. CCFFV21 was informed that the exact time and venue of CCFFV22 would be determined by the Host Government in consultation with the Codex Secretariat.

Report of CCFFV21 is available on 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-731-21%252FFinal%252520report%252FREP20\\_FFVe\\_PDF%2Bversion.pdf](http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/sh-proxy/en/?lnk=1&url=https%253A%252F%252Fworkspace.fao.org%252Fsites%252Fcodex%252FMeetings%252FCX-731-21%252FFinal%252520report%252FREP20_FFVe_PDF%2Bversion.pdf)

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