

## **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**

Geneva, 25-27 June 2018

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 Dry and Dried Produce**

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

##### **Introduction**

Standardization of dry and dried produce is considered under the Codex Committee on Processed Fruits and Vegetables and the Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs.

Since the last session of the UNECE Specialized Section on Standardization of Dry and Dried Produce in 2017, Codex has held the following discussions related to Dry and Dried Produce:

##### **CAC40 (held in July 2017):**

Commission meeting held in July 2017 took the following decisions with respect to the work of CCPFV and CCSCH

##### **Processed Fruits and Vegetables**

- Approved new proposals for the development of 7 standards and three of which are in the area of dry and dried fruits i.e. *Standard for cashew kernels*; *Standard for dried sweet potato*; *Standard for dried fruits*;
- agreed that CCPFV would work by correspondence until CAC41 (2018) to:  
(i) prioritize its work on the proposals for new work and pending work on the review of the existing standards; (ii) prepare a work plan to address its overall work; and (iii) prepare recommendations for CAC41 on the establishment of EWGs to carry out standard-development work, as prioritized in the work plan, for consideration by a physical meeting of CCPFV to be held in 2019.

## **Spices and culinary herbs**

- approved the seven project documents for new work i.e. dehydrated ginger, dried garlic, dried chili peppers and paprika, basil, saffron, nutmeg and cloves; and
- supported developing group standards for spices and culinary herbs based on plants parts (i.e. roots/Rhizomes; stems; leaves; seeds) with a view to optimizing the use of resources and expediting the Committee's work;

CAC40 also considered SDGs and agreed on their significant value, especially for advocacy purposes, of the synergies between the SDGs and Codex work and that the SDGs would be taken into account in the development of the forthcoming Codex Strategic Plan 2020-2025.

Details are contained in [REP17/CAC40](#)

## **Forthcoming meetings**

The 41<sup>st</sup> Session of the Commission (CAC41) will be held from 2 – 7 July 2018 in Rome and will consider the following among others:

- Adopt various Codex Texts as recommended by the different Codex committees; approve the work plan recommended by CCPFV;
- Hold high level discussion panels with IGOs and NGOs on the question of food fraud; and other side events/information sessions

CAC41 Meeting documents can be accessed on the Commission webpage: [CAC41](#)

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