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## **Economic Commission for Europe**

### **Steering Committee on Trade Capacity and Standards**

#### **Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards**

#### **Specialized Section on Standardization of Dry and Dried Produce**

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Development of new UNECE Standards

### **Draft standards for Dried Papaya and Dried Banana– Comments by the Philippines**

**Note by the secretariat: Owing to the late submission of these comments in 2017, they could not be discussed at that session and are therefore presented to the Specialized Section at the 2018 session. Some of the text might have already been amended in the meantime.**

#### **Philippine Comments on the Draft UNECE Standards**

The Philippines appreciate the opportunity to provide comments on the UNECE Standards for Dried Banana, Dried Papaya and Dried Coconut Pieces

#### **Dried Papaya and Banana**

##### **Comments from the Food and Drug Administration – Philippines**

Center for Food Regulation and Research (CFRR) is submitting the following comments for consideration:

1. If the product is for export or for free market movement, it is suggested that the standard is to be aligned with Codex Format on Food Commodity Standard as this is being used by the WTO as a benchmark:

Name of the Standard

Scope

Description

Essential Composition and Quality Factors

Food Additives

Contaminants

Hygiene

Weights and Measures

Labeling

Methods of Analysis and Sampling

2. The statement (currently written in the definition) "*This standard does not apply to dried ripe papayas that are processed by salting, sugaring, flavouring, or roasting or for industrial processing.*" should be moved under the provision of **Scope and Coverage**.

##### **Comments from the Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards**

Accordingly, the Department of Agriculture – Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards has only developed end-product standards for fresh banana and papaya. The Standards covers grading and classification of banana and papaya produced in the Philippines to be supplied fresh to consumer.

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