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Recent developments in other organizations

Information by the Codex Alimentarius Commission on Recent Activities

The Codex Alimentarius Commission submitted the following document on its recent activities in the area of standardization of fresh and processed fruits and vegetables.

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

A: Standardization of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables

The 20th Session of the Codex Committee on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables (CCFFV) was held in Kampala, Uganda (2 – 6 October 2017). CCFFV20 considered the following matters and made decisions as follows:

1. Draft Standard for Aubergines
CCFFV20 agreed to forward the draft Standard for Aubergines for adoption.
2. Draft Standard for Garlic
CCFFV20 agreed to further revise the draft standard, and some critical issues identified for example the inclusion of smoked garlic, sizing, would be further considered.
3. Draft Standard for Kiwifruit
CCFFV20 recognized that there were no outstanding issues to be resolved with the exception of allowance for tolerances for decay, soft rot and internal breakdown in “Extra” Class and Class I, which would be considered at its next session.
4. Proposed Draft Standard for Ware Potatoes
CCFFV20 agreed to advance the proposed draft standard in the Step process, noting some issues especially minimum requirements and Table of tolerances needed to be further discussed at its next session.
5. Proposed Draft Standard for Fresh Dates
CCFFV20 agreed to continue the revision of the proposed draft standard, noting the proposed draft standard still required further review in order to address the concerns raised and was not ready for advancement in the Step process,

6. Proposals for New Work on Standards for Fresh Fruits and Vegetables
CCFFV20 considered five proposals for new work on Yam; fresh Curry leaves; Shallots; Onion and Black berry. CCFFV20 agreed to recommend approval of new work on three proposals: yam, onions and shallots and berry fruits.
7. Proposed Layout for Codex Standards for Fresh Fruits and Vegetables
CCFFV20 could not agree on the inclusion of tolerances for decay, soft rot and internal breakdown in “Extra” Class nor on the tolerance percentages.

CCFFV20 noted that the layout document 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. Amendments to the layout could be considered by CCFFV at any time as appropriate.
8. Glossary of Terms
CCFFV20 agreed that the United States of America would 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 for the 21th Session of the Codex Committee on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables will be announced later.

Reports of the meetings are available from the Codex website at: <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings-reports/detail/en/?meeting=CCFFV&session=20>

B: Standardization of Processed Fruits and Vegetables

The 28th Session of the Codex Committee on Processed fruits and Vegetables (CCPFV) held in Washington DC United States of America from 12 to 16 September 2016 considered standardization of processed fruits and vegetables. The 40th Session of Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC) held in Geneva from 17 to 22 July 2017 (CAC) considered the recommendations made by CCPFV28. Below are the relevant matters and corresponding decisions.

Annex on Canned Pineapples

CAC40 adopted the annex and agreed with the inclusion of the annex in the *Standard for Certain Canned Fruits* (CODEXSTAN 319-2015).

1. Annexes for certain quick frozen vegetables
CAC40 adopted seven annexes, i.e. annexes on Quick Frozen Broccoli, Quick Frozen Brussels Sprouts, Quick Frozen Cauliflower, Quick Frozen French Fried Potatoes, Quick Frozen Green and Wax Beans, Quick Frozen Peas and Quick Frozen Spinach. CAC agreed with the inclusion of the annexes in the *Standard for Quick Frozen Vegetables* (CODEX STAN 320-2015).
2. Amended the scope of the Standard for Certain Canned Fruits (CODEX STAN 319-2015)
CAC40 agreed with the amendments to the scope of the *Standard for Certain Canned Fruits* (CODEX STAN 319-2015).
3. Proposals for new work
CAC40 approved the following seven proposals as new work for CCPFV.
 - Standard for cashew kernels
 - Conversion of the Regional Standard for Chili Sauce (CODEX STAN 306R-2011) into a worldwide standard
 - Revision of Standard for Mango Chutney (CODEX STAN 160-1987)
 - Standard for dried sweet potato; Conversion of the Regional Standard for Gochujang (CODEX STAN 294R-2009) into a worldwide standard
 - Standard for dried fruits

- Revision of Standard for Canned Tropical Fruit Salad (CODEX STAN 99-1981)
 - Standard for canned mixed fruits
4. The Commission agreed that CCPFV to continue its work by correspondence until CAC41 (2018).

The Reports of the meeting of the CCPFV28 and CAC40 are available from the Codex website at:

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