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Proposal by the delegation of Germany to amend the standard for leafy vegetables

Submitted by the delegation of Germany

Summary

The following proposal for revisions to the standard for leafy vegetables (FFV-58) was submitted by the delegation of Germany for the consideration of the Specialized Section. The proposed added text is marked in underline.
I. Proposal

The delegation of Germany proposes to amend section IV. Provisions concerning marking, B. Nature of produce as follows:

VI. Provisions concerning marking

B. Nature of produce

• “Watercress”, “rocket”, “spinach”, “turnip tops”, “turnip greens”, “broccoli raab”, “chard”, “pak choi” if the contents are not visible from the outside.

• “Mixture of leafy vegetables”, or equivalent denomination, in the case of a mixture of leafy vegetables of distinctly different species.

II. Justification

In 2022, the standard for leafy vegetables (FFV-58) was revised to include pak choi. Since pak choi has been included in the standard there should be uniformity in all specifications, including under IV. B. Nature of produce where it should be required to be marked if not visible from the outside, like for the other products listed.