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Agenda Item 1

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from Monday, 16 May at 10:00 to Friday 20 May 2005*

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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	b) Draft Codex Standard for Tomatoes	ALINORM 04/27/35-App. IV
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4.	Consideration of proposed draft Codex Standards and Related Texts at Step 4	
	a) Proposed draft Section 2.1.1 - Maturity Requirements and proposed draft Section 3.1 - Minimum Bunch Weight: Annex on Small-berry Varieties (draft Codex Standard for Table Grapes)	CX/FFV 05/12/7
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	b) Proposed draft Codex Standard for Apples	CX/FFV 05/12/8

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	- Comments at Step 3	CX/FFV 05/12/8-Add.1
c)	Proposed draft Codex Guidelines for the Quality Control of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables	CX/FFV 05/12/9 (NOT ISSUED)
	- Comments at Step 3	CX/FFV 05/12/9-Add.1 (NOT ISSUED)
d)	Proposed draft Codex Standard for Rambutan	CX/FFV 05/12/10
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5.	Proposals for Amendments to the Priority List for the Standardization of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables	ALINORM 04/27/35-App.VI
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EXPLANATORY NOTES ON THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1	<p>Adoption of the Provisional Agenda (CX/FFV 05/12/1)</p> <p>The Committee will be invited to adopt the Provisional Agenda as its Agenda for the Session.</p>		
Item 2(a)	<p>Matters of arising from the Codex Alimentarius Commission and its Subsidiary Bodies (CX/FFV 05/12/2)</p> <p>Matters arising from the Codex Alimentarius Commission and other relevant Codex Committees and Task Forces are summarized in the working document.</p>		
Item 2(b)	<p>Matters arising from other International Organizations on the Standardization of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables (CX/FFV 05/12/3)</p> <p>Matters of interest arising from Sessions of the <i>Working Party on Standardization of Perishable Produce and Quality Development</i> and its <i>Specialized Section Standardization of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables</i> and the as well as the <i>OECD Scheme for the Application of International Standards for Fruits and Vegetables</i> are summarized in the working document.</p>		
Item 2(c)	<table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 70%; vertical-align: top;"> <p>UN/ECE Standards for Fresh Fruits and Vegetables</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. UN/ECE Standard for Table Grapes (FFV-19) ii. UN/ECE Standard for Tomatoes (FFV-36) iii. UN/ECE Standard for Apples (FFV-01) <p>The UN/ECE standards for the above-mentioned produce are being circulated by the Codex Secretariat as directed by the 43rd Session of the Executive Committee, namely: “<i>The Executive Committee requested that relevant UN/ECE Standards be distributed as working documents for the Codex Committee on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables when like products were being considered</i>” (ALINORM 97/3, para. 15).</p> </td> <td style="width: 30%; vertical-align: top; text-align: center;"> <p>CX/FFV 05/12/4</p> </td> </tr> </table>	<p>UN/ECE Standards for Fresh Fruits and Vegetables</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. UN/ECE Standard for Table Grapes (FFV-19) ii. UN/ECE Standard for Tomatoes (FFV-36) iii. UN/ECE Standard for Apples (FFV-01) <p>The UN/ECE standards for the above-mentioned produce are being circulated by the Codex Secretariat as directed by the 43rd Session of the Executive Committee, namely: “<i>The Executive Committee requested that relevant UN/ECE Standards be distributed as working documents for the Codex Committee on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables when like products were being considered</i>” (ALINORM 97/3, para. 15).</p>	<p>CX/FFV 05/12/4</p>
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Item 2(d)	<p>Standard Layout for Codex Standards for Fresh Fruits and Vegetables (ALINORM 04/27/35-Appendix VII)</p> <p>The 11th Session of the Committee welcomed the development of a Standard Layout for Codex Standards for Fresh Fruits and Vegetables which would help to ensure a consistent approach as regards format, terminology and provisions where appropriate as well as to keep consistency across the wording of different versions of the Codex standards for fresh fruits and vegetables. The Standard Layout should ensure that the standards expressed essential quality provisions so that they were not more restrictive than necessary to avoid product development and innovation. The Standard Layout should also serve as a guide that would in no way prevent the input of experts participating in the work of the Committee.</p> <p>The Committee agreed on the need to have a Standard Layout for Codex Standards for Fresh Fruits and Vegetables. It further agreed to append the proposal for a Standard Layout to the report of its Session for circulation, comments and consideration at its next Session.</p> <p>The Standard Layout for Codex Standards for Fresh Fruits and Vegetables is being circulated for comments under CL 2003/35-FFV (ALINORM 04/27/35, Report of the 11th Session of the Codex Committee on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables). Comments submitted in response to this Circular Letter are summarized in working document CX/FFV 04/12/5.</p>		

CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT CODEX STANDARDS AT STEP 7**Item 3(a) Draft Codex Standard for Table Grapes (ALINORM 04/27/35-Appendix III)**

The 11th Session of the Committee considered the draft Codex Standard for Table Grapes and agreed on a number of changes.

In recognition of the important agreement reached on the major sections of the draft Standard and in consideration of the ongoing work on maturity requirements and berry sizes, the Committee agreed to retain the draft Codex Standard for Table Grapes at Step 7 pending finalization of Section 2.1.1 concerning maturity requirements and Section 3.1 on the Annex on small-berry varieties so that a complete text could be forwarded to the Codex Alimentarius Commission for final adoption at Step 8.

This decision was taken with the understanding that additional comments would not be requested on the agreed sections so that the next Session of the Committee could focus its discussion on the finalization of maturity requirements and berry sizes (see Item 4(a) below).

Item 3(b) Draft Codex Standard for Tomatoes (ALINORM 04/27/35-Appendix IV)

The 11th Session of the Committee considered the proposed draft Codex Standard for Tomatoes and agreed on a number of changes. The Committee further agreed to forward the proposed draft Standard to the Codex Alimentarius Commission for preliminary adoption at Step 5. The Commission adopted the proposed draft Codex Standard for Tomatoes at Step 5 and advanced it to Step 6 as proposed by the Committee.

The draft Codex Standard for Tomatoes has been circulated for comments at Step 6 under CL 2004/36-GEN. Comments submitted at Step 6 in response to this Circular Letter are summarized in working document CX/FFV 05/12/6.

CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED DRAFT CODEX STANDARDS AND RELATED TEXTS AT STEP 4**Item 4(a) Proposed draft Sections 2.1.1 - Maturity Requirements and 3.1 - Minimum Bunch Weight: Annex on Small-berry Varieties (draft Codex Standard for Table Grapes) (CX/FFV 04/12/7)**

The 11th Session of the Committee considered maturity requirements for table grapes (Section 2.1.1) and a list of small-berry varieties of table grapes (Section 3.1 - Minimum Bunch Weight: Annex on Small-berry Varieties).

The Committee recognized that further work was still necessary on both Sections and therefore, it agreed to reconvene the drafting group under the direction of Chile to develop maturity requirements for table grapes and a list of small-berry varieties of table grapes. The Committee also recommended that the UN/ECE List of Small-berry Varieties be taken as a basis for the development of a similar list. The proposal of the drafting group would be then circulated for comments at Step 3 and consideration by the next Session of the Committee.

The revised proposed draft Sections 2.1.1 - Maturity Requirements and 3.1 - Minimum Bunch Weight: Annex on Small-berry Varieties of the *draft Codex Standard for Table Grapes* is being circulated for comments at Step 3 under CX/FFV 04/12/7. Comments submitted at Step 3 are summarized in working document CX/FFV 04/12/7-Add.1.

Item 4(b) Proposed draft Codex Standard for Apples (CX/FFV 04/12/8)

The 11th Session of the Committee made some general and specific comments on the proposed draft Codex Standard for Apples. However, in view of time constraints, the Committee suspended the consideration of the document and consequently, it returned the proposed draft Standard to Step 2 while reconvening the drafting group under the direction of the United States of America to revise the text on the basis of the discussion held and the written comments submitted at that Session as well as in light of the developments in the UN/ECE Standard for Apples for circulation, additional comments at Step 3 and further consideration at its next Session.

The proposed draft Codex Standard for Apples is being circulated for comments at Step 3 under CX/FFV 04/12/8. Comments submitted at Step 3 are summarized in working document CX/FFV 04/12/8-Add.1.

- Item 4(c) Proposed draft Codex Guidelines for the Quality Control of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables (CX/FFV 05/12/9)**
- The 11th Session of the Committee made some general and specific comments on the proposed draft Codex Guidelines for the Quality Control of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables. However, in view of time constraints, the Committee suspended the consideration of the document and consequently, it returned the proposed draft Guidelines to Step 2 while reconvening the drafting group under the direction of Canada to revise the text on the basis of the discussion held and the written comments submitted at that Session for circulation, additional comments at Step 3 and further consideration at its next Session.
- The proposed draft Codex Guidelines for the Quality Control of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables is being circulated for comments at Step 3 under CX/FFV 04/12/9. Comments submitted at Step 3 are summarized in working document CX/FFV 04/12/9-Add.1. **(These documents have not been issued.)**
- Item 4(d) Proposed draft Codex Standard for Rambutan (CX/FFV 05/12/10)**
- The 11th Session of the Committee considered the proposed draft Codex Standard for Rambutan and agreed on a number of changes. However, in view of the difficulties to reach consensus on certain sections, the Committee agreed to return the document to Step 3 for circulation and comments. It further agreed that a drafting group under the direction of Thailand would revise the text on the basis of the discussion held, written comments submitted at that Session as well as additional comments requested at Step 3. The proposal of the drafting group would be then circulated for additional comments at Step 3 and consideration by the next Session of the Committee.
- The proposed draft Codex Standard for Rambutan is being circulated for comments at Step 3 under CX/FFV 05/12/10. Comments submitted at Step 3 are summarized in working document CX/FFV 05/12/10-Add.1.
- Item 5 Proposals for Amendments to the Priority List for the Standardization of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables (ALINORM 04/27/35-Appendix VI)**
- The Committee may propose the removal and/or inclusion of new produce for future work taking into account the *Proposals to Undertake New Work or to Revise a Standard* (Codex Alimentarius Procedural Manual, Part 2 Critical Review) and the work already done by other international standardization organizations in this field. The new work undertaken shall be approved by the next Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission taking into account the outcome of the Critical Review conducted by the Executive Committee.
- The Priority List for the Standardization of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables is being circulated for comments under CL 2003/35-FFV. Comments submitted in response to this Circular Letter are summarized in working document CX/FFV 03/11.
- Item 6 Other Business**
- In accordance with Rule VI.5 of the Rules of Procedure of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex Alimentarius Procedural Manual) “... *any Member of the Commission may propose the inclusion of specific items in the Agenda with respect to matters of an urgent nature...*”.
- Item 7 Date and Place of the Next Session**
- The Committee will be advised of the tentative dates of the next Session.
- Item 8 Adoption of the Report**
- The Committee shall adopt the report of its 12th Session, based on a draft provided by the Codex Secretariat.

Note: The hard copies of the documents will be distributed by the Codex Secretariat. Working documents as prepared will be uploaded onto the Codex website. They can be downloaded and printed by accessing the following URL: <http://www.codexalimentarius.net/>

Delegates are kindly requested to bring with them to the meeting all documents which have been distributed, as the number of additional copies which can be made available at the meeting is limited.