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**REPORT OF THE 14<sup>th</sup> SESSION OF THE  
CODEX COMMITTEE ON FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES**

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**SUBJECT** : **REPORT OF THE 14<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE  
CODEX COMMITTEE ON FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES (ALINORM 08/31/35)**

**PART A: MATTERS FOR ADOPTION BY THE 31<sup>ST</sup> SESSION OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION**

**Draft Standards at Step 8 of the Procedure**

1. **Draft Codex Standard for Tomatoes** (para. 43 and Appendix II).
2. **Draft Codex Standard for Bitter Cassava** (para. 60 and Appendix III).

Governments and interested international organizations in observer status with Codex wishing to submit comments on the above documents should do so in writing in conformity with the *Guide to the Consideration of Standards at Step 8 of the Procedure for the Elaboration of Codex Standards including Consideration of any Statements relating to Economic Impact* (Procedural Manual of the Codex Alimentarius Commission) to the above address, PREFERABLY BY E-MAIL, before 15 June 2008.

**Proposed draft Standards at Step 5 of the Procedure**

3. **Proposed draft Codex Standard for Apples** (para. 88 and Appendix IV).

Governments and interested international organizations in observer status with Codex wishing to submit comments on the above documents, including implications which these documents or any provisions thereof may have for their economic interests, should do so in writing in conformity with the *Uniform Procedure for the Elaboration of Codex Standards and Related Texts* (Procedural Manual of the Codex Alimentarius Commission) to the above address, PREFERABLY BY E-MAIL, before 15 June 2008.

**PART B: REQUEST FOR COMMENTS AND INFORMATION**

4. **Proposed Layout for Codex Standards on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables** (para. 35 and Appendix V).
5. **Proposals for Amendments to the Priority List for the Standardization of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables** (para. 108 and Appendix VI).

Governments and interested international organizations in observer status with Codex wishing to submit comments on the above documents should do so in writing, PREFERABLY BY E-MAIL, before 30 June 2009.

## **SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS**

The 14<sup>th</sup> session of the Codex Committee on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables reached the following conclusions:

### **MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION**

#### **Adoption of Codex Standards**

The Committee agreed to:

- forward the *draft Codex Standards for Tomatoes* (para. 43 and Appendix II) and *Bitter Cassava* (para. 60 and Appendix III) to the 31<sup>st</sup> Session of the Commission for adoption at Step 8.
- forward the *proposed draft Codex Standard for Apples* to the 31<sup>st</sup> Session of the Commission for adoption at Step 5 (para. 88 and Appendix IV).

#### **Approval of new work and discontinuation of work**

The Committee agreed to:

- discontinue work on the *draft Codex Guidelines for the Inspection and Certification of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables for Conformity to Quality Standards* (para. 65).
- request the approval of the Commission for new work on *Codex Standards for Durian, Chilli Peppers*, and *Tree Tomatoes* and revision of the *Codex Standard for Avocado* (para. 106).

### **MATTERS OF INTEREST TO THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION**

The Committee agreed to:

- append the *proposed Layout for Codex Standards on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables*, with amendments agreed by this session, to the report for comments and consideration at its next session (para. 35 and Appendix V).
- continue to request comments on proposals for amendments the *Priority List for the Standardization of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables* for consideration at its next session (para. 108 and Appendix VI).
- support the ongoing dialogue between the Codex and UNECE Secretariats to further enhance cooperation between the two Bodies (para. 17).

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