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Agenda Item 1

CX/FFV 09/15/1

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JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME CODEX COMMITTEE ON FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Fifteenth Session

Mexico City, Mexico, 19 – 23 October 2009

To be held at *Room México I and México II,*
the Crowne Plaza Hotel de México,
Dakota 95, Col. Nápoles, C.P. 03810, Mexico City, Mexico,
from Monday 19 October at 09:00 hours to Friday 23 October 2009

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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| 1. | Adoption of the Agenda | CX/FFV 09/15/1 |
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| | i. UNECE Standard for Apples (FFV-50) | |
| | ii. UNECE Standard for Avocados (FFV-42) | |
| 3. | Consideration of Draft Standards at Step 7 | |
| | (a) Draft Section 6 “Marking or Labelling” (Draft Standard for Bitter Cassava) | ALINORM 08/31/35, App.III |
| | - Comments at Step 6 in response to CL 2008/17-FFV | CX/FFV 09/15/5 |
| | | CX/FFV 09/15/5-Add.1 (in original language only) |
| | (b) Draft Standard for Apples | |
| | - Revised Draft Standard for Apples | CX/FFV 09/15/6 |
| | - Comments | CX/FFV 09/15/6-Add.1 CX/FFV 09/15/6-Add.2 (in original language only) |
| 4. | Consideration of Proposed Draft Standards at Step 4 | |
| | (a) Proposed Draft Standard for Avocado (revision) (N19-2008) | CX/FFV 09/15/7 |

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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 session is limited.

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<ftp://ftp.fao.org/codex/ccffv15>

| Agenda Item | Subject Matter | Document Reference |
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| | - Comments at Step 3 | CX/FFV 09/15/7-Add.1 (in original language only) |
| (b) | Proposed Draft Standard for Chilli Peppers (N17-2008) | CX/FFV 09/15/8 |
| | - Comments at Step 3 | CX/FFV 09/15/8-Add.1 CX/FFV 09/15/8-Add.2 (in original language only) |
| (c) | Proposed Draft Standard for Tree Tomato (N18-2008) | CX/FFV 09/15/9 |
| | - Comments at Step 3 | CX/FFV 09/15/9-Add.1 |
| | - | CX/FFV 09/15/9-Add.2 (in original language only) |
| 5. | Layout for Codex Standards for Fresh Fruits and Vegetables | |
| (a) | Proposed Layout for Codex Standards for Fresh Fruits and Vegetables | ALINORM 08/31/35, App.V |
| | - Comments in response to CL 2008/13-FFV | CX/FFV 09/15/10 CX/FFV 09/15/10-Add.1 (in original language only) |
| (b) | Glossary of Terms used in the Proposed Layout for Codex Standards on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables | CX/FFV 09/15/11 |
| | - Comments | CX/FFV 09/15/11-Add.1 CX/FFV 09/15/11-Add.2 (in original language only) |
| 6. | Proposals for Amendments to the Priority List for the Standardization of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables | ALINORM 08/31/35-App.VI |
| | - Comments in response to CL 2008/13-FFV | CX/FFV 09/15/12 CX/FFV 09/15/12-Add.1 (in original language only) |
| 7. | Other Business | |
| 8. | Date and Place of the Next Session | |
| 9. | Adoption of the Report | |

ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1 Adoption of the Agenda (CX/FFV 09/15/1): In accordance with Rule VII.2 of the Rules of Procedure, the first item on the Provisional Agenda shall be the adoption of the Agenda. The Committee will be invited to adopt the Provisional Agenda as its Agenda for the Session.

Item 2(a) Matters arising from the Codex Alimentarius Commission and other Codex Committees (CX/FFV 09/15/2): Matters referred/of interest to the Committee arising from the Commission and other relevant committees are contained in the working document.

Item 2(b) Matters arising from other International Organizations on the Standardization of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables (CX/FFV 09/15/3): Matters referred/of interest to the Committee arising from the *UNECE Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards* and its *Specialized Section on Standardization of Fresh Fruit and Vegetables* as well as the *OECD Scheme for the Application of International Standards for Fruit and Vegetables* are contained in the working document.

Item 2(c) UNECE Standards for Fresh Fruits and Vegetables (CX/FFV 09/15/4)

- (i) UNECE Standard for Apples (FFV-50)
- (ii) UNECE Standard for Avocados (FFV-42)

The UNECE standards for the above-mentioned produce have been circulated by the Codex Secretariat as directed by the 43rd Session of the Executive Committee, namely: “*The Executive Committee requested that relevant UNECE Standards be distributed as working documents for the Codex Committee on Fresh Fruit and Vegetables when like products were being considered*” (ALINORM 97/3, para. 15).

CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT STANDARDS AT STEP 7

Item 3(a) : Draft Section 6 “Marking or Labelling” (Draft Standard for Bitter Cassava) (ALINORM 08/31/35, Appendix III): The 31st Session of the Commission decided to return the labelling section of the Draft Standard for Bitter Cassava to Step 6 for further comments, in particular on the preparation instructions, for consideration by the 15th Session of the Committee in 2009 and endorsement by the 38th Session of the Committee on Food Labelling (2010) and to hold the other sections at Step 8, with a view to the adoption of the Standard by the Commission in 2010.

Circular Letter CL 2008/17-FFV accordingly requested comments on Draft Section 6 “Marking or Labelling”, in particular on Section 6.1.2 “Preparation Instructions”. Comments in response to this Circular Letter are compiled in working document CX/FFV 09/15/5.

Item 3(b) Draft Standard for Apples (CX/FFV 09/15/6): The 31st Session of the Commission adopted at Step 5 the Proposed Draft Standard as proposed by the 14th Session of the Committee. The 14th Session of the Committee also agreed to reconvene the electronic Working Group on the Standard for Apples, led by the United States of America, which might need to meet physically between the sessions of the Committee as well as immediately prior to its 15th Session. The Report of the Working Group, which prepared a revised Draft Standard taking into account the comments at Step 6, is contained in working document CX/FFV 09/15/6. Comments on this revised Draft Standard are compiled in working document CX/FFV 09/15/6-Add.1.

CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED DRAFT CODEX STANDARDS AT STEP 4

Item 4(a) Proposed Draft Standard for Avocado (revision) (N19-2008) (CX/FFV 09/15/7): The 14th Session of the Committee agreed to initiate new work on the revision of the Standard for Avocado, which was subsequently approved by the 31st Session of the Commission, and to establish an electronic Working Group on Avocado led by Cuba. Comments on the Proposed Draft Revision prepared by the electronic Working Group are compiled in working document CX/FFV 09/15/7-Add.1.

Item 4(b) Proposed Draft Standard for Chilli Pepper (N17-2008) (CX/FFV 09/15/8): The 14th Session of the Committee agreed to initiate new work on a Standard for Chilli Pepper, which was subsequently approved by the 31st Session of the Commission, and to establish an electronic Working Group on Chilli Pepper led by Mexico. Comments on the Proposed Draft Standard prepared by the electronic Working Group are compiled in working document CX/FFV 09/15/8-Add.1.

Item 4(c) Proposed Draft Standard for Tree Tomato (N18-2008) (CX/FFV 09/15/9): The 14th Session of the Committee agreed to initiate new work on a Standard for Tree Tomato, which was subsequently approved by the 31st Session of the Commission, and to establish an electronic Working Group on Tree Tomato led by Colombia. Comments on the Proposed Draft Standard prepared by the electronic Working Group are compiled in working document CX/FFV 09/15/9-Add.1.

Item 5 Layout for Codex Standards for Fresh Fruits and Vegetables

(a) Proposed Layout for Codex Standards for Fresh Fruits and Vegetables (ALINORM 08/31/35, Appendix VI): The 14th Session of the Committee considered the Proposed Layout for Codex Standards for Fresh Fruits and Vegetables and agreed to append to the report of the Session the Proposed Layout with the amendments agreed by the Session, for comments and consideration at its 15th Session. Comments submitted in response to CL 2008/13-FFV are compiled in working document CX/FFV 09/15/10.

(b) Glossary of Terms used in the Proposed Layout for Codex Standards on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables (CX/FFV 09/15/11): The 14th Session of the Committee agreed to establish an electronic Working Group, led by France, which would prepare a glossary of terms used in the Proposed Layout with particular regard to the definitions of “Extra” Class, Class I and Class II. Comments on the glossary of terms prepared by the electronic Working Group are compiled in working document CX/FFV 09/15/11-Add.1.

Item 6 Proposals for Amendments to the Priority List for the Standardization of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables (ALINORM 08/31/35, 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 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* has been circulated for comments under CL 2008/13-FFV. Comments submitted are compiled in working document CX/FFV 09/15/12.

Item 7 Other Business: The Committee may discuss any matters raised by its members under Agenda Item 1, if time allows.

Item 8 Date and Place of the Next Session: The Committee will be advised of the tentative date and place of the next Session.

Item 9 Adoption of the Report: In accordance with Rule X.1 of the Rules of Procedure, the Committee shall adopt the report of its 15th Session, based on a draft provided by the Codex Secretariat.