

**CODEX STANDARD FOR CANNED GREEN PEAS<sup>1</sup>****CODEX STAN 58-1981****1. DESCRIPTION****1.1 Product Definition**

Canned green peas is the product (a) prepared from fresh or frozen clean, substantially sound, whole shelled immature (green) seeds of garden pea varieties (cultivars) conforming with the characteristics of the species *Pisum sativum* L. but excluding the subspecies *macrocarpum*; (b) packed with water or other suitable liquid medium, sugars, seasoning, and other ingredients, appropriate to the product; and (c) processed by heat in an appropriate manner, before or after being sealed in a container, so as to prevent spoilage.

**1.2 Varietal Types**

Canned peas may be of any suitable variety (cultivar) and may be further classified as:

1.2.1 Wrinkled-seeded;

1.2.2 Round-seeded or smooth-seeded;

1.2.3 Other types (crosses or hybrids of the types in 1.2.1 and 1.2.2).

**1.3 Types of Pack**

1.3.1 "Liquid Pack" when a liquid medium is used; or

1.3.2 "Vacuum Pack" or "Vacuum packed" if the liquid packing medium does not exceed 20 percent of the total net weight of the product and the container is closed under conditions creating a high vacuum in the container.

**2. ESSENTIAL COMPOSITION AND QUALITY FACTORS****2.1 Basic Ingredients**

Peas and liquid packing medium appropriate to the product and other optional ingredients, as follows:

2.1.1 Other permitted ingredients:

2.1.1.1 Salt, sucrose, invert sugar, dextrose, glucose syrup, dried glucose syrup.

2.1.1.2 Aromatic herbs and spices; stock or juice of vegetables and aromatic herbs (lettuce, onions, carrots, etc.); garnishes composed of one or more vegetables (lettuce, onions, carrots; pieces of green or red peppers, or mixtures of both) up to a maximum of 15% of the total drained vegetable ingredient; mint essence.

2.1.1.3 Butter or other edible animal or vegetable fats or oils. If butter is added, it must amount to

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<sup>1</sup> Formerly CAC/RS 58-1978 as amended.









