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**TO:** Codex Contact Points  
Interested International Organizations

**FROM:** Secretariat,  
Codex Alimentarius Commission

**SUBJECT:** REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON THE NEED FOR AN INTERNATIONAL STANDARD FOR FRESH FUNGUS "CHANTERELLE"

**DEADLINE:** 31 December 2010

**COMMENTS:** To:  
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## BACKGROUND

1. The 15<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables (Mexico City, October 2009) noted that the conversion of the Codex Standard for Fresh Fungus "Chanterelle" (European Regional Standard CODEX STAN 40-1981)<sup>1</sup> into a worldwide standard had been referred to the Committee due to an earlier request of the Codex Alimentarius Commission as part as of the process of updating commodity standards including the potential conversion of regional standards into worldwide standards. The Committee recalled that no action had been taken on this request and that, at its last session, it had agreed to keep chanterelle in the Priority List pending the finalization of the UNECE Standard for Chantarelle. It is noted that the 65<sup>th</sup> Session of the UNECE Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards (Geneva, November 2009) adopted a UNECE Standard for Chanterelles (UNECE STANDARD FFV-55)<sup>2,3</sup>

2. The 33<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Geneva, July 2010) noted the request of the Committee on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables in relation to the need for a worldwide standard for chanterelle. The Commission agreed that a Circular Letter would be issued by the Codex Secretariat requesting Members' views on the need for conversion of the Regional Standard for Chanterelle into a worldwide standard for consideration by the next session of the CCFFV and further action by the Commission as appropriate.<sup>4</sup>

## REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

3. Codex Members and Observers are invited to submit their views on the need for a worldwide standard for chanterelle as directed above. Should there be no need for a worldwide standard for chanterelle, Codex Members and Observers are invited to provide their views on the need to retain the regional standard and eventually proceed with their updating in the relevant coordinating committee or alternatively, the revocation of the regional standard as not necessary for the purposes of regional trade.

<sup>1</sup> Codex standards and related texts are available for downloading at: <http://www.codexalimentarius.net>

<sup>2</sup> UNECE standards are available for downloading at: <http://www.unece.org/trade/agr/standard/fresh/FFV-Standards.htm>

<sup>3</sup> ALINORM 10/33/35, paras. 118-119.

<sup>4</sup> ALINORM 10/33/REP, para. 133.