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Agenda Item 7

JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME
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Draft and proposed draft revision of the Classification of Food and Feed
(*prepared by the In-Session Working Group for Classification*)

The priority of the in-session working group is to resolve issues involved with the classification

- for crops that do not meet the criteria for classification

- the crop groups in Type 4 and Type 5, with their associated tables

- to initiate revisions to Class C, Primary Feed Commodities

Many comments were send in by the different countries during the eWG and before CCPR50. The comments can be find in the CRDs.

Recommendations from the in-session working group for the plenary meeting:

Recommendation for Agenda item 7f:

- To accept Option 1 as a system within the classification to provide codes for commodities such as water chestnut, foxnut and lotus seed, that do not meet the criteria for crop grouping. In option 1 there is created a separate Type within each Class for those commodities.

  It was also agreed that it was acceptable to maintain Subgroup 023D "Other Oilseeds" in the group of oilseeds and oilfruits and not to transfer them in the miscellaneous group.

Agenda item 7a includes Type 4 Commodities including: Group 022 Tree Nuts at Step 7, Group 023 Oilseeds and oilfruits at Step 7, Group 024 Seed for Beverages and Sweets at Step 4 and Group 025 Sap Producing trees at Step 4.

Group 022 Tree nuts was finalized by CCPR 43 (2011) and retained at Step 7, and Group 023 Oilseeds and oilfruits was finalized by CCPR 42 (2010).

Recommendation for Agenda item 7a

- Chilean hazelnut to accept for Tree nut Group 022.

- Perilla seed to maintain in Oilseeds and not bring to spices, since most perilla seed is used for oil. It is not recommend to place some species in oilseeds and some in spices, because it is difficult to distinguish different varieties in trade.

- to change the description of portion of the commodity to which the MRL applies for nuts as: "Whole commodity after removal of shell" . The in-session working group agreed that it was not appropriate to add specific commodities as chestnut in the general description in this case.

- to include Coconut, inflorescence sap and Palmyra palm, inflorescence sap in the group 25 Tree sap, without the creation of separate subgroups.

- The description of this group would be modified as follows:

  "Tree saps are collected by drilling holes into appropriate tree trunks and collecting the exuded sap. Or the sap can be collected from the inflorescence of the trees.The sap is concentrated to syrup by heating to evaporate much of the water. Syrup is used as a sweetener on other foods, used as an ingredient in baking and as a sweetener or flavouring agent "

  Portion of the commodity to which the MRL applies (and which is analysed): **Unless specified, the fresh sap**

- not to include Soyabean in Group 024 Seed for beverages and sweets because soybean is already included in another group.

- Not to include Cupuacu, (*Theobroma grandiflorum*) in Group 024 Seed for beverages and sweet because it is already included in Subgroup of fruits 6B.

- Not to include additional synonym scientific names for shea nut because these are synonyms rather that the accepted name in GRIN. GRIN is the generally used authority for scientific names in the code system of the classification.

Recommendation for Agenda item 7e table 4:

- to change the representative commodities for tree nuts for more guidance into: "two commodities from Almonds, Chestnuts, Pecan, Pistachios and Walnuts". So the representative crop for tree nuts will be: "two commodities from Almonds, Chestnuts, Pecan, Pistachio and Walnuts, Coconut is not an acceptable representative commodity"

- To add the new commodities in the group 22 to 25 to table 4

- Not to preclude the possibility of establishing a group MRL for the whole group of oilseeds and oilfruits that includes Subgroup 023D "Other oilseeds", assuming the GAP is similar. Therefore all commodities are taken up in the cell in the third column for extrapolation.

- To bring the crops in table 4 in line with the crops of the groups 22 to 25

Agenda item 7b includes Type 5 Commodities including: Group 027 Herbs and Group 028 Spices. Based on a Term of Reference, the EWG revised these groups to consider a number of new commodities. During the eWG there was some issues, wherefore some more discussion was needed. Those issues were discussed was during the in-session working group

The recommendations from the eWG for item 7b to the plenary are as follow:

- to maintain the subgroups of 028I Dried chili peppers and 028H Citrus peel in Class A Primary food and not relocate them into Class D Processed food

- To maintain Milk thistle in group of spices and not include in oilseeds

- to include caraway in Subgroup 028A "Spices, seeds" as they are similar to other seeds of the Apiaceae in this group.

- to change the entries for Oregano and Marjoram

Agenda item 7e table 5:

included a review by the EWG of the consistency of Type 5 Herbs and Spices, their codes and location in Table 5

Recommendation for 7e table 5:

- to choose as representative crop for subgroup 027A "Herbs (herbaceous plants)": Basil or Mint or Leaf lettuce or Spinach" and not as was in the proposal of the eWG Basil and Mint or Leaf lettuce or Spinach

- to express the representative commodities for Subgroup 028D as "Any commodity in this subgroup or any commodity in the Root and tuber vegetable group, applying an appropriate concentration factor".

- These conclusions along with the Appendices for Type 4 and Type 5 will be included in an additional CRD