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PROPOSED DRAFT STANDARD FOR STURGEON CAVIAR GOVERNMENT COMMENTS AT STEP 3

ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN

1. In the TITLE In the title, eliminate the brackets.

Reasons: it is very clear that this standard applies just to granular caviar from Sturgeon as caviar is only prepared from Sturgeon species and this subject is mentioned in the scope section.

2. In the section on DEFINITIONS

- part 2.1.5 (Caviar Lot) : eliminate from the end of sentence “for delivery to same customers”

Reason: because each customer can be different

- part 2.1.10 and 2.1.11 (primary package and secondary package) must be eliminated and substitute by “caviar package”.

Caviar package: metal cans, glass jars or other suitable containers in which caviar is directly packed.

Reason: these terms do not appear in the standard.

- part 2.2: product definition must be revised as below:

The product is prepared from Sturgeon fish eggs, belonging to the Acipenseridae family (four genera, *Acipenser*, *Huso*, *Pseudocapthirhynchus* and *Scaphirhynchus* and hybrids of species from these genera).

Reason: for proper definition.

- part 2.3 (Process Definition) and part 2.4 (Handling practice) : combine together.

Reason: to avoid repeating the definition of caviar processing steps.

3. In the section on RAW MATERIAL

The sentences must be revised as follows:

“Granular caviar shall be prepared from ovaries extracted from Sturgeons described in section 2.2, which from quality point of view is fit for human consumption”

Reason: because we discussed about the genera before.

- Table 2 change to Table 1

- In Table 1 (Appearance): it is better to use “eggs about equal size” instead of one size.

- In Table 1: foreign admixtures change to “foreign matters”.

4. In the section on FOOD ADDITIVES

part 4.1 and 4.2 must be eliminated as they need further discussion.

Reason: all the additives that are listed in the General Standard for Food Additives (CODEX STAN 192) in food category 9.3.3 Salmon substitutes, Caviar and other fish roe products are as colorants and they are not complete and appropriate and specific for caviar.

5. In the section on LABELLING

Labelling of the product must be in accordance with the provisions of the Codex General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods (CODEX STAN 1-1985, Rev. 1991) and regulations of CITES in production and trading of this fish and also clients special needs.

Reasons: the standard must consider all information that can be used by consumers to avoid misleading and also traceability.

6. In the section on DEFINITION OF DEFECTS

- Foreign admixture must be changed to foreign matter.