



Agenda Item 10

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Proposed Draft Revision of the Procedure for the Inclusion of Additional Species in Standards for Fish and Fishery Products

COMMENTS AT STEP 3

BRAZIL

Section 1. Scope.

Suggestion: Brazil suggests changing the text as follows:

“ This procedure for inclusion applies to the relevant standards falling within the mandate of the CCFFP. The aim of the procedure is to enable new species to be included in the existing standards following a simple and harmonised approach. ~~{This procedure does not apply to species currently included in a standard or species dedicated for the non-food industry.}~~”

Rationale: As stated in Paragraph 104 from REP11/FFP: “substantial work had already been carried out on the revision and should not be discontinued as the current procedure was not adequate and it was essential to ensure the scientific basis of the process, as well as transparency and fairness to all member states, taking into account the importance of a well designed procedure for exporting countries.”. Therefore, these procedures should be applied even to reaffirm the species currently included in a standard.

Besides, CCFFP works priority to standards for human consumption products. So, we understand that these procedures could apply to species dedicated for the non-food industry, but CCFFP does not have mandate to mention it in this document.

Section 3.1 Candidate Species Description, item a:

Suggestion: To change the text as follows:

“a. The internationally recognized scientific name, either from e.g. FISHBASE, or if appropriate by attestation from a{n internationally} recognized institute(s) ~~{at a national, regional or international level}~~;”

Rationale: As the standard should be applied in world trade, the scientific name should be recognized internationally or by attestation from an internationally recognized institute (s).

Section 3.1 Candidate Species Description

Suggestion: To include a new item b to read as follows:

“b. the recognized common name of the specie at a national, regional and international level, when available.”

Rationale: To assure that only recognized common names species by consumers could be included in a specific standard.

Section **3.3 Principles of The Sensory Testing Procedure**, 1st Paragraph:

Suggestion: to change the text as follows:

*“The sensory testing procedure has to be carried out by three **officially recognized** ~~{accredited}~~ independent laboratories with relevant expertise in sensory assessment of fish and fishery products.”*

Rationale: There may be some difficulties to find laboratories that are accredited to perform sensory testing.