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SUBJECT: **REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT CODEX STANDARD FOR TABLE GRAPES (AT STEP 6)**

DEADLINE: **22 August 2003**

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BACKGROUND

1. The 10th Session of the Codex Committee on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables (Mexico City, June 2002) decided to forward the proposed draft Codex Standard for Table Grapes to the Codex Alimentarius Commission for preliminary adoption at Step 5. This decision was taken with the understanding that the Standard would be discussed at its next meeting on the basis of comments submitted at Step 6 and the proposal of the Drafting Group on Maturity Requirements for Table Grapes.¹ The 26th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Rome, July 2003) adopted the proposed draft Codex Standard for Table Grapes at Step 5 as proposed by the Committee.
2. In view of the short time period between the submission of comments and the 11th Session of the Committee, comments received will be kept in original language. Specific comments on Section 2.1.1 - Maturity Requirements and the Annex on Minimum Soluble Solids and Threshold Soluble Solids to determine Maturity in Table Grapes will be requested under a separate document (see CX/FFV 03/7).
3. Governments and interested international organizations in Observer status with Codex are invited to comment at **Step 6** on the *draft Codex Standard for Table Grapes* (see ALINORM 03/35, Appendix VI) as directed above.

¹ ALINORM 03/35, para. 103.