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**Proposed draft Section 2.1.1 – Maturity Requirements and proposed draft Annex – Minimum Soluble Solids and Threshold Soluble Solids to determine Maturity in Table Grapes
(draft Codex Standard for Table Grapes)**

(At Step 3)

Comments from Greece and the United States of America

GREECE

Regarding the proposed draft standard of Codex Alimentarius for table grapes, and taking into account the Annex II of the UNECE standard, we propose the following alterations and additions to the Annex of Appendix VI (Minimum solids)

Cardinal	12,0 Brix
Victoria	13,0 Brix
Rasaki	15,0 Brix (seeded variety)
Sideritis	15,0 Brix (seeded variety)
Phraoula	15,0 Brix (seeded variety)
Sultanines	16,0 Brix (seedless varieties)

The above brix values are considered as the minimal requirement so as the grapes are acceptable for the consumer.

UNITED STATES

The United States of America supports the activities of the Working Group on Maturity requirements. It is important that this requirement be set to meet the needs of the trade and market place. The use of “**Trademark**” names such as {Superior Seedless TM} should be avoided in the development of all Codex Standards.

The United States suggests using the text of *UNECE TRADE/WP.72002/9/Add.9 Exhaustive List of Small-Berry Varieties* to describe the berry varieties. This reduces the infringement on trademarked names, and conforms to international agreements on intellectual property rights.

Section 2.1 Minimum Requirements

At the last Session Section 2.1.1 was left in brackets for further clarification, the United suggests the wording as follows:

- Bunches of table grapes must be carefully picked
- They must be sufficiently developed¹
- They must be mature, having a minimum sugar/acid ratio of 20:1. (Ref. Annex 1).

¹ Sufficiently developed means: grapes are juicy, palatable, reached a stage of development at which the berry's skin easily separates from the pulp, and having the minimum sugar/acid ratio.