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**Proposed draft Section 2.1.1 - Maturity Requirements and
proposed draft Section 3.1 - Minimum Bunch Weight: Annex on Small-berry Varieties
(draft Codex Standard for Table Grapes)**

(At Step 3)

Comments from (Argentina, Australia, European Community and Peru)

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ARGENTINA

Subject: *Proposed Draft Section 2.1.1.: Maturity Requirements and Proposed Draft Section 3.1: Minimum Bunch Weight: Annex on Small-Berry Varieties.*

Signature of the Document: CX/FFV 05/12/7

Comments: A) Minimum maturity requirements for Table Grapes:

In the column where the different countries proposals are compared in respect of the soluble solids, Argentina suggests 16,5°Brix for Flame Seedless variety.

B) In regard to the small-berry varieties list Argentina has not any comment.

AUSTRALIA

Australia appreciates the opportunity to comment on Agenda Item 4a (CX/FFV 05/12/7): Proposed Draft Section 2.1.1 Maturity Requirements and Proposed Draft Section 3.1 Minimum Bunch Weight: Annex on Small-Berry Varieties.

General Comments:

Australia considers the proposed Standard should only be concerned with ensuring that the product is clean, safe and fit for human consumption and should not relate to quality parameters that are a commercial standard set by the marketplace.

Australia considers that values for maturity requirements can vary considerably. If provisions for maturity requirements are to be set in an international standard, the values for maturity levels should be expressed as a range rather than as a single value.

Australia considers that there are inherent problems with introducing varietal lists in a standard and considers they should be removed. Australia's objections to such lists are as follows:

- The Minimum Maturity Requirements list is non-exhaustive; however, there are no clear criteria for how varieties have been included and how additional varieties will be included in the future.
- There is no mention of a mechanism to maintain and update either of the lists in a timely manner.
- There is no statement about what the consequences are for varieties that do not appear in a list, if they exist.
- Inconsistencies are going to arise in the variety listings with varietal mutations. These inconsistencies are also going to arise with trademarked varieties.
- Trademarks are not varieties and should not appear in the list (as is currently the case).

As a minimum, Australia would prefer that Annex I comprise generic groupings (e.g. Red Seeded/ Red Seedless/ White Seeded/ White Seedless/ Black Seeded/ Black Seedless etc.) as opposed to specific varieties being listed.

Specific Comments:

In the list of cultivars, Menindee Seedless has been misspelt.

EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

The European Community would like to submit the following comment:

- **Maturity requirements (pt 2.1.1)**

The European Community proposes that the draft standard layout is followed and that the following point 2.1.2 is added. In the light of the proposal done by the Specialised Section at UN/ECE meeting and in order to simplify the standard in avoiding long list of varieties, the European Community is of the view that the maturity requirements could be simplified as below:

“2.1.2. Maturity Requirements

The table grapes must be sufficiently developed and display satisfactory ripeness.

In order to satisfy this requirement, the fruit must have attained a refractometric index of at least:

- *14° Brix for all seedless varieties,*
- *13° Brix for all other varieties.*

In addition all varieties must have a minimum sugar/acid ratio of 18:1.”

PERU

Annex 1 “Minimum Maturity Requirements for Table Grapes” from Section 2.1.1 “Maturity Requirements” has been reviewed. After executing an evaluation of the maturity requirements of grape varieties cultivated in Peru, for which Peru there is a Technical Peruvian Standard, we propose the following levels of “°Brix” and Soluble Solids/Acidity Ratio:

| | CULTIVARS | SYNÓNYM(S) | SOLUBLE SOLIDS (°Brix) | | | | | | SOLUBLE SOLIDS/ACIDITY RATIO | | | |
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| 2 | Cardinal | | 14,5 | | | | 12 | 15,5 | 20:01 | | -- | 20:01 |
| 3 | Christmas Rose | | | | 16 | 16 | 16 | 15,5 | | 20:01 | 20:01 | 20:01 |
| 4 | Crimson Seedless | | | | 16 | 16 | 15 | 15,5 | | 20:01 | | 20:01 |
| 5 | Flame Seedless | Red Flame | 16 | | | 16 | 15 | 15,5 | 20:01 | 20:01 | | 20:01 |
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| 8 | Red Globe | | 16 | | | 16 | 14,5 | 15,5 | 20:01 | 20:01 | 23:01 | 20:01 |
| 9 | Sugarone | | 15,5 | | 15 | 15,5 | 14 | 15,5 | 20:01 | 20:01 | | 20:01 |
| 10 | Thompson Seedless y mutantes | | | | | | 15 | 15,5 | | | 18:01 | 20:01 |