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CONSIDERATION OF LABELLING PROVISIONS IN DRAFT CODEX STANDARDS¹

(Fresh Fruits and Vegetables, Processed Fruits and Vegetables, Fats and Oils, Fish and Fishery Products)

A. COMMITTEE ON FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES²

1. DRAFT STANDARD FOR SWEET CASSAVA (At Step 8)

6. Provisions Concerning Marking or Labelling

6.1 Consumer Packages

In addition to the requirements of the Codex General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods (CODEX STAN 1-1985, Rev. 1-1991), the following specific provisions apply:

6.1.1 Nature of Produce

Each package shall be labelled as to the name of the produce and type (sweet) and may be labelled as to the name of the variety.

6.1.2 Preparation Instructions

A statement indicating that cassava should be peeled and fully cooked before being consumed is required.

6.2 Non-retail Containers

Each package must bear the following particulars, in letters grouped on the same side, legibly and indelibly marked, and visible from the outside, or in the documents accompanying the shipment.³

6.2.1 Identification

Name and address of Exporter, Packer and/or Dispatcher. Identification code (optional).⁴

6.2.2 Nature of Produce

Name of produce and type (sweet) if the contents are not visible from the outside. Name of variety (optional).

6.2.3 Origin of Produce

Country of origin and, optionally, district where grown or national, regional or local place name.

¹ Labelling provisions for milk and milk products will be included in **CX/FL 03/3-Add.1**

² ALINORM 03/35, Appendices II, III, IV and V

³ Governments, when indicating their acceptance of this Standard, should notify the Commission as to which provisions of this Section apply.

⁴ The national legislation of a number of countries requires the explicit declaration of the name and address. However, in the case where a code mark is used, the reference "packer and/or dispatcher (or equivalent abbreviations)" has to be indicated in close connection with the code mark.

6.2.4 Commercial Identification

- Class;
- Size (size code or minimum and maximum diameter in centimetres);
- Net weight;
- Preparation instructions (see Section 6.1.2)

6.2.5 Official Inspection Mark (optional)

2. DRAFT STANDARD FOR PITAHAYAS (At Step 8)

6. Marking or Labelling

6.1 Consumer Packages

In addition to the requirements of the Codex General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods (CODEX STAN 1-1985, Rev. 1-1991), the following specific provisions should apply:

6.1.1 Nature of Produce

If the produce is not visible from the outside, each package shall be labelled as to the name of produce and may be labelled as to the name of the variety and/or commercial type.

6.2 NON-RETAIL CONTAINERS

Each package must bear the following particulars, in letters grouped on the same side, legibly and indelibly marked, and visible from the outside, or in the documents accompanying the shipment.⁵

6.2.1 Identification

Name and address of Exporter, Packer and/or Dispatcher. Identification code (optional).⁶

6.2.2 Nature of Produce

Name of the produce if the contents are not visible from the outside. Commercial type defined by colour of skin⁷ (yellow, red or white)

6.2.3 Origin of Produce

Country of origin and, optionally, district where grown or national, regional or local place name.

6.2.4 Commercial Identification

- Class;
- Size (size code or weight range in grams);
- Number of units (optional);
- Net weight (optional).

6.2.5 Official Inspection Mark (optional)

3. DRAFT REVISED PROVISIONS FOR COMMERCIAL IDENTIFICATION IN THE STANDARDS FOR LIMES, FOR PUMMELOS AND FOR GRAPEFRUITS (At Step 8)

6.2.4 Commercial Identification

(4th Indent Only)

- Size code (or, when fruit packed by count fall under two adjacent codes, size codes or minimum and maximum diameter in mm) and number of fruit, in the case of fruit arranged in layers in the package.

⁵ Governments, when indicating their acceptance of this Standard, should notify the Commission as to which provisions of this Section apply.

⁶ The national legislation of a number of countries requires the explicit declaration of the name and address. However, in the case where a code mark is used, the reference “packer and/or dispatcher (or equivalent abbreviations)” has to be indicated in close connection with the code mark.

⁷ In some regions, this may also be defined by the colour of the pulp.

4. DRAFT STANDARD FOR ORANGES (At Step 7)

6. Marking or Labelling

6.1 Consumer Packages

In addition to the requirements of the Codex General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods (CODEX STAN 1-1985, Rev. 1-1991), the following specific provisions apply:

6.1.1 Nature of Produce

If the produce is not visible from the outside, each package (or lot for produce presented in bulk) shall be labelled as to the name of the produce and may be labelled as to the name of the variety and/or commercial type.

6.2 Non-Retail Containers

Each package must bear the following particulars, in letters grouped on the same side, legibly and indelibly marked, and visible from the outside, or in the documents accompanying the shipment.⁸

6.2.1 Identification

Name and address of exporter, packer and/or dispatcher. Identification code (optional).⁹

6.2.2 Nature of Produce

- Name of the produce if the contents are not visible from the outside.
- Name of variety and/or commercial type (optional)¹⁰.

6.2.3 Origin of Produce

Country of origin and, optionally, district where grown or national, regional or local place name.

6.2.4 Commercial Identification

- Class;
- Size code for fruit presented in accordance with the size scale or the upper and the lower limiting size code in the case of three consecutive sizes of the size scale;
- Size code (or, when fruit packed by count fall under two adjacent codes, size codes or minimum and maximum diameter in mm) and number of fruit, in the case of fruit arranged in layers in the package;
- If appropriate, a statement indicating the use of preservatives;
- Net Weight (optional).

6.2.5 Official Inspection Mark (optional)

B. COMMITTEE ON PROCESSED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES¹¹

1. DRAFT STANDARD FOR CANNED BAMBOO SHOOTS (At Step 8)

7. Labelling

The product shall be labelled in accordance with the Codex General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods (CODEX STAN 1-1985, Rev. 1-1991).

7.1 Name of the Product

The name of the product shall be "bamboo shoots", "boiled bamboo shoots" or "fermented bamboo shoots". The style, as appropriate, shall be declared as part of the name.

⁸ Governments, when indicating their acceptance of this Codex Standard, should notify the Commission as to which provisions of this Section apply.

⁹ The national legislation of a number of countries requires the explicit declaration of the name and address. However, in the case where a code mark is used, the reference "packer and/or dispatcher (or equivalent abbreviations)" has to be indicated in close connection with the code mark.

¹⁰ The national legislation of a number of countries requires the explicit declaration of the variety.

¹¹ ALINORM 03/27, Appendicex II, III., IV and V

7.2 Labelling of Non-Retail containers

Information for non-retail containers shall be given either on the container or in accompanying documents, except that the name of the product, lot identification, and the name and address of the manufacturer, packer, distributor and/or importer, as well as storage instructions, shall appear on the container. However, lot identification, and the name and address of the manufacturer, packer, distributor and/or importer may be replaced by an identification mark, provided that such a mark is clearly identifiable with the accompanying documents.

2. DRAFT STANDARD FOR CANNED STONE FRUITS (At Step 8)

7 Labelling

7.1 The product shall be labelled in accordance with the General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods (CODEX STAN 1-1985, Rev. 1-1991).

7.2 Name of the Product

The name of the product shall be the name of the fruit used as defined in Section 2.2.

7.2.1 The name of the product should include:

(a) the varietal type as appropriate:

Peach: "freestone" or "clingstone" as appropriate; and

"yellow", "white", "red" or "green" as appropriate.

Plum: "yellow" or "golden", "red" or "purple" as appropriate; or

specific name of the cultivars or "Greengage plums, Damson plums, Cherry plums, Mirabelle plums, for the appropriate cultivars specified in Section 2.3.2 of this standard, except that the names "Greengages", "Damsons", "Mirabelles" "Quetsches" need not be accompanied by the word "plums" in countries where its omission would not mislead or deceive the consumer.

Cherry the name of the cherry product should include the varietal type as appropriate/or the specific name of the cultivars specified in Section 2.3.3, except that the names "Bigarreaux", "Griotes" need not be accompanied by the word "cherries" in countries where its omission would not mislead or deceive the consumer.

(b) The name should include a declaration of any flavouring which characterizes the product, e.g. "with X", when appropriate.

7.2.2 The following, as appropriate, should be declared as part of the name or in close proximity to the name:

(a) The style as defined in Section 2.4 of the Standard.

(b) A declaration of whether the fruits are "peeled" or "unpeeled".

7.3 Labelling of Non-Retail Containers

Information for non-retail containers shall be given on the container or in accompanying documents, except that the name of the product, lot identification and the name and address of the manufacturer, packer or distributor, as well as storage instructions, shall appear on the container. However, lot identification, and the name and address of the manufacturer, packer or distributor may be replaced by an identification mark, provided that such mark is clearly identifiable with the accompanying documents.

3. DRAFT GUIDELINES FOR PACKING MEDIA FOR CANNED FRUITS (At Step 8)

1 Scope

The following guidelines describe the composition and labelling requirements for packing media for use with canned fruits.

2 Composition and Designations to be used in Labelling

Any of the following packing media may be used:

2.1 Water

2.2 Fruit juice or fruit pulp or blend of fruit juices or fruit pulps, sweetened e.g. with sugars and/or other carbohydrate sweeteners such as honey or unsweetened. Sweetened fruit juice or fruit pulp, depending on the concentration in °Brix measured in the final product, shall be designated as follows:

2.2.1 Lightly sweetened greater than or equal to 14° but less than 18°

2.2.2 Heavily sweetened greater than or equal to 18° but less than 22°

2.3 Syrup: mixtures of water and sugars and/or other carbohydrate sweeteners such as honey. Depending on the concentration in °Brix measured in the final product, these shall be designated as follows:¹²

2.3.1 Extra light syrup or slightly sweetened syrup greater than or equal to 10° but less than 14°

2.3.2 Light syrup greater than or equal to 14° but less than 18°

2.3.3 Syrup (optional) greater than or equal to 17° but less than 20°

2.3.4 Heavy syrup greater than or equal to 18° but less than 22°

2.4.5 Extra heavy syrup greater than or equal to 22°

2.4 Water and fruit juice or fruit juices, in which the fruit content exceeds 50%, with the exception of strong flavored and/or highly viscous juices (e.g. mango, guava, cranberry, passion fruit, etc), in which case the fruit content could be less than 50%.

2.5 Nectars (Fruit juice or fruit pulp, sugars or other carbohydrate sweeteners and water) as defined in the Codex Alimentarius.

2.6 The designations used in association with the Name of the Food shall be one of the designations defined in Section 2.

2.7 The product may also be designated as “solid pack” meaning whole fruit or pieces of fruit without any added liquid or with only a small amount of liquid, and with or without sugars or other carbohydrate sweeteners.

4. DRAFT STANDARD FOR AQUEOUS COCONUT PRODUCTS - COCONUT MILK AND COCONUT CREAM (At Step 8)

7 Labelling

In addition to the provisions of the Codex General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods (CODEX STAN 1-1985, Rev. 1-1991), the following provisions apply:

7.1 Name of the Product

7.1.1 The name of the product shall be:

Light coconut milk

Coconut milk

Coconut cream

Coconut cream concentrate

according to the product definitions and composition in Sections 2 and 3

7.1.2 Coconut milk and coconut cream prepared by reconstituting coconut cream powder or the finely comminuted dehydrated coconut endosperm shall be labelled to indicate that these are reconstituted products.

7.1.3 An appropriate description of the heat treatment should be given, either as part of the name or in a prominent position in the same field of vision.

¹² For canned apricots and canned cherries, the following syrup designations may be applied:

Extra light syrup or slightly sweetened syrup greater than or equal to 10° but less than 16°

Light syrup greater than or equal to 16° but less than 21°

Syrup (optional) greater than or equal to 17° but less than 20°

Heavy syrup greater than or equal to 21° but less than 25°

Extra heavy syrup greater than or equal to 25° but less than 40°

C. COMMITTEE ON FATS AND OILS¹³

DRAFT REVISED STANDARD FOR OLIVE OILS AND OLIVE POMACE OILS (At Step 8)

7. Labelling

The products shall be labelled in accordance with the Codex General Standard for Labelling of Prepackaged Foods (CODEX STAN 1 – 1985, Rev. 1-1991).

7.1 Name of the food

The name of the product shall be consistent with the descriptions as shown in Section 3 of this standard. In no case shall the designation 'olive oil' be used to refer to olive-pomace oils.

7.2 Labelling of Non-Retail Containers

Information on the above labelling requirements shall be given either on the container or in accompanying documents, except that the name of the food, lot identification and the name and address of the manufacturer or packer shall appear on the container.

However, lot identification and the name and address of the manufacturer or packer may be replaced by an identification mark, provided that such a mark is clearly identifiable with the accompanying documents.

D. COMMITTEE ON FISH AND FISHERY PRODUCTS¹⁴

DRAFT STANDARD FOR BOILED DRIED SALTED ANCHOVIES (At Step 8)

6. Labelling

In addition to the provisions of the Codex General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods (CODEX STAN 1-1985, Rev. 1-1991), the following specific provisions apply:

6.1 The Name of the Food

The name of the product shall be "Boiled Dried Salted Anchovies" in addition the common name of the fish shall be declared in accordance with the law and custom of the country in which the product is sold, in a manner not mislead the consumer.

6.2 Grade and Size of Product

If the grade and size of fish is declared the table of Annex A should be applied.

6.3 Scientific Names

The scientific names of the fish shall be declared on trade documents.

6.4 Additional Requirements

The package shall bear clear directions for keeping the product from the time they are purchased from the retailer to the time of their use and directions for cooking.

¹³ ALINORM 03/17, Appendix II

¹⁴ ALINORM 03/18, Appendix III