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CONSIDERATION OF LABELLING PROVISIONS IN DRAFT CODEx STANDARDS
(Committee on Processed Fruits and Vegetables)

A. DRAFT CODEx STANDARD FOR CERTAIN CANNED FRUITS (at Step 8)¹

The Committee **is invited to endorse** the labelling provisions of the Standard.

8. LABELLING

8.1 The products covered by the provisions of this Standard shall be labelled in accordance with the *General Standard for the Labelling of Pre-packaged Foods* (CODEX STAN 1-1985). In addition, the following specific provisions apply:

8.2 NAME OF THE PRODUCT

8.2.1 The names of the canned fruits shall be those defined in the corresponding Annexes.

8.2.2 When the fruits are sized, the size (or sizes when sizes are mixed), as defined in the corresponding Annexes, may be declared as part of the name or in close proximity to the name of the product.

8.2.3 The name of the product shall include the indication of the packing medium as set out in Section 2.1.2 (a). For canned fruits packaged in accordance with Section 2.1.2 (b) the words "vacuum packaged" shall be affixed to the commercial designation of the product or in close proximity.

8.2.4 The name of the product shall include indication of the style as set out in Section 2.2.

8.2.5 **Other styles** - If the product is produced in accordance with the other styles provision (Section 2.2.1), the label should contain in close proximity to the name of the product such additional words or phrases that will avoid misleading or confusing the consumer.

8.2.6 If an added ingredient, as defined in Section 3.1.2, alters the flavour characteristic of the product, the name of the food shall be accompanied by the term "flavoured with X" or "X flavoured" as appropriate.

8.2.7 The name of the product may include the varietal type.

8.3 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 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 or importer may be replaced by an identification mark, provided that such a mark is clearly identifiable with the accompanying documents.

Note 1: The Codex Secretariat notes that Section 8.2.1 states that the name of the canned fruit shall be as defined in the corresponding Annexes. However, there are no labelling provisions in the Annexes for Canned Mangoes and Canned Pears. It is therefore proposed to include relevant labelling provisions for the name of the product as indicated in Annex I. The proposal is based on the approach taken in the Standard for Certain Canned Vegetables (CODEX STAN 297-2009) and the relevant provisions in the Standard for Canned Mangoes (CODEX STAN 159-1987) and Canned Pears (CODEX STAN 61-1981).

¹ REP15/PFV Appendix II

B. DRAFT STANDARD FOR QUICK FROZEN VEGETABLES (at Step 8)²

The Committee **is invited to endorse** the labelling provisions of the Standard and its Annexes.

9.1 The products covered by the provisions of this Standard shall be labelled in accordance with the *General Standard for the Labelling of Pre-packaged Foods* (CODEX STAN 1-1995). In addition, the following specific provisions apply:

9.2 NAME OF THE PRODUCT

9.2.1 The name of the product shall be as defined in the corresponding Annexes.

9.2.2 The words “quick frozen” shall also appear on the label, except that the term “frozen”³ may be applied in countries where this term is customarily used for describing the product processed in accordance with Section 2.2 of the Standard. The type of quick freezing process may be included on the label.

9.2.3 When any ingredient, has been added which impart(s) a distinctive flavour to the food, the name of the product shall be accompanied by the term “with X”, as appropriate.

9.2.4 Styles

9.2.4.1 **Styles** – There shall appear on the label in conjunction with, or in close proximity to the name of the product, the style (cut/description/presentation), as defined in the corresponding Annexes.

9.2.4.2 **Other styles** – If the product is produced in accordance with the other styles provision (Section 2.4.1), the label shall contain in conjunction with, or in close proximity to the name of the product, such additional words or phrases that will avoid misleading or confusing the consumer.

9.2.5 When the vegetables are sized, the size, as defined in the corresponding Annexes, may be declared in conjunction with, or in close proximity to the name of the product.

9.3 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 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 or importer may be replaced by an identification mark, provided that such a mark is clearly identifiable with the accompanying documents.

ANNEX ON CARROTS (at Step 5/8)**4. LABELLING****4.1 NAME OF THE PRODUCT**

4.1.1 The name of the product shall include the designation “Carrots”.

4.1.2 As regard styles declaration, “whole” and “finger” carrots may be simply designated as “carrots” in countries where this is a customary practice.

4.1.3 As regard sizing declaration, carrots meeting the size requirements for “small” may be designated “baby” within countries where this practice is permitted.

4.1.4 When other sizes and size designations not included in this standard are used, they should be indicated on the sales package.

ANNEX ON CORN-ON-THE-COB (at Step 5/8)**4. LABELLING****4.1 NAME OF THE PRODUCT**

4.1.1 The name of the product shall include the designation “Corn-on-the-Cob”.

4.1.2 In addition, there shall for the styles “whole” and “trimmed whole” appear on the label, in conjunction with or in close proximity to the name a clear indication of the number of units included in the package.

² REP15/PFV Appendix III

³ The term “frozen” is used as an alternative to “quick frozen” in some English speaking countries.

ANNEX ON LEEK (at Step 5/8)**4. LABELLING****4.1 NAME OF PRODUCT**

4.1.1 The name of the product shall include the designation “Leek”.

4.1.2 Size Designation

If a term designating the size of whole leek is used, it shall:

- (a) be supported by a statement of the predominant range of the maximum diameter of the leek in millimeters, or fractions of an inch in those countries where the English system is in general use; and/or
- (b) conform to the customary method of declaring size in the country of retail sale.

ANNEX ON WHOLE KERNEL CORN (at Step 5/8)**4. LABELLING****4.1 NAME OF THE PRODUCT**

4.1.1 The name of the food shall include the designation “Corn”.

4.1.2 In addition, there shall appear on the label in conjunction with or in close proximity to the word “corn”:

- (a) The words “whole kernel” except that the description “whole grain”, “cut”, “sweet” or “kernels” may be used if this is customary in the country of retail sale.
- (b) The colour for example; “yellow” or “white” except that the colour “golden” may be used in lieu of “yellow” if this is customary in the country of retail sale.

C. PROPOSED DRAFT STANDARD FOR GINSENG PRODUCTS (at Step 5/8)⁴

The Committee **is invited to endorse** the labelling provisions of the Standard.

7. LABELLING

The products covered by this Standard shall be labelled in accordance with the *General Standard for the Labelling of Pre-packaged Foods* (CODEX STAN 1-1985). Any health claims should comply with the *Guidelines for Use of Nutrition and Health Claims* (CAC/GL 23-1997), if necessary.

In addition, the following specific provisions apply:

7.1 NAME OF THE PRODUCT

7.1.1 The name of the products defined in Sections 2.2.1, 2.2.2, 2.2.3 and 2.2.4 shall be *Dried Ginseng*, *Dried Steamed Ginseng*, *Ginseng Extract* and *Steamed Ginseng Extract*, respectively. In this case, the products manufactured with *P. ginseng* C.A. Meyer can be named *White Ginseng*, *Red Ginseng*, *White Ginseng Extract* and *Red Ginseng Extract*.

7.1.2 The style shall appear on the label in conjunction with, or in close proximity to the name of the product, to avoid misleading or confusing the consumer.

7.2 NAME OF THE GINSENG SPECIES

All ginseng products shall be labelled with the scientific or common name of the ginseng that is used as raw material. The common names of the ginseng species shall be declared in accordance with the law and custom of the country where the products is consumed, in a manner not to mislead the consumer.

7.3 COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

The country of origin of the product and/or raw material shall be declared if its omission is likely to mislead or deceive the consumer.

7.4 LABELLING OF NON-RETAIL CONTAINERS

Information about 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 a mark is clearly shown in the accompanying documents.

⁴ REP15/PFV Appendix IV

7.5 OPTIONAL LABELLING

The products may have a clear marking to indicate that they are not intended for medicinal purposes, including other labeling requirements stipulated by the country where ginseng products are distributed.

D. AMENDMENTS TO THE STANDARD FOR PICKLED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES (for Adoption)⁵

The Committee **is invited to endorse** the labelling provisions of the Standard.

8. LABELLING

8.2.3 The name of the product shall include the indication of the packing medium as set out in Section 2.1(d).

Note 2: The Codex Secretariat notes that labelling provisions were endorsed by the Committee on Food Labelling at its 36th Session⁶ (May 2008). In considering the Standard for conversion into a worldwide standard, the 27th Session⁷ of the Committee on Processed Fruits and Vegetables (September 2014) made a few adjustments to the labelling requirements as indicated in Annex II.

⁵ REP15/PFV Appendix VI

⁶ ALINORM 08/31/22, paras 48 – 50

⁷ REP15/PFV, paras 78 – 87

ANNEX I
LABELLING PROVISIONS FOR CANNED MANGOES AND CANNED PEARS
(For Endorsement)

CANNED MANGOES

5. LABELLING

5.1 NAME OF THE PRODUCT

The name of the product shall be "Mangoes"

CANNED PEARS

5. LABELLING

5.1 NAME OF THE PRODUCT

The name of the product shall be "Pears"

ANNEX II
CHANGES MADE TO THE LABELLING PROVISIONS OF THE
STANDARD FOR GINSENG PRODUCTS BY THE 27TH CCPFV (2014)
(For information)

7. LABELLING

The products covered by this Standard shall be labelled in accordance with the *General Standard for the Labelling of Pre-packaged Foods* (CODEX STAN 1-1985). Any health claims should comply with the Guidelines for Use of Nutrition and Health Claims (CAC/GL 23-1997), if necessary.

In addition, the following specific provisions apply:

7.1 NAME OF THE PRODUCT

7.1.1 The name of the products defined in Sections ~~2.2.1.1, 2.2.1.2, 2.2.2.1 and 2.2.2.2~~ 2.2.1, 2.2.2, 2.2.3 and 2.2.4 shall be *Dried ~~Raw~~ Ginseng, Dried Steamed Ginseng, ~~Raw~~ Ginseng Extract and Steamed Ginseng Extract*, respectively. In this case, the products manufactured with *P. ginseng* C.A. Meyer can be named *White Ginseng, Red Ginseng, White Ginseng Extract and Red Ginseng Extract*.

7.1.2 The style shall appear on the label in conjunction with, or in close proximity to the name of the product, to avoid misleading or confusing the consumer.

7.2 NAME OF THE GINSENG SPECIES

All ginseng products shall be labelled with the scientific or common name of the ginseng that is used as raw material. The common names of the ginseng species shall be declared in accordance with the law and custom of the country where the products are consumed, in a manner not to mislead the consumer.

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The country of origin of the product and/or raw material shall be declared if its omission is likely to mislead or deceive the consumer.

7.4 LABELLING OF NON-RETAIL CONTAINERS

Information about 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 a mark is clearly shown in the accompanying documents.

7.5 ~~OTHER OPTIONAL LABELLING REQUIREMENTS~~

~~Except when otherwise specified by national legislation, the products should~~ The products may have a clear marking to indicate that they are not intended for medicinal purposes, including other ~~labelling(s)~~ labelling requirements stipulated by any the country where ginseng products are distributed.