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CONSIDERATION OF LABELLING PROVISIONS IN DRAFT CODEX STANDARDS (CCFFP, CCFFV, CCASIA)

A. Committee on Fish and Fishery Products (CCFFP)

NOTE: The standards for Raw, Fresh and Quick Frozen Scallop Products was adopted by the 37th session of the Commission subject to endorsement by the CCFL.

Standard for Raw, Fresh and Quick Frozen Scallop Products¹

7. LABELLING

In addition to the provisions of the *General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods* (CODEX STAN 1-1985) the following specific provisions apply:

7.1 Name of the Food

The products defined in 2.1.1, 2.1.2 and 2.1.3 shall be named in accordance with the law or custom of the country in which the product is sold. For products covered by 2.1.3, "added water" shall be part of the name of the product.

7.2 In addition to the name identified in 7.1, the product shall be identified by common and/or scientific names as determined by the competent authority. The country where the product is sold can determine if the scientific name must be indicated on the label.

7.3 There shall appear on the label, reference to the forms of presentation described in section 2.3, in close proximity to the name of the product in such descriptive terms that will adequately and fully describe the nature of the presentation to avoid misleading or confusing the consumer.

7.4 Water added as an ingredient to scallop products shall be declared in the list of ingredients* and the percentage of scallop meat and/or the percentage of added water shall clearly appear on the label, in accordance with the law and custom in the country in which the product is sold.

7.5 Net Contents (Glazed Products)

Where the product has been glazed the declaration of net contents shall be exclusive of the glaze.

7.6 Storage Instructions

The label should include terms to indicate that the product shall be stored at 4°C or below for fresh products and at a temperature of -18°C or below for frozen product processed in accordance with subsection 2.2 of this Standard.

7.7 Labelling of Non-Retail Containers

¹ REP14/FFP para 57 and Appendix III

Information specified above shall be given either on the container or in accompanying documents, except the name of the food, lot identification, and the name and address of the producer or the packer as well as storage instructions shall always appear on the container.

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

The product shall be identified by common and/or scientific names as determined by the competent authority. The country where the product is sold can determine if the scientific name must be indicated on the label.

* As prescribed in section 4.2.1.5 and 5.1.2 in the *General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods* (CODEX STAN 1-1985)

Proposed Draft Code of Practice for Processing of Fish Sauce² (Step 5)

13. Labelling/packaging

Potential hazards: unlikely

Potential defects: incorrect labelling

Technical Guidance:

- Refer to Sections 8.2.3

Proposed Draft Code of Practice on the Processing of Fresh and Quick Frozen Raw Scallop Products³ (Step 3)

X.3.2.13 Labelling (Processing Steps 19)

Potential Hazards: Unlikely

Potential Defects: Incorrect labelling; undeclared or inaccurately declared added phosphate solution or added water

Also refer to Section 8.2.3 Labelling

Technical Guidance:

- Information declared on the label should comply with the provisions of the Standard for Raw, Fresh and Quick Frozen Raw Scallop Products (under development). Labelling must accurately describe the nature of the product so that consumers are not misled and can make an informed choice.
- When a solution of water and phosphate is used in the process or water is added as an ingredient, a system should be in place to ensure that they are properly and accurately declared on the label. (Also refer to subsection X.3.2.6. Addition of a Solution of Water and Phosphate or subsection X.3.2.7. Addition of Water as an Ingredient.

B. Committee on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables (CCFFV)

NOTE: The standards for Passion Fruit, Durian and Okra were adopted by the 37th session of the Commission subject to endorsement by the CCFL.

Standard for Passion Fruit⁴

6. MARKING OR LABELLING

6.1 CONSUMER PACKAGES

² REP14/FFP para 93 and Appendix IV

³ REP14/FFP para 61 and Appendix V

⁴ REP14/FFV para 35 and Appendix II

In addition to the requirements of the General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods (CODEX STAN 1-1985), the following specific provisions 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 the produce: golden passion fruit /sweet granadilla, purple passion fruit, yellow passion fruit and may be labelled as to name of the variety.

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.

6.2.1 Identification

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

6.2.2 Nature of Produce

Name of the produce, golden passion fruit /sweet granadilla, purple passion fruit, yellow passion fruit if the contents are not

visible from the outside. Name of the variety (optional).

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 expressed in accordance with any one of the following methods:

- Count,
- Size code and range,
- Size range.

- Net weight (optional).

6.2.5 Official Inspection Mark (optional)

* 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.

Standard for Durian⁵

6. MARKING OR LABELLING

6.1 CONSUMER PACKAGES

In addition to the requirements of the General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods (CODEX STAN 1-1985), the following specific provisions 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 the produce and may be labelled as to name of the variety.

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 REP14/FFV para 39 and Appendix III

6.2.1 Identification

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

6.2.2 Nature of Produce

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

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 or count);
- Net weight (optional).

6.2.5 Official Inspection Mark (optional)

* 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.

Standard for Okra⁶

6. MARKING OR LABELLING

6.1 CONSUMER PACKAGES

In addition to the requirements of the General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods (CODEX STAN 1-1985), the following specific provisions 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 the produce and may be labelled as to name of the variety.

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.

6.2.1 Identification

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

6.2.2 Nature of Produce

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

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 or count);
- Net weight (optional).

6.2.5 Official Inspection Mark (optional)

* 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 REP14/FFV para 43 and Appendix IV

C. FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Asia (CCASIA)***Proposed Draft Regional Standard For Non-Fermented Soybean Products⁷ (Step 5)******8. LABELLING***

8.1 The product covered by the provisions of this Standard shall be labelled in accordance with the latest edition of the General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods (CODEX STAN 1-1985).

8.2 If genetically modified soybean is used in the process, it shall be indicated in the label in accordance with national legislation.

8.3 If the product is meant to be sold as vegetarian food, the type of oil and fat added should be indicated with regards to its origin.

8.4 The Name of the Product

The product should be designated with the appropriate term in section 2.2 or other names in accordance with the composition and the law and custom of the country in which the product is sold and in the manner not to mislead the consumer.

⁷ REP13/ASIA para. 109 and Appendix III