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PROPOSED DRAFT GUIDELINES FOR PACKING MEDIA FOR CANNED FRUITS

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PROPOSED DRAFT GUIDELINES FOR PACKING MEDIA FOR CANNED FRUITS

(At Step 3 of the Procedure)

1. Scope

1.1 The following guidelines describe the composition and labelling requirements for packing media for use with canned fruits.¹

2. Composition and Designations to be used in Labelling

2.1 Any of the following packing media may be used:

2.2 Water

2.3 Fruit juice or fruit pulp or blend of fruit juices or fruit pulps, sweetened or unsweetened. Sweetened fruit juice or fruit pulp, depending on the concentration in °Brix measured in the final product, shall be designated as follows:

2.3.1 Lightly sweetened between 14° and 17°

2.3.2 Heavily sweetened [between 20° and 22°] or
[between 18° and 22°]

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

2.4.1 Extra light syrup between 10° and 14°

2.4.2 Light syrup between 14° and 17°

2.4.3 Syrup between 17° and 20°

2.4.4 Heavy syrup [between 20° and 22°] or
[between 18° and 22°]

2.4.5 Extra heavy syrup more than 22°

2.5 Water and fruit juice or fruit pulp, in which the fruit content exceeds 50%.

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

2.7 The designations used in association with the Name of the Food shall be one of the designations defined in paragraphs 2 or 3 above.

2.8 If the packing medium contains less than 10% fruit ingredient no reference to fruit juice or fruit pulp shall be made in association with the Name of the Food.

2.9 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.

¹ [Specific provisions contained in certain Codex Standards for Canned Fruits have precedence over the content of these Guidelines.]