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**Comments on the draft revision of the Classification of Food and Feed at Step 6: Selected vegetable commodity groups (Group 015 - Pulses), submitted by Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, European Union, Ghana, Kenya, United States of America and African Union**

#### Canada

As a member of the Electronic Working Group on the Revision of the Classification, Canada provided comments through this working group on the proposed draft revision to Group 015 presented in CL 2014/34-PR. Only one change was made to the current draft document as a result of the comments received:

- The addition of *Pisum sativum* as a reference to VD 0561 Field pea (dry).

With the exception of this added reference, Group 015 remains the same as that vetted through the electronic working group.

Canada is in agreement with change made above and supports the revised Pulses Group as presented in Appendix I of CX/PR 15/47/6.

#### Chile

Chile supports the recommendations made by the Electronic Working Group led by the Netherlands and the United States of America.

#### Costa Rica

Costa Rica has revised the mentioned document and supports the proposed classification.

#### European Union

The EU supports the recommendation of the eWG to keep this group at Step 7 until finalisation of all vegetable commodity groups, but wishes to re-iterate its comment made at CCPR 46:

The EU considers it more appropriate to include the species Bambara groundnut (*Vigna subterranea*; syn: *Voandzeia subterranea*) and Kersting's groundnut (*Macrotyloma geocarpum*; syn: *Kerstingiella geocarpa*) in a separate subgroup (15C "groundnuts"). Since the edible parts of these species develop underground, this classification would be more appropriate than the current proposal, which includes Bambara groundnut and Kersting's groundnut in the subgroup 15A "Dried beans without pods".

#### Ghana

Ghana supports the proposed classification of pulses (Group 015) into two groups, Groups 015A and 015B.

We consider this splitting as an improvement of the previous classification.

#### Kenya

#### **SPECIFIC COMMENT ON RECOMMENDATION 15**

Kenya is in agreement with the recommendation in **para 15** of CX/PR 15/47/6 because two Commodities have similar characteristics such as similar potential for pesticide residues, morphology; production practices, growth habits, edible portion; GAP for pesticide uses; and residue behavior.

**SPECIFIC COMMENT ON RECOMMENDATION 16**

We support recommendation, para 16 of CX/PR 15/47/6, on the revised group in appendix 1 since it has comprehensively covered the relevant commodities. We propose the appendix 1 to be tabulated to cover ' Code No., Commodity scientific name and remarks, to ease the reader, an example is indicated in the table below

**Example**

Code No.	Commodity	Scientific name	Remarks
VD 0071	Beans (dry)	<i>Phaseolus spp.</i>	Several species and cultivars

**SPECIFIC COMMENT ON RECOMMENDATION 17**

**We are in agreement with recommendation on para 17** of CX/PR 15/47/6 to keep this group at Step 7 as revised by the 47th Session of CCPR until finalization of all vegetable commodity groups.

**United States of America**

The United States agrees with the proposals outlined in document CX/PR 15/47/6 for Group 015 – Pulses to retain two subgroups 15A Dried beans (without pods) and 15B Dried peas (without pods). The two subgroups will allow for the establishment of MRLs for the respective commodity when data are not available for both commodities.

**African Union**

AU supports the classification of pulses (Group 015) resulting in the splitting of this group into two groups, Group 015A and 015B.

The proposed classification into two groups provides a refinement of the previous proposal and has the addition of more specific commodities in the classification. It is therefore an improvement of the groups and sub-groups from the previous classification.