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Agenda Item 1

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JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME **CODEX COMMITTEE ON FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES**

14th Session
Mexico City, Mexico, 12 - 17 May 2008

To be held at the *Sala "José Maria Morelos y Pavón"*,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Av. Juárez No 20, Edificio Tlatelolco, Piso 1, Colonia Centro,
Delegación Cuauhtemoc, C.P. 06010, Mexico City, Mexico,
from Monday 12 May at 09:00 hours to Saturday 17 May 2008.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Agenda Item	Subject Matter	Document Identification
1.	Adoption of the Provisional Agenda	CX/FFV 08/14/1
2.	a) Matters referred to the Committee by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and/or its Subsidiary Bodies	CX/FFV 08/14/2
	b) Matters arising from other International Organizations on the Standardization of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables	CX/FFV 08/14/3
	c) UNECE Standards for Fresh Fruits and Vegetables i. UNECE Standard for Tomatoes (FFV-36) ii. UNECE Standard for Apples (FFV-50)	CX/FFV 08/14/4
	d) Proposed Layout for Codex Standards for Fresh Fruits and Vegetables – CL 2006/55-FFV	ALINORM 07/30/35-App.VIII
	- Comments	CX/FFV 08/14/5
3.	Consideration of draft Codex Standards and related texts at Step 7	
	a) Draft Codex Standard for Tomatoes	ALINORM 07/30/35-App.II
	b) Draft Sections 3 - Provisions concerning Sizing (draft Standard for Tomatoes) – CL 2006/55-FFV	ALINORM 07/30/35-App.III
	- Comments at Step 6	CX/FFV 08/14/6
	c) Draft Codex Standard for Bitter Cassava – CL 2007/20-FFV	ALINORM 07/30/35-App.VI CX/FFV 08/14/7
	- Comments at Step 6	CX/FFV 08/14/7-Add.1
	d) Draft Codex Guidelines for the Inspection and Certification of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables for Conformity to Quality Standards – CL 2007/20-FFV	CX/FFV 08/14/8
	- Comments at Step 6	CX/FFV 08/14/8-Add.1

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4.	Consideration of proposed draft Codex Standards at Step 4	
	a) Proposed draft Codex Standard for Apples	CX/FFV 08/14/9
	- Comments at Step 3	CX/FFV 08/14/9-Add.1
5.	Proposals for Amendments to the Priority List for the Standardization of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables – CL 2006/55-FFV	ALINORM 07/30/35-App.IX
	- Comments	CX/FFV 08/14/10 CX/FFV 08/14/10-Add.1
6.	Other Business	
7.	Date and Place of the Next Session	
8.	Adoption of the Report	

**DRAFT TIMETABLE
FOR AGENDA ITEMS**

DAY	ITEMS
Monday, 12 May	1 – 3
Tuesday, 13 May	3 (continued) - 4
Wednesday, 14 May	4 (continued) - 5
Thursday, 15 May	5 (continued), 6, 7
Friday, 16 May (a.m.)	(if necessary)
Saturday, 17 May	8 (Adoption of report)

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EXPLANATORY NOTES ON THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1 Adoption of the Provisional Agenda (CX/FFV 08/14/1)

The Committee will be invited to adopt the Provisional Agenda as its Agenda for the Session.

Item 2(a) Matters referred to the Committee by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and/or its Subsidiary Bodies (CX/FFV 08/14/2)

Matters referred/of interest to the Committee arising from the Commission and other relevant committees and task forces are contained in the working document.

Item 2(b) Matters arising from other International Organizations on the Standardization of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables (CX/FFV 08/14/3)

Matters referred/of interest to the Committee arising from the *UNECE Working Party on Agriculture Quality Standards* and its *Specialized Section on Standardization of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables* as well as the *OECD Scheme for the Application of International Standards for Fruits and Vegetables* are contained in the working document.

Item 2(c) UNECE Standards for Fresh Fruits and Vegetables (CX/FFV 08/14/4)

- (i) UNECE Standard for Tomatoes (FFV-36)
- (ii) UNECE Standard for Apples (FFV-50)

The UNECE standards for the above-mentioned produce have been circulated by the Codex Secretariat as directed by the 43rd Session of the Executive Committee, namely: “*The Executive Committee requested that relevant UNECE Standards be distributed as working documents for the Codex Committee on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables when like products were being considered*” (ALINORM 97/3, para. 15).

Item 2(d) Proposed Layout for Codex Standards for Fresh Fruits and Vegetables (ALINORM 07/30/35-Appendix VIII)

The 13th Session of the Committee considered the Layout and provided general comments. However, due to time constraints, the Committee suspended the discussion and agreed to attach the document to the report of its session for further comments and consideration at its next session.

The proposed *Layout for Codex Standards for Fresh Fruits and Vegetables* has been circulated for comments under CL 2006/55-FFV. Comments submitted are compiled in working document CX/FFV 08/14/5.

CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT CODEX STANDARDS AND RELATED TEXTS AT STEP 7

Item 3(a) Draft Codex Standard for Tomatoes (ALINORM 07/30/35-Appendix II)

The 13th Session of the Committee retained the Standard at Step 7 pending finalization of the sizing provisions in Section 3. In taking this decision, the Committee acknowledged the commonalities between the different sizing proposals and that the tolerances were common to all of them. The Committee incorporated the agreed sizing provisions, including size tolerances, into the main body of the draft Standard on the understanding that no further comments would be requested on the document so that the next session of the Committee would restrict its discussion to the finalization of the remaining sizing provisions in order to forward a single document to the Commission for adoption at Step 8 (see Item 3(b) below).

Item 3(b) Draft Section 3 - Provisions concerning Sizing (draft Codex Standard for Tomatoes) (ALINORM 07/30/35-Appendix III)

The 13th Session of the Committee considered sizing provisions and their tolerances. The Committee had a long discussion on the need for and types of sizing provisions for tomatoes due to the different positions of Codex members in regard to harmonization of these measures for the purposes of ensuring fair trade practices. The Committee could not reach an agreement on the approach to sizing provisions in addition to other sizing related matters, and thus, it agreed to return the remaining sizing provisions to Step 6 for further comments, in particular those in square brackets, and consideration at its next session.

The draft Section 3 (sizing provisions) has been circulated for comments at Step 3 under CL 2006/55-FFV. Comments submitted are contained in working document CX/FFV 08/14/6.

Item 3(c) Draft Codex Standard for Bitter Cassava (ALINORM 07/30/35-Appendix VI)

The 13th Session of the Committee revised the Standard and noted that deviation from the Standard for Sweet Cassava related mainly to the content of hydrogen cyanide and sizing including a few changes under the minimum requirements. In view of this, the provisions for hydrogen cyanide and sizing were bracketed while a Working Group led by Tonga would continue to gather information on consumption and levels of hydrogen cyanide in different varieties of bitter cassava in various countries for consideration by the next session of the Committee. The report of the Working Group is contained in working document CX/FFV 08/14/7. In this regard, the 59th Session of the Executive Committee agreed to recommend that the Committee on Contaminants in Foods consider the safety levels of hydrogen cyanide proposed in the Standard with a view to a re-evaluation of cyanogenic glycosides by JECFA. The 30th Session of the Commission concurred with the recommendation of the Executive Committee and adopted the Standard at Step 5.

The draft *Standard for Bitter Cassava* has been circulated for comments at Step 6 under CL 2007/20-FFV. Comments submitted are contained in working document CX/FFV 08/14/7-Add.1.

Item 3(d) Draft Codex Guidelines for the Inspection and Certification of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables for Conformity to Quality Standards (CX/FFV 08/14/8)

The 13th Session of the Committee recognized the excellent work and progress that had been made on the revision of the Guidelines and agreed to continue to discuss this matter at its next session. The 30th Session of the Commission adopted the Guidelines at Step 5. A Working Group led by Canada further revised the document for consideration by the next session of the Committee.

The draft *Guidelines for the Inspection and Certification of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables for Conformity to Quality Standard* has been circulated for comments at Step 6 under CX/FFV 08/14/8. Comments submitted are contained in working document CX/FFV 08/14/8-Add.1.

CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED DRAFT CODEX STANDARDS AT STEP 4**Item 4(a) Proposed draft Codex Standard for Apples (CX/FFV 08/14/9)**

The 13th Session of the Committee made some general and specific comments on the Standard. However, in view of time constraints and the comments received, the Committee suspended the consideration of the document and returned it to Step 2 while reconvening the Working Group led by the United States of America to revise the text on the basis of the discussion held and the comments submitted, as well as in light of the developments in the UNECE Standard for Apples, for comments and consideration at its next session.

The proposed draft *Standard for Apples* has been circulated for comments at Step 3 under CX/FFV 08/14/9. Comments submitted are contained in working document CX/FFV 08/14/9-Add.1.

Item 5 Proposals for Amendments to the Priority List for the Standardization of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables (ALINORM 07/30/35-Appendix IX)

The Committee may propose the removal and/or inclusion of new produce for future work taking into account the *Proposals to Undertake New Work or to Revise a Standard* (Codex Alimentarius Procedural Manual, Part 2 Critical Review) and the work already done by other international standardization organizations in this field. The new work undertaken shall be approved by the Codex Alimentarius Commission taking into account the outcome of the Critical Review conducted by the Executive Committee.

The *Priority List for the Standardization of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables* has been circulated for comments under CL 2006/55-FFV. Comments submitted are contained in working document CX/FFV 08/14/10.

Item 6 Other Business

In accordance with Rule VII.5 of the Rules of Procedure of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex Alimentarius Procedural Manual) "... *any Member of the Commission ... may propose the inclusion of specific items in the Agenda with respect to matters of an urgent nature...*".

Item 7 Date and Place of the Next Session

The Committee will be advised of the tentative dates of the next Session.

Item 8 Adoption of the Report

The Committee shall adopt the report of its 14th Session, based on a draft provided by the Codex Secretariat.