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PROGRESS REPORT ON PROCESSED FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

The first meeting of the world-wide Expert Committee, established by the FAO/WHO Codex Alimentarius Commission, to work on the development of international standards for processed fruits and vegetables, was held in Washington, D.C., U.S.A., on May 29 and 30, 1964.

The Committee formulated and agreed on broad definitions for the various categories or types of processed fruits and vegetables and reached agreement on the type of standards that should be developed initially. The plans agreed upon call for development of platform type or minimum requirement standards with the understanding that for certain commodities more than one level of quality above the minimum may be developed.

A basic outline of a standard for an individual product was suggested to cover the following main divisions, with subordinate subdivisions as may be appropriate for the product or product grouping:

1. Product Description and Designation
2. Additions and Additives
3. Quality
4. Fill of Container
5. Tolerances
6. Sampling and Test Procedures
7. Container Labelling

Preparatory work on draft standards was assigned to the following subcommittees:

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>CANNED FRUITS</u> <u>Assigned to</u>	<u>To collaborate with</u>
1. Peaches	United States	Australia, South Africa
2. Fruit Salad	Australia	United States
3. Fruit Cocktail	United States	Australia
4. Pineapple	South Africa	United States
5. Applesauce	Canada	Netherlands, United States
6. Grapefruit Sections	Israel	United States
7. Plums	United Kingdom	Netherlands
8. Strawberries	Netherlands	United Kingdom
9. Raspberries	United Kingdom	Netherlands

CANNED VEGETABLES

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Assigned to</u>	<u>To collaborate with</u>
1. Asparagus	Netherlands	Denmark, United States
2. Peas	United Kingdom	Sweden, Netherlands, Denmark
3. Green and Wax Beans	Canada	United States
4. Sweet Corn	Canada	United States
5. Tomatoes	United States	Canada, Australia, Italy (Consult)

OTHER PRODUCTS

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Assigned to</u>	<u>To collaborate with</u>
1. Jams	United Kingdom	Switzerland, Netherlands
2. Dried Vine Fruits: Start with Raisins-Sultanas	United States	Australia

OTHER VOLUNTEER WORK ASSIGNMENTS

<u>Task</u>	<u>Assigned to</u>	<u>To collaborate with</u>
Sampling Procedures (See Report on Meeting for details of task)	United States	Sweden, Australia, United Kingdom
Collect Data on Syrup Strength ingoing and out-out (See Report on Meeting for details of task)	Australia Canada Israel Netherlands South Africa United States United Kingdom	Transmit data to Chairman by September 1, 1964 (Chairman now suggests that January 1, 1965, is as early as this would be expected)
Container Sizes	Delegate from Poland, also representing ISO, is to send each country participating in the Washington meeting a list of the ISO con- tainer sizes.	

It was the consensus of the delegates that this committee should not undertake standards for dried prunes at this time since the ECE is now working on standards for this product even though they are regional in scope. It was further the general view that the committee would favor bringing the matter to the attention of the Commission with a recommendation that standards for dried prunes be handled on a joint basis with the ECE, if such an arrangement could be suitably made.

It was the general consensus of the committee that it should be willing to assume the standardization responsibility for pulses. There being some uncertainty on the question, the Chairman stated the matter would be referred to the Commission for a decision as to whether this committee should assume standards responsibility for these products. The Definition of Dried Fruits and Vegetables was revised so that it would include mature (dry) seed of certain legumes, such as pulses, in case the Commission rules this committee should handle them.