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**Agenda Item 7: Discussion paper on the impact of the relocation of *Vigna* spp. under beans on the CXLs for peas**

## **El Salvador**

El Salvador agradece a Tailandia por el documento presentado.

Se apoya la recomendación dada en el documento:

Grupo 014 Hortalizas leguminosas

Subgrupo 14A Judías con vaina

VP 0061 Judías (*Phaseolus* spp.; *Vigna* spp.) (vainas jóvenes y semillas carnosas)

Subgrupo 14C Judías carnosas sin vaina

VP 0062 Judías sin vaina (*Phaseolus* spp.; *Vigna* spp.) (semillas carnosas)

Grupo 015 Legumbres

Subgrupo 015A Judías desecadas

VD 0071 Frijoles (*Phaseolus* spp.; *Vigna* spp.) (secos).

El Salvador agradece al GTe dirigido por los Estados Unidos y los Países bajos por los documentos presentados:

## **European Union**

*European Union Competence*

*European Union Vote*

The European Union (EU) would like to thank Thailand for the preparation of the Discussion Paper on the impact of relocation of *Vigna* spp. under Beans on the CXLs for Peas.

The EU believes that the title of the Discussion paper does not correctly address the issue. In our view the purpose of the Discussion paper is to discuss the impact of the relocation of *Vigna* spp. from 'Peas' to 'Beans' on the CXLs for *Vigna* spp. It is our understanding that the situation for the group of 'peas' remains unchanged and that simply one genus would be removed from this group and placed under the group of 'Beans'. Our comments are therefore drafted with a view to this understanding of the discussion.

The EU supports the recommendation (1) presented in the Discussion Paper, which allows the extrapolation of the CXLs of *Phaseolus* spp. to *Vigna* spp. This recommendation is in line with the system currently in place in the EU in which the same MRLs apply to *Phaseolus vulgaris* and *Vigna* spp.

The EU notes that when moving *Vigna* spp. under 'Beans' in some cases the CXLs will increase, in some other cases they will decrease and in several cases the CXLs will remain unchanged. These changes are overall considered acceptable to the EU as we believe that the new classification would reflect more accurately the strong similarities between the genera *Phaseolus* and *Vigna*. As outlined in paragraphs 10-13 of CX/PR 16/48/6 strong morphological similarities exist. Furthermore, growing practices and use patterns are similar since major pests and diseases are the same for the two genera.

As regards the recommendation (2), the EU would like to note that in case the recommendation (1) is agreed, it will not be necessary to combine the lines *Phaseolus* spp. and *Vigna* spp., as requested in the recommendation (2).

In the case of beans with pods, the two lines:

- VP 0061 Beans with pods (*Phaseolus* spp.)
- VP 2840 Beans with pods (*Vigna* spp.)

should remain separate given that the CXLs of VP 0061 are proposed to apply also to VP 2840 following extrapolation. The same principle should be valid for the respective lines in the groups legume vegetables without pods (VP0062 and VP2843) and dried beans (pulses) (VD 0071 and VD 2891).

In addition, the EU underlines that in the document CX/PR 16/48/12 (under discussion in Item 8(g)) on the 'Examples of selection of representative commodities (vegetable and other commodity groups)' the extrapolation from Beans with pods (*Phaseolus* spp.) to Beans (*Vigna* spp.) is already foreseen.

In conclusion, the EU agrees with recommendation (1) of the Discussion Paper, but does not see the necessity to implement recommendation (2). The actual wording of the eWG proposal reflects the existence of two genera of beans and is in line with the seven criteria for crop grouping in the classification for food and feed.

Furthermore, the acceptance of the recommendation (1) alone, will not require any change in the classifications proposed by the eWG on crops grouping for the groups 14 (legume vegetables) and 15 (pulses) in the document CX/PR 16/48/7 (items 8(a) and 8(b)).

### Ghana

Ghana thanks Thailand for preparing the discussion paper on the impact of the relocation of *Vignaspp* under Beans (dry)

**Position:** Ghana agrees with the recommendation to extrapolate and apply the CXLs for *Phaseolusspp* immature beans to *Vignaspp* immature beans and dry bean. We recommend that discussions be held to better clarify how to combine bean scientific name *Phaseolusspp* and beans scientific name *vignaspp* into the same code.

**Rationale:** With regards to nomenclature, both bean *Phaseolus* and bean *Vigna* belong to the family Leguminasae. These two commodities also possess similar morphological characteristics such as growth habit, GAP for pesticide use and share similar pest and disease burden.

### Kenya

**Position:** we support the adoption of the discussion paper on the relocation of *Vigna spp.* under beans on the cxls for peas and therefore the revision as presented in table 1 of the discussion paper.

### United States of American

The United States has reviewed the paper prepared by Thailand and thanks them for their efforts on providing this summary. The United States agrees with the recommendations outlined in the paper to extrapolate and apply the CXLs of *Phaseolusspp.* immature beans (VP0061, VP0062) and dry beans (VD 0071) to *Vignaspp.* immature beans (VP2840, VP 2843) and dry beans (VD 2891).; and to combine Beans, scientific named *Phaseolusspp.* and Beans scientific named *Vignaspp.* into the same code.

## African Union

### Background:

During the 47<sup>th</sup> Session of the CCPR, it was agreed that Thailand would prepare a discussion paper on the impact of the relocation of *Vigna spp.* under beans (immature) on the CXLs for peas (immature) for consideration by the next CCPR.

**Position:** AU would like to thank Thailand for the excellent work it has done in preparing the discussion paper for this committee.

AU agrees with the recommendation to extrapolate and apply the CXLs for *Phaseolus spp* immature beans to *vigna spp* immature beans and dry bean. However, AU welcomes more discussions by the committee on how to combine bean scientific name *Phaseolus spp* and beans scientific name *vigna spp* into the same code.

**Issue & Rationale:** After evaluating the botany and nomenclature of the commodity, both bean *Phaseolus* and bean *Vigna* belong to the family Leguminosae, the growth habit are all similar, the pest and disease burden associated with species are similar.

Both species are commonly grown and trade in Africa and they constitute a major source of diets of the African population. Consumption of their edible parts is not different.

having them under the same code, will help keep the current CXLs for *Vigna spp* and there will therefore be no disruption in trade of these commodity.

### Agenda Item 8a/8b: Draft and Proposed draft revision of the Classification of Food and Feed: Selected vegetable commodity groups (Group 015 – Pulses, Group 014 Legume vegetables)

#### China

China appreciates the progress and efforts made by the EWG in the discussion on crop classification.

1.1 China agrees to add 014E in Group 014 Legume vegetables and to add 015C in Group 015 Pulses.

1.2 China appreciates the recommendation from Thailand on the extrapolation and application of the CXLs of *Phaseolus spp.* to *Vigna spp.* And also please EWG give an explanation why the existing CXLs of Peas (*pisum spp.*; *Vignaspp*) can apply to new commodity of peas (*pisum spp.*) , not to the commodity of beans (*Vignaspp*).

1.3 China suggests to check the commodity number of Goa bean. It exists as VP 2847 Goa bean (succulent seeds) in Group 014 and as VD 0530 Goa bean (dry) in Group 015.

1.4 In the file of CX/PR 16/48/7, the commodities in Subgroup 14A Beans with pods, are absent. China suggests EWG to add it.

#### Colombia

Colombia tiene el agrado de presentar los siguientes comentarios al documento del asunto: **Anteproyecto de revisión de la Clasificación de Alimentos y Piensos: Grupos de Hortalizas Seleccionadas Grupo 014 – Leguminosas Trámite 4.**

De acuerdo con la petición del numeral 15 Colombia poya la subagrupación con la creación del subgrupo 14E: Judías y Guisantes Subterráneos (Apéndice I).

Colombia tiene el agrado de presentar los siguientes comentarios al documento del asunto: **Proyecto de revisión de la Clasificación de Alimentos y Piensos: Grupos de Hortalizas Seleccionadas Grupo 015 - Legumbres (En Trámite 7)**

De acuerdo con la petición del numeral 15, Colombia poya la subagrupación con la creación del subgrupo 15C: Legumbres Desecadas Subterráneas (Apéndice II)

#### Costa Rica

Costa Rica agradece la oportunidad de emitir comentarios; asimismo, felicita al grupo de trabajo por la labor realizada. En ese sentido, desea proponer lo siguiente:

Tema 8 (a): incluir un subgrupo para las legumbres subterráneas,

Tema 8 (b) incluir un subgrupo para las legumbres subterráneas secas del grupo 014.

**Justificación:** los plaguicidas no se aplican directamente y su mecanismo de absorción es diferente.

### Ghana

#### AGENDA ITEM 8 (a)

**Position:** Ghana agrees with the proposal to create a third sub-group “Dry Underground Legumes” (015 C) and the inclusion of Bambara groundnut and Kersting groundnut in this new sub-group.

**Rationale:** Both Bambara groundnuts and Kersting groundnuts are subterranean legumes and possess similar GAPs and residue behavior thus relocating the two commodities under the new sub-group “dry underground legumes” is more appropriate.

#### AGENDA ITEM 8 (b)

**Position:** Ghana supports the proposal to have a separate subgroup for 014 E “underground beans and peas” in the Codex crop grouping system.

**Rationale:** The new subgroup has similar production practices, morphology and

### Paraguay

#### AGENDA ITEM 8 (a)

Paraguay considera que es conveniente apoyar la creación de un subgrupo aparte para las legumbres subterráneas, que está planteado en el documento como el grupo VD 2067 (Subgrupo 014 E). Esto considerando a que los plaguicidas no caen directamente sobre las legumbres subterráneas, que es la parte cosechada, que no queda directamente expuesta a los plaguicidas, por lo tanto las BPAs son diferentes y no podrán estar en un mismo grupo con productos que si están expuestos directamente a los plaguicidas.

#### AGENDA ITEM 8 (b)

Con respecto al Grupo 015 también apoyamos la creación de un subgrupo de Judías y Guisantes subterráneos. La justificación es la misma que está expuesta para el Tema 8a de la agenda.

### Uruguay

Uruguay agradece el trabajo realizado por Estados Unidos junto a los Países Bajos de presidir el grupo de trabajo electrónico y la preparación del documento de Anteproyecto y Proyecto de revisión de la clasificación de Alimentos y Piensos: Grupo de Hortalizas seleccionadas Grupo 014 – Leguminosas y Grupo 015 – Legumbres.

Uruguay apoya la creación de los grupos 14E Judías y guisantes subterráneos y 15C Legumbres secas subterráneas dentro de los grupos de hortalizas seleccionadas 014 y 015 respectivamente.

La creación de estos grupos de hortalizas y legumbres subterráneas está en concordancia con los criterios de agrupación de cultivos del Apéndice IV de este documento. Al tratarse de productos subterráneos, su exposición a los plaguicidas usados es diferente a la del resto del grupo, por lo que deberían ser considerados en forma aparte.

Con la finalidad de garantizar el uso de nomenclatura uniforme se considera de suma importancia el empleo de los nombres científicos de los productos, facilitando así la comprensión y análisis por parte de los países miembros.