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Agenda Items 8(a) / 8(b)

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**COMMENTS on the draft and proposed draft revision of the CLASSIFICATION OF FOOD AND FEED:
Selected vegetable commodity groups: Group 015 - Pulses (Agenda Item 8a) and Group 014 –
Legume Vegetables (Agenda Item 8b) submitted by Australia, Canada, Chile, El Salvador,
European Union, Kenya, Thailand, United States of America and African Union**

Australia

Australia would like to congratulate the Electronic Working Group (EWG) for the progress made to date in revising the Codex Classification. Australia supports the proposals of the EWG and Thailand regarding Group 014 and Group 015 and the relocation of the *Vigna spp.*

Canada

Background:

The 47th Session of CCPR (May 2015) finalized Group 014 – Legume Vegetables and Group 015 – Pulses and agreed to hold Group 014 at Step 4 and Group 015 at Step 7 pending finalization of the Classification of Food and Feed in relation to the vegetable commodity groups including some pending issues related to the classification of certain commodities in these groups (*i.e.* placement and location of immature and mature groundnuts in these groups; implications of classifying all *Vigna spp.* under the beans sub-groups on the existing CXLs established for *Vigna spp.* currently classified as peas). The Committee agreed to re-establish the Electronic Working Group on the revision of the Classification of Food and Feed (EWG) to continue with the revision of the Classification.

Current Status:

As a result of the additional work done by the EWG regarding the above noted issues for Group 014 and 015, a general consensus/compromise was reached by the participants of the EWG, with the exception of India.

Additional Proposed Changes to the Revised Legume Vegetables (Group 014) and Pulses (Group 015) Groups

GROUP 014

- A new subgroup Group 014E Underground beans and peas was created which includes Bambara groundnut (immature seeds) and Peanut (immature seeds). Group 014 is now comprised of the following 5 subgroups:

SUBGROUPS
014A. Beans with pods
014B. Peas with Pods
014C. Succulent beans without pods
014D. Succulent peas without pods
014E. Underground beans and peas

- Revisions were also made to a number of commodity names, codes, and synonyms.

GROUP 015

- A new subgroup 015C Dry Underground Legumes was created which includes Bambara groundnut (dry) and Kersting's groundnut (dry). Group 015 is now comprised of the following 3 subgroups:

SUBGROUPS
15A. Dry Beans
15B. Dry Peas
15C. Dry Underground Legumes

- Revisions were also made to a number of commodity names, codes, and synonyms.

Codex Members and Observers are requested to provide comments only on the changes derived from the consideration of the above issues and not on the whole Group 014 and Group 015, which were already finalized by CCPR47. Members and Observers are also asked that comments submitted also take into consideration the analysis on the impact of the relocation of *Vigna* spp. under the Beans on the CXLs for Peas.

Canada's Position on the Proposed Additions to Groups 014 and 015

1. As a member of the Electronic Working Group on the Revision of the Classification, Canada provided comments through this working group on the proposed additional revisions to Groups 014 and 015.
2. Canada is in agreement with changes made above and supports the revised Legume Vegetables Group (GROUP 014) and Pulses Group (GROUP 015) as presented in Appendices I and II of CX/PR 16/48/7.
3. With respect to the relocation of *Vigna* spp. under the Beans (which applies to podded, shelled, and dry beans) and its impact on the exiting CXLs for *Vigna* spp. (currently classified as peas):
 - Canada supports the relocation of *Vigna* spp. from the code for peas to the code for beans. In Canada, residue data is required for bean (*Phaseolus* spp.) and this data is extended to beans (*Vigna* spp).
 - However, it is noted that there are several cases where there is an existing CXL for *Vigna* spp., but no existing CXL for Beans (*Phaseolus* spp.). It does not seem appropriate to apply the CXL for *Vigna* spp. (established when *Vigna* spp. was classified as a pea), to all Beans including *Phaseolus* spp.

Chile**I. General Comments**

Chile appreciates the work done by the electronic Working Group, led by the United States of America and co-chaired by The Netherlands.

In addition, Chile supports the subgroupings proposed by the eWG and the new products of Group 014 (Legume vegetables) and Group 015 (Pulses) and therefore the recommendation of completion of this work at the 48th session of the CCPR.

El Salvador

The revision and classification of food and feed submitted by the electronic Working Group for Groups 014 and 015 are supported.

We consider important that there is a subgroup for underground products because pesticides are not applied directly.

European Union

The European Union (EU) would like to thank the Electronic Working Group led by the United States of America and co-chaired by the Netherlands for the preparation of the proposed draft revision of the Classification of Foods and Animal Feeds, in particular for the crop groups 014 - Legume Vegetables and 015- Pulses.

The EU is grateful that its comments to the Electronic Working Group have been largely taken up and therefore fully supports the sub-grouping and new commodities as recommended in the document **CX/PR 16/48/7**.

The EU supports advancing the document to the next step.

Kenya**AGENDA ITEMS 8(a)**

Issue: Subgrouping and new commodities for group 014 – legume vegetables; subgroups VP 2064 underground peas and beans.

Position: we support the proposed draft and draft revision of the classification of food and feed; selected vegetable commodity groups- group 014 at steps 4.

Rationale: The new subgroup created for group 014 –legume vegetables at that stage of production i.e. fresh have similar production practices and growth habits and morphology.

AGENDA ITEM 8(b)

Issue: Subgrouping and new commodities for group 015 – pulses; subgroup VD 2067 dry underground legumes.

Position: We support the proposed draft and draft revision of the classification of food and feed; selected vegetable commodity groups- group 015 at steps 7.

Rationale: The new subgroup created for group 015 –pulses at that stage of production i.e. dry have similar production practices and growth habits and morphology to subgroup created in group 014- legume vegetables.

Thailand**Agenda Item 8(a)**

In general, Thailand has no objection on the proposal of dividing of Group 015 Pulses into three subgroups. However, we recognize that Beans (dry), scientific named *Phaseolus* spp. (VD 0071) and Beans (dry) scientific named *Vigna* spp. (VD 2891) are similar on morphology, growth habit, pest problems, as well as GAP for pesticide uses as explained in-the discussion paper on Agenda 7. Thus, we would like to propose to include-Beans (dry), scientific named *Phaseolus* spp. and Beans (dry), scientific named *Vigna* spp. in the same code. So Subgroup 015A should be amended to be read as follows;

“Group 015 Pulses**Subgroup 015A Dry beans**

VD 0071 **Beans** (*Phaseolus* spp.; *Vigna* spp.) (dry)

~~VD 0891 Beans (*Vigna* spp.) (dry)-~~

Agenda Item 8(b)

Regarding the discussion paper on Agenda 7, Thailand would like to re-iterate our request to combine Beans, scientific named *Phaseolus* spp. and Beans scientific named *Vigna* spp. into the same code due to their similarities in morphology, growth habit, pest problems, as well as GAP for pesticide uses. To separate codes of these two species (VP 0061, VP 2840 in subgroup 14A and VP 0062, VP 2843 in subgroup 14 of MRLs for *Vigna* spp.C) may lead to the problems in the application of MRLs for *Vigna* spp. We, therefore, propose that Subgroup 14A Beans with pods and Subgroup 14C Succulent beans without pods should be amended to be read as follows;

“Group 014 Legume vegetables**Subgroup 14A Beans with pods**

VP 0061 **Beans** (*Phaseolus* spp.; *Vigna* spp.) (young pods and succulent seeds)

~~VP 2840 **Beans** (*Vigna* spp.) (young pods and succulent seeds)~~

Subgroup 14C Succulent beans without pods

VP 0062 **Beans without pods** (*Phaseolus* spp.; *Vigna* spp.) (succulent seeds)

~~VP 2843 **Beans without pods** (*Vigna* spp.) (succulent seeds)”~~

United States of America

Agenda Item 8(a) and Agenda Item 8(b)

This is part of the ongoing effort to revise all of the crop groups in the Food and Animal Feeds Classification. The United States has co-chaired or chaired this workgroup from the start of this effort and has provided much of the documentation for the proposed crop groups and strongly supports this project and thanks the chairs for their continued work.

This year, for legumes and pulses, comments were only requested on the options for the location of groundnuts, i.e. Bambara and Kerstin (and possibly peanuts) within the Classification system for both dry (mature) and immature commodities (REP15/PR, paras 122, 126). For Group 015 – Pulses, the United States does not oppose the separate subgroup – Dry underground legumes proposed for inclusion in the Codex crop grouping scheme. However, the U.S does note it does not expect to propose including dry underground legumes in its revised Legume Vegetable Group for beans and peas since, unlike other legumes, edible parts develop underground with no direct exposure to foliar pesticide applications. For Group 014 – Legume vegetables, the United States does not oppose the separate subgroup – Underground beans and peas for inclusion in the Codex crop grouping scheme. However, the U.S does note it does not expect to propose including underground beans and peas in its revised Legume Vegetable Group for beans and peas since, unlike other legumes, edible parts develop underground with no direct exposure to foliar pesticide applications.

African Union

AGENDA ITEM 8 (a)

Background:

It is recalled that the revision of the Codex Classification of Foods and Animal Feeds (CAC/MISC) had been approved by the 27th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, and the CCPR at its 39th Session agreed to establish an electronic working group to further advance the revision.

It was further agreed that it should keep in mind that the revision should be fit for the purpose of the classification which was to facilitate the establishment and interpretation of MRLs.

During the 47th Session of the CCPR, the draft revision of the Codex Classification of food and feed, selected vegetable commodities pulses Group 015 was discussed and it was agreed that the EWG led by Netherland and the USA would consider the option of the location of ground nuts (and possibly peanuts) within the classification system and the question on single codes for different varieties of *Vicia fava L* as well as the inclusion of synonyms for pigeon peas dry/peas dry for consideration by the 48th Session of the CCPR.

Position: AU welcomes the outcome of the EWG on classification. The proposal to have a separate subgroup for underground legumes (015 C) is acceptable.

Issue & Rationale:

Bambara ground nuts is widely grown and consumed in Africa in particular central Africa. The use of pesticides in the control of pest is common. Both Bambara groundnuts and Kersting ground nuts are underground legumes therefore GAPs and residues behavior from the other members of the group may be different.

AGENDA ITEM 8 (b)

Background:

It is recalled that the revision of the Codex Classification of Foods and Animal Feeds (CAC/MISC) had been approved by the 27th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, and the CCPR at its 39th Session agreed to establish an electronic working group to further advance the revision.

It was further agreed that it should keep in mind that the revision should be fit for the purpose of the classification which was to facilitate the establishment and interpretation of MRLs.

During the 47th Session of the CCPR, it was agreed that the EWG would consider the option for the location of immature Bambara groundnuts (and possibly immature peanuts) within the classification system; and agreed to retain two separate codes for Beans (*Phaseolus spp.*) immature and Beans (*Vigna spp.*) immature under Sub-groups 14A and 14C.

Position: AU welcomes the outcome of the EWG on classification. The proposal to have a separate subgroup for 014 E underground beans and peas is acceptable.

Issue & Rationale: Bambara ground nuts is widely grown and consumed in Africa in particular central Africa. The use of pesticides in the control of pest is common. Bambara and Kersting groundnuts are underground legumes. The GAPs and residues behavior of these nuts may be different from the other members of the group.