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FROM Secretariat,
Codex Alimentarius Commission,
Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme

SUBJECT Request for comments on the draft Standard for Non-centrifuged dehydrated sugar
cane juice (scope and definition of the product)

DEADLINE 15 June 2017

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BACKGROUND

1. The 39th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (July 2016) (CAC39) considered the status of development of the draft Standard for Non-Centrifuged Dehydrated Sugar Cane Juice.
2. The Commission requested the Committee on Sugars (CCS) to clarify the scope of the standard only and to provide evidence of the international support for the defined scope¹.
3. Colombia, as host country of the CCS, working by correspondence, in accordance with the conclusion and request of CAC39, and driven by the aim of speeding up the process of the draft standard, presented a new proposal that considered not only the scope, but also the product definition and the name of the product, given that the latter two aspects are closely related to the scope of the draft standard.
4. Taking into account the comments received in response to CL 2016/45-CS, from Brazil, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, Japan, Kenya, Philippines, Thailand, United States of America and the European Committee of Sugar Manufacturers (CEFS), the Colombia, as the Chair of CCS, informs the Commission of the following observations and proposal. The comments are available in original language at: http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/sh-proxy/en/?lnk=1&url=https%253A%252F%252Fworkspace.fao.org%252Fsites%252Fcodex%252FMeetings%252FCX-710-07%252FComments-in-reply-to_CL2016-45-CS_CompilationX.pdf.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Section 1. Scope

5. The scope remains broadly the same as that submitted in CL 2016/45-CS, with changes relating to clarifications recommended by some members and to the name of the product, which reverts to the previous version, namely "Non-Centrifuged Dehydrated Sugar Cane Juice". In a renewed effort to speed up the process of the draft standard, the Chair of CCS, also states that although there was no recommendation by CAC39 to review the name, it carried out a new proposal on the name, which still generates differences of opinion, and which will undoubtedly be discussed at a later date.
6. With regard to concerns on the inclusion of products, which have unique names that are used by some countries or regions, the Chair of CCS recommends that the draft standard should progress further before establishing inclusion of such names.

¹ REP 16/CAC, paras 200-203.

7. In summary, the comments received by Codex member countries and observers on the scope demonstrate broad international support, which is detailed in section 1 of the annex.

Section 2. Product definition

8. On the understanding that the aspects of scope and product definition are mutually dependent in the draft standard, the Chair of CCS also carried out the CAC39 recommendation on a new proposal for product definition.

9. Just as for the scope, the product definition, when referring to the name of the product, reverts to the previous name “Non-Centrifuged Dehydrated Sugar Cane Juice”.

10. The aim is to prevent misinterpretations of the terms “concentration” and “stirring”, which for the production process is not incorporated with centrifugation, so references to this have been removed, leaving just the word “evaporation” as the main production process for Non-Centrifuged Dehydrated Sugar Cane Juice.

11. Additionally, the new proposal includes an extra paragraph that confirms the provision for not permitting the product to be made from pre-processed sugars and syrups.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

12. Codex members and observers are invited to submit comments on the scope and product definition of the standard as presented in the Annex.

13. Comments should be submitted through or with a copy to the Codex Contact Point or Focal Point of the international organizations having observer status with Codex. Comments should be presented in Word file to facilitate their analysis and compilation.

ANNEX
DRAFT CODEX STANDARD FOR
NON-CENTRIFUGED DEHYDRATED SUGAR CANE JUICE

1. SCOPE

This standard applies to Non-Centrifuged Dehydrated Sugar Cane Juice, as defined in section 2, which is intended for direct consumption, including catering or re-packaging if required, as well as to the product when intended for further processing. This standard does not apply to products obtained from the reconstitution of its components.

2. PRODUCT DEFINITION

It is understood that Non-Centrifuged Dehydrated Sugar Cane Juice is a product obtained from evaporation of sugar cane juice *Saccharum officinarum L.*, to maintain its constituent elements such as saccharose, glucose, fructose and minerals. Under no circumstances is this product made totally or partially from preprocessed sugars or syrups.