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Agenda Item 4, 6, 9, 10b

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## JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME CODEX COMMITTEE ON SPICES AND CULINARY HERBS

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Comments of United Republic of Tanzania

Agenda item 4: Cumin draft standard CX/SCH 17/3/4			
Para	Text	T	Comment
4	This Standard applies to dried fruits of any cultivated varieties (cultivars) of <i>Cuminum cyminum</i> L. of the Apiaceae family offered for industrial food production and-for direct consumption, or for repackaging if required. [It does not apply to the product when indicated as being intended for further processing.]	P	The word further processing is not specific Tanzania is proposing to amend the clause to read;  This Standard applies to dried fruits of any cultivated varieties (cultivars) of <i>Cuminum cyminum</i> L. of the Apiaceae family offered for direct consumption or <u>as ingredient/ raw material</u> for industrial food production, or for repackaging if required.
4	General	C	Use of the word fruit in cumin is correct because botanically, cumin is known as fruit and commercially known as seed.
100	Title	P	The clause does not cover for the packaging requirement  Proposed tittle to be <u>Packaging and Labelling</u> , 8.1 be packaging and 8.2 be Labelling
101		P	<u>8.1 Packaging</u>  <u>The package must not be a source of contamination or migration, should be of food grade and must be free from off odour and protect the product quality during transportation and storage.</u>
Agenda item 6: BWG Pepper draft standard CX/SCH 17/3/6			

Para	Text	T	Comment
Table 4	Requirement for moisture content	P	Tanzania is proposing MC for all grades be max. 12% as there is no need of variations among the grades and type.
Table 4	Requirement for acid insoluble ash	C	Expected to be lower in the first class as this depends on the levels of extraneous matters which also differs between the grades.
Table 5	Requirement for piperine	C	The level in the ground form should be similar to that in the whole form since processing cannot reduce the level
Clause 8	Title	P	The clause does not cover for the packaging requirement  Proposed title to be <u>Packaging and Labelling</u> , 8.1 be packaging and 8.2 be Labelling
		P	<u>8.1 Packaging</u>  <u>The package must not be a source of contamination or migration, should be of food grade and must be free from off odour and protect the product quality during transportation and storage.</u>
Table 7	ISO test method for determination of moisture content	P	Change 939 to <u>938</u>
<b>Agenda item 9: DISCUSSION PAPER ON GROUPING OF SPICES AND CULINARY HERBS CX/SCH 17/3/9</b>			
Para	Text	T	Comment
27	The product shall be free of any hard or sharp objects longer than 7 mm and 2 mm wide		Tanzania is proposing to modify the sentence by not mentioning the length or width of the object since object regardless on its length or width might have safety concerns.
Annex 1	General	C	In the scientific names separate genera and specie names
<b>Agenda item 10b: Discussion Paper on “Further Processing” within the Scope of in CCSCH standards CX/SCH 17/3/11</b>			
	General	C	Tanzania support the discussion paper submitted by the United States of America