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Proposed Draft Standard for Dried or Dehydrated Ginger

(Comments from Indonesia and Nigeria)

Indonesia

Indonesia thanks to Nigeria for the work done by electronic means on the proposed draft standard for dried or dehydrated ginger.

Indonesia support proposed draft Annex 1 in the matter of total ash, moisture content and volatile oils and Annex 2 in the matter of foreign matter.

Nigeria

Nigeria appreciates the efforts of the members of the Electronic Working Group (EWG) that developed the proposed Draft for Ginger and wishes to submit the comments below: **2.2 Styles/forms**

Nigeria wishes to propose an amendment as follows:

1. **Cracked/broken:** The inclusion of ‘Pieces’ to read “Cracked/Broken/Pieces” as Pieces (comprising of cut, diced or sliced styles) is more appropriate for Ginger and is in line with trade practices.
2. The CCSCH should develop a practical definition of whole ginger, because ginger harvest may include cut or broken ginger to avoid ambiguity.

Nigeria, suggests the proposed definition of whole ginger and pieces as below:

Whole Ginger: single or branched rhizomes of varying sizes which may be cut at both ends with the flattened circular shape intact

Pieces: comprising various cut, diced or sliced styles

3. There is need to define the particle sizes for the products in ground/powdered form, in line with trade practices. Hence, Nigeria proposes the inclusion of the following:

The particle sizes of ground/powdered style is determined by contractual agreement between the buyer and seller.

3.1 COMPOSITION

Nigeria proposes that the under listed subsections should be added, in line with other approved Standards by the CCSCH.

3.3 Classification of “Defectives”

The representative sample taken from a lot that fails to meet one or more of the applicable quality requirements, as set out in Section 3.2 (except those based on sample averages), should be considered as a “defective”.

3.4 Lot Acceptance

A lot should be considered as meeting the applicable quality requirements referred to in Section 3.2 when the number of “defectives”, as defined in Section 3.3, does not exceed the acceptance number of the appropriate sampling plan. The factors evaluated on a sample average in a lot will be considered acceptable, if the sample average meets the specified tolerance, and that no individual sample is excessively out of tolerance.

Annex I: Chemical Properties for Dried Roots, Rhizomes and Bulbs

Nigeria recommends that separate rows should be created for “whole” and “crushed/broken, as it is in Annex II - Physical Properties for Dried Roots, Rhizomes and Bulbs and in line with the styles/forms defined in section 2.2. However, the values should remain the same,

4. FOOD ADDITIVES

Nigeria proposes the amendment outlined below:

Where applicable, only the anti-caking agents listed in Table III of the *General Standards for Food Additives* (CXS 192-1995) ~~are permitted for use~~ **may be used** in ground/powdered dried roots, rhizomes and bulbs.

Rationale: There is no uniform requirement or practice on the use of food additives in this product as some countries prohibit their use while others do not, based on national policy/regulations. Hence, Nigeria's recommendation is to avoid any ambiguity on the optional use of food additives for the product in ground/powdered form.