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(Comments of Uganda)

Agenda 3: Draft standard for aubergines

S/N	Paragraph/Section	Proposed text	Reason for change or inclusion
1	Definition of produce	Scope: This standard defines the quality requirements for aubergines prepared and packaged for trade. Definition of produce becomes Section 2.	1. This section should be preceded by the Scope as per the Codex procedural Manual and the sections and/or subsections that follow renumbered accordingly.
2	Bullet number 7 – Free of bruising or extensive healed over-cuts	New text should read as: “bearing minimal bruising and/or minimal healed over-cuts	2. Inconsistent with the requirements for Class II which allow “slight bruising and/or slight healed cracks or sun-scorched aubergines. The minimum requirement and the requirements for this class must be consistent
3	2.1.1 and 2.1.2 Maturity requirements	New text should read as: “2.1.1 Maturity requirements The aubergines must be sufficiently developed without the flesh being fibrous or woody and without hard seeds” The development and condition of the aubergines must be in such as to enable them to: - withstand transportation and handling; and - arrive in satisfactory condition at the place of destination	3. 2.1.2 should become 2.1.1 and 2.1.1 becomes a continuation as it further stresses the development/maturity
4	“Extra” class	New text should read as: “Aubergines in this class must be of superior quality. They must be characteristic of the variety and/or commercial type. Stalk must be intact and the flesh must be perfectly sound.	4. The requirement for firmness should be deleted from the “extra” class description since firmness is a minimum requirement for all classes of aubergines.
5	Provisions concerning sizing		The concluding sentence; “Uniformity in size is compulsory for Extra class” should be deleted. These are biological products whose uniformity cannot be controlled. In

			addition, it is a contradiction with clause 4.2 which permits 10% variation in all classes if sized.
6	For sizing by weight, the difference between the smallest and largest aubergines in the package must not exceed	Uganda proposes that the allowance for 10% is retained and the former deleted	5. This provisions are not consistent with the size tolerances in subsection 4.2 where 10% by number or weight of aubergines not satisfying the requirements as regards sizing is allowed.
7	"Extra" class		The 1% tolerance for decay is inconsistent with the minimum requirements. In addition, this being the premium class, it cannot have the same tolerance as class I. The 1% tolerance for decay should be deleted for the "extra" class.
8	Packaging	New text should read as: "Aubergines must be packaged in such a way as to protect the produce properly." Aubergines shall be packaged in each container in compliance with CAC/RCP 44-1995.	6. Packed in the text should be replaced with packaged
9	Nature of produce	New text should read as: "Each package containing the produce shall be labelled with the name of the produce "Aubergines" and class of the produce. The produce may also be labelled with the name of the produce variety and/or commercial type.	Whether the produce is visible through the packaging or not, the package must bear the name of the produce as "Aubergines". 7. In addition, the Class of the produce shall be labelled on the package.
10	Origin of produce	The second sentence should be deleted.	8. The mixture of produce from different countries should not be permissible in consumer packages. It opens room for unscrupulous trade practices such as purchase of produce from one country and labelling it as a produce of another. It hinders traceability.
11	Identification	New text should read as: "Name and address of exporter, packer and/or dispatcher. The produce shall also bear an identification code.	9. Labelling the Identification code should be mandatory. It eases traceability
12	Nature of produce	New text should read as: "Each package containing the produce shall be labelled with the name of the produce "Aubergines" and may be labelled with the name of the produce variety and/or commercial type. For produce transported in bulk, these particulars must appear in the document accompanying the produce. The document shall be attached in a visible	Whether the produce is visible through the packaging or not, the package must bear the name of the produce as "Aubergines". 10. For produce transported in bulk, the documentation accompanying the produce can bear the details of the nature of produce.

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Agenda 4: Draft Standard for Garlic

S/N	Paragraph/Section	Proposed text	Reason for change or inclusion
1	Definition of produce	Commercial types Semi-dry and dry garlic should be merged into one type which should be referred to as "dry garlic"	There is hardly a difference between the commercial types semi-dry and dry garlic
2	Footnote 1	New text should read as: "1 This provision does not preclude a specific smell and/or specific taste caused by smoking in countries or regions where smoked garlic is considered as a fresh vegetable. Smoked garlic must be labelled according.	11. Labelled "properly" should be replaced with labelled "accordingly" since there is no clear description of proper labelling for smoked garlic
3	Uniformity	New text should read as: "Garlic contained in each package must be of the same origin, variety, or commercial type, grade, quality and size."	12. It is practically impossible for the contents of a package containing biological products to be uniform.
4	Packaging	New text should read as: "The garlic must be packaged in such a way as to protect the produce properly. The garlic shall be packaged in compliance with the appropriate sections of the Code of Practice for Packaging and Transportation of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables.	13. The word "packed" in the text should be replaced by "packaged"
5	Nature of produce	New text should read as: "Each package containing the produce shall be labelled with the name of the produce ("garlic" and/or "fresh garlic", "semi-dry garlic", "dry garlic" or "solo garlic". The class of the produce shall also be labelled and the produce may also be labelled with the name of the produce variety and/or commercial type.	Whether the produce is visible through the packaging or not, the package should bear the name of the produce. 14. In addition, the Class of the produce shall be labelled on the package.
6	Identification	New text should read as: "Name and address of exporter, packer and/or dispatcher. The produce shall also bear an identification code	15. Labelling the identification code should be mandatory
7	Nature of produce	The second sentence should be deleted	16. The second sentence contradicts the first as the fresh, semi-dry, dry or solo represent the commercial types.

Agenda 6: Draft Standard for Ware Potato

S/N	Paragraph/Section	Proposed text	Reason for change or inclusion
1	Quality tolerances	Either the two are merged to make one grade or the tolerances are revised.	17. With the exception of frozen, decay, soft rot and/or internal breakdown, the tolerances for classes I and II are all the same. This could pose a challenge in the actual commercial grading.
2	Uniformity	New text should read as: "The contents of each package (or lot for produce presented in the bulk transport vehicle) must contain only ware potatoes of the same origin, variety, or commercial type, quality and size (if sized).	It is practically impossible to attain uniformity in biological products. In addition, this subclause contradicts Section 4 and sub section 5.1. 18. The provision "contents of each package (or lot for produce presented in the bulk transport vehicle) must be uniform should be deleted.
3	Packaging	New text should read as: "Ware potatoes must be packaged in such a way as to protect the produce properly. Ware potatoes shall be packaged in compliance with the appropriate sections of the Code of Practice for Packaging and Transportation of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables	19. The word "packed" in the text should be replaced by "packaged"
4	Nature of produce	New text should read as: "Each package containing the produce shall be labelled with the name of the produce "Ware potatoes" and class of the produce. The produce may also be labelled with the name of the produce variety and/or commercial type.	Whether the produce is visible through the packaging or not, the package must bear the name of the produce as "Ware potatoes". 20. In addition, the Class of the produce shall be labelled on the package.
5	Origin of produce	The second sentence should be deleted.	21. The mixture of produce from different countries should not be permissible in consumer packages. It opens room for unscrupulous trade practices such as purchase of produce from one country and labelling it as a produce of another. It hinders traceability.
6	Identification	New text should read as: "Name and address of exporter, packer and/or dispatcher. The produce shall also bear an identification code.	22. Labelling the Identification code should not be optional
7	Nature of produce	New text should read as: "Each package containing the produce shall be labelled with the name of the produce as "Ware potatoes". The produce may also be labelled with the name of the produce variety, commercial type and/or shape of the tuber as oval, round or long.	23. Whether the produce is visible through the packaging or not, the package must bear the name of the produce as "Ware potatoes".

8	Origin of produce	The second sentence should be deleted.	24. The mixture of produce from different countries should not be permissible in consumer packages. It opens room for unscrupulous trade practices such as purchase of produce from one country and labelling it as a produce of another. It hinders traceability.
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