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Comment of Guyana

Agenda Item #3.3

CX/SCH 24/7/5- Draft standard for spices in the form of dried fruits and berries:

Part B - Requirements for Vanilla

Position: Annex 1 - Table 1 - Chemical characteristics for vanilla-

Guyana supports inclusion of either options for the table on chemical characteristics, and suggests the removal of the range for moisture.

Rationale: A lower limit for moisture may not affect the quality of vanilla (except if it is burnt) and thus may not need to be defined.

Agenda Item #4

CX/SCH 24/7/6- Proposed Draft Standard for Turmeric

Position: The value for total ash should be raised to correspond with values present in international standards unless justification is provided to state otherwise.

Rationale: The value for total ash is lower than that of the ISO standard. ISO 5562: Turmeric, whole or ground (powdered) -Specification which states a level of 9 for total ash (ground/powdered) turmeric.

Agenda Item # 5.2

CX/SCH 24/7/8 - Update to the template for SCH standards.

Position: Guyana supports the updating of the template, and further suggests inclusion of the following statement:

'The country of harvest of some products shall be declared if its omission would mislead or deceive the consumer'