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*GUIDELINES FOR THE PRODUCTION, PROCESSING, LABELLING AND
MARKETING OF ORGANICALLY PRODUCED FOODS:*
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GOVERNMENT COMMENTS AT STEP 6

COMMENTS FROM:

BRAZIL
CANADA

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BRAZIL:

The Brazilian Delegation thanks for the opportunity to present the following comments on CL 2008/11-FL.

We agree to expand the use of ethylene for the ripening of other tropical and for flower induction in pineapples.

The justification for the use of ethylene for flower induction in pineapples is similar to that provided for the use of ethylene for the ripening of banana and kiwi.

Any proposal for the extension of the use of ethylene for the ripening of other tropical fruits must be substantiated by specific data as it was done for the use of ethylene for the ripening of banana and kiwi.

CANADA:

Canada is pleased to provide the following comments on CL 2008/11-FL concerning the inclusion of ethylene for other products in the *Guidelines for the Production, Processing, Labelling and Marketing of Organically Produced Foods*.

Canada would like to remind the Committee that the Annex in the *Guidelines for the Production, Processing, Labelling and Marketing of Organically Produced Foods* is an indicative list intended to provide guidance on substances which might be used by national authorities. Each country must evaluate, against the established criteria, whether or not it is appropriate to use a particular substance, given their regional circumstances.

To expand the usage of ethylene to other products, or for other purposes, would require adequate justification. At this time, Canada does not support the expansion of the use of ethylene to other products.