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### CODEX COMMITTEE ON PESTICIDE RESIDUES

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#### **DRAFT REVISION OF THE CODEX CLASSIFICATION OF FOODS AND ANIMAL FEEDS AT STEP 7: UNSOLVED ISSUES IN COMMODITY GROUPS OF *FRUITING VEGETABLES, OTHER THAN CUCURBITS; POME FRUITS; AND OIL SEEDS***

*Prepared by the Electronic Working Group led by the Netherlands and the United States of America*

#### **BACKGROUND**

1. During the 2009 CCPR in Beijing the Committee noted that Okra and Roselle were placed under the subgroup 12B Peppers and Pepino was placed in subgroup 12C Egg plants of the group Fruiting vegetables, other than Cucurbits. The Committee agreed to place these commodities in square brackets for further consideration by the electronic working group.
2. Also the Committee agreed to place Azarole, Mayhaw and Tejocote in square brackets in the Pome fruit group and also Linseed, Poppy seed and Sesame seed in Subgroup 23A Rape seeds in square brackets.
3. Another item was the request of the EC to make an entry for olives for oil production in the Oilseed group and for table olives in the group for miscellaneous fruits.
4. Also during the CCPR the Codex secretariat reminded the Committee that “the Classification is intended to be as complete a listing of food commodities in trade as possible, classified into groups on the basis of the commodity’s similar potential for pesticides residues” and that “the Codex Classification is intended to promote harmonisation of the terms used to describe commodities which are subject to maximum residue limits and the approach to grouping commodities with similar potential for residue for which a common group maximum residue limit can be set”.

#### **SOLUTIONS**

5. In October 2009 a document was sent to the electronic working group with several options for the commodities placed in square brackets.

#### **Fruiting vegetables, other than Cucurbits.**

6. During the discussion in the CCPR the option of placing Okra, Roselle and Pepino in a new subgroup was suggested. This would resolve the reservation that these commodities not actually belong to the groups where they were placed. On the other hand this will make the setting of CXLs for those commodities, because they are minor even more complicated. These commodities were placed in the proposed subgroup because of the similar morphology, pesticide use pattern and residues.

7. The following two options for these commodities were given:
- 1) Current proposal, but change the name of the subgroup 12B Peppers in Pepper-like commodities
  - 2) To make a subgroup 12D “Other fruiting vegetables, other than Cucurbits” and place Okra, Roselle and Pepino in this subgroup. And also Martynia to be consistent (is not a Capsicum).

### **Pome fruits**

8. Azarole, Mayhaw and Tejocote were placed in the Pome fruit group. These commodities are Crataegus species and are small pomes up to 2,5 cm diameter.
9. The following three options for these commodities were given:
- 1) Retain them in the current proposal with pome fruit.
  - 2) To place these commodities in the subgroup Large shrub/tree berries of the group Berries and small fruits (Service berries and Rose hips (*Rosaceae*) are in the Berries group).
  - 3) To subgroup the Pome fruits group in “Big pome fruits” and “Small pome fruits” and place these small pomes in the Small pome fruits subgroup.

### **Oil seeds**

10. Linseed, Poppy seed and Sesame seed were placed in the subgroup 023A Rape seeds. The Committee noted that these commodities do not belong to the Rape seeds subgroup.
11. The following two options for these commodities were given:
- 1) Retain them in the current proposal, but change the name of the subgroup 023A from Rape seed to “Small seed oilseeds”
  - 2) Place the commodities in the subgroup 023D as “Other oilseeds”.
12. Also the opinion of the Electronic working group was requested on other proposals raised during the CCPR 2009

### **Olives**

13. The EC proposed to create an entry for olives for oil production.
14. The proposal is to add the commodity:
- “SO 0305 Olives for oil production” in the subgroup 023E Oilfruits
  - Add to the commodity FT 0305: “Table” before olives (=FT 0305 Table olives).

### **Hempseed**

16. Proposal to add var. *sativa* behind the scientific name to signify that this variety is used for the production of fibre and oilseed.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE ELECTRONIC WORKING GROUP**

17. Comments were received from: Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Japan, Thailand, Iran and Poland. On Circular letter 2009/24 PR comments on bracketed commodities were sent to the Codex Secretariat by the EC. In the table below the comments are summarised.

Table: Summary of comments of members of the electronic working group on bracketed commodities

Country	Fruiting vegetables, other than Cucurbits (okra, roselle and pepino)	Pome fruits (Azarole, Mayhaw and Tejocote)	Oilseeds (linseed, poppy seed and sesame seed)
Australia	Commodities left alone in separate subgroups and not in a subgroup "Others"	Retain in Pome fruits.	Retain in current proposal and change name of the subgroup in " Small seed oilseeds" or to leave the commodities on their own.  Perrilla in Herbs and Spices
Canada	Support keeping Okra and Roselle in the existing subgroup 12B Peppers  Pepino is more closely related to Eggplant. It is recommended that Pepino is in subgroup 12C Eggplant	Support option the spitting of the Pome fruit group into 2 subgroups, the Big pome fruit and the Small pome fruit	Canada supports option #1 and has no objection to changing the name of subgroup 023A from Rape seed to "Small seed oilseeds".
New Zealand	Retain Okra, Roselle and Pepino in the Peppers subgroup and rename in "Peppers and similar	In subgroup Large shrub/tree berries of the group Berries and Small fruits. Crab apple must also be considered. Reconsider renaming "Shrub/tree small fruit"	Retain commodities in subgroup Rape seed and similar. (description "seeds are fully enclosed")
Japan	Okra: support to place in Subgroup "Other".  Pepino: Definition of the commodity is not clear.	In subgroup Large shrub/tree berries of the group Berries and small fruits (includes also Rose hips)	Retain Linseed, Poppy seed and Sesame seed in current proposal and change the name of Subgroup 23A in "Small seed oilseeds"
Thailand	Change the name for Subgroup 12B in Pepper-like commodities	-	Retain Linseed, Poppy seed and Sesame seed in current proposal and change the name of Subgroup 23A in Small seed oilseeds
Iran	Okra not in Pepper group. Support in "Other" group.  Support Pepino in Eggplant group.	Put the three commodities in subgroup Small pome fruits. (tolerance size of commodities should be determined)	Retain Linseed, Poppy seed and Sesame seed in current proposal and change the name of Subgroup 23A in "Small seed oilseeds"
Poland	Okra and Roselle: support in Pepper-like group.  Support Pepino in Eggplant group	Support for Small pome subgroup	Linseed, Poppy seed and Sesame seed in Small seed oilseeds subgroup

EC	Support keeping Okra and Roselle in the existing subgroup 12B Peppers  Support Pepino in Eggplant group	Keep the three commodities in the Pome fruit group	-
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### **Olives and Hempseed**

18. Canada has no objection to these proposals. New Zealand supports the proposals. Australia supports the proposals

### **PROPOSALS TO THE CCPR**

19. *Fruiting vegetables other than Cucurbits*: Okra, Roselle and Pepino will be included in a subgroup 12D "Others". Australia, Japan and Iran did not support to keep the commodities in the Pepper or Egg plant subgroups.

20. *Pome fruits*: Azarole, Mayhaw and Tejocote will be kept in the Pome fruit group. EC who raised this issue in the last CCPR is now in favour to keep them in the Pome fruit group (from a botanical point of view). Also the splitting of the Pome fruit group in 2 subgroups is supported, but it will be difficult to determine the size tolerance of the small pomes in the "Small pome fruit" subgroup and it is difficult to select a representative commodity in terms of production and consumption for a Small pome fruit group.

21. *Oilseeds*: Linseed, Poppy seed and Sesame seed will be kept in the subgroup 23A "Rape seed and similar". There is a general agreement.

22. *Olives*: The commodity olives will be split in two commodities:

- "SO 0305 Olives for oil production" in the subgroup 023E Oilfruits
- FT 0305: "Table olives" in the Assorted Tropical fruits.

23. *Hempseed*: var. *sativa* will be added behind the scientific name to signify that this variety is used for the production of fibre and oilseed.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

24. The Electronic Working Group led by The Netherlands and the USA propose to the Committee to agree with the above presented proposals to solve the unsolved issues for the three commodity groups and propose to keep the proposals for "Fruiting vegetables other than Cucurbits", "Pome fruits" and "Oilseeds" in Step 7, awaiting the finalizing of the revision of the Classification.