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TO: Codex Contact Points
Interested International Organisations

FROM: Secretariat, Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme,
Codex Alimentarius Commission
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SUBJECT Request for comments at step 6 on the provision for grain size in the standard for quinoa

DEADLINE 1 December 2019

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BACKGROUND

1. The 42nd Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC42) agreed to¹:
 - i. adopt, the provisions for moisture content with the deletion of the sentence "Governments accepting the Standard are requested to indicate and justify the requirements in force in their country" from the accompanying note; and
 - ii. return the section on grain size to Step 6 for further consideration by CCCPL, which would conduct its work by correspondence.
2. The CAC42 also noted that²:
 - i. The standard for quinoa would be published with a note to indicate that the section on grain size was to be developed³; and
 - ii. If consensus could not be reached at the next session, the section on grain size would be removed.
3. Guidelines for comments is provided in Annex I. The draft Section 3.2.7 Size is attached as Annex II.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

4. Codex members and observers are invited to send their comments at Step 6 on section 3.2.7 Size of the Standard for Quinoa.
5. Comments should be submitted through the Codex Contact Point or recognized international organizations having granted observer status with the Codex Alimentarius Commission. Comments should be formulated in accordance with the relevant general guidelines and presented in a Word file for easy analysis and compilation.

¹ [REP19/CAC](#), para 44

² [REP19/CAC](#), para 45

³ Standard for Quinoa (CXS 333-2019) is available on codex website.

GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR COMMENTS

1. In order to facilitate the collection of comments and to prepare a useful document with all of them, Members and Observers are kindly requested to submit comments under the following headings:
 - (I) General comments
 - (II) Specific comments
2. In specific comments, a reference to the section / paragraph of the document in question should be included.
3. Members and observers are requested, when proposing amendments to specific paragraphs, to accompany their proposed amendment with the appropriate technical basis. Additional texts should be underlined / bold and deletions crossed out.
4. In order to facilitate the work of the Secretariats, we kindly ask you to avoid texts with colors or shading, nor to use the change control, since the documents are printed in black and white, and the marks usually disappear when copying and pasting the comments in the compiled document.
5. In order to reduce the volume of translations and save paper, members and observers are requested to avoid reproducing the full document, but only those parts of the text in which changes and / or amendments are proposed.

DRAFT SECTION 3.2.7 SIZE IN THE STANDARD FOR QUINOA
(at Step 6)

3.2.7 Size

Grain Size	Range mm
Extra Large	Greater than 2.0 mm
Large	Greater than 1.7 to 2.0 mm
Medium	1.4 to 1.7 mm
Small	Less than 1.4 mm