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### PROPOSED DRAFT REVISION TO THE *STANDARD FOR OLIVE OILS AND OLIVE POMACE OILS (CXS 33-1981) (AT STEP 3)*

(Comments from Kenya)

#### Kenya

Kenya agrees to the definition of "Extra Virgin Olive Oil" and "Virgin Olive Oil" by adding the terms "and organoleptic" to physicochemical characteristics.

#### Definition of Refined Olive Oil:

Kenya supports the proposal to let the refined olive oil definition as it is now in CODEX STAN 33 without any reference to organoleptic characteristics in the definition of this category.

Kenya proposes the second definition in brackets:

[Refined olive oil: olive oil obtained from virgin olive oils by refining methods [(including methods aiming to the complete or partial removal of chemical compounds responsible for organoleptic descriptors)] which do not lead to alterations in the initial glyceridic structure. It has a free acidity, expressed as oleic acid, of not more than 0.30 grams per 100 grams and its other characteristics correspond to those laid down for this category]

Regarding the definition of Refined Olive-Pomace Oil, Kenya supports the proposal to let the definition Refined Olive- Pomace Oil as it is now in CODEX STAN 33.

**Rationale:** Kenya is of the opinion that there should not be any reference to organoleptic characteristics in the definition of this category;

Kenya supports the proposal to adopt the designation of "olive oil composed of refined olive oil and virgin olive oils" for the blend of refined olive oil and virgin olive oils.

**Rationale:** The proposal would bring more clarity on the nature of the product considered. The current designation of "olive oil" being used as a generic term for all categories of olive oils, including for the blend of refined olive oil with virgin olive oils, is confusing for consumers and should be clarified.

Kenya supports the designation of "olive pomace oil composed of refined olive pomace oil and virgin olive oils" for the blend of refined olive oil and virgin olive oils.