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CODEX COMMITTEE ON METHODS OF ANALYSIS AND SAMPLING**

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**REVIEW OF METHODS OF ANALYSIS IN CXS 234**

**FRUIT JUICES WORKABLE PACKAGE**

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**INTRODUCTION**

1. CCMAS42 (2023) agreed to start the review of methods in the fruit juices package; to establish an EWG chaired by Germany, and working in English, to review the package and proposals for consideration by CCMAS43 (2024).<sup>1</sup>
2. CCMAS42 recalled that the work of the review of methods in the *General Standard for Methods of Analysis and Sampling* (CXS 234-1999) is to remove inconsistencies, make editorial corrections, check if the methods are still fit for purpose and to look at the Typing. To ease the work, new methods should not be considered in the EWG unless directly related to finding replacement methods for those no longer fit for purpose.
3. CCMAS reminded Members and Observers:
  - they could present new methods for provisions in standards to active commodity committees for their consideration and submission to CCMAS as part of the endorsement process; or
  - if the committee is adjourned sine die, that new methods could be submitted directly to CCMAS for review by the PWG on endorsement.

**EWG PROCESS**

4. In preparing for the EWG, the Chair of the EWG elaborated working documents based on the following steps:
  - Listing methods for fruit juices from the CXS 234.
  - Started acquiring the listed EN standards in CXS 234, checking if they are still for fit for purpose.
  - Preparing for the distribution of information.
5. CEN/TC 174 – fruit and vegetables juices – methods of analysis responsible for the EN methods listed (30 in total) in CXS 234 is not active.
6. No other TC in CEN was able to take up the work on the EN standards for fruit juices and nectars. Therefore, in November 2023 CEN voted to disband/inactivate the methods. The methods and information concerning the methods are therefore no longer available. For the concerned 30 provisions only IFU methods remain available.

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<sup>1</sup> REP23/MAS paragraph 66(ii)(b).

7. The EWG was not timely initiated for CCMAS, did not meet and therefore, no further results can be presented.

#### RECOMMENDATION TO THE COMMITTEE

8. CCMAS is invited to consider the following:
- a. To re-establish the EWG on the workable package fruit juices.
  - b. To re-start the work on the package without the CEN methods for consideration by CCMAS44.
  - c. To decide if the fruit juices workable package should be started with the remaining methods or if a method performance criteria approach should be favored.
  - d. If the Committee decides to go on with the remaining methods, the EWG needs members with access to the methods of the International Fruit Union (IFUMA/IFU) in order to be able to verify the methods and description.