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DISCUSSION PAPER FOR REVISION OF CALENDAR FOR THE CODEX COMMITTEE ON FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

(Prepared by India)

BACKGROUND

The Committee is responsible to elaborate worldwide standards and codes of practice, appropriate for fresh fruits and vegetables and to consult, as necessary, with other international organisations in the standards development process to avoid duplication.

INTRODUCTION

At the 17th session of CCFFV held in 2012, new work proposal on Ware potato was introduced by India, subsequently it was agreed by the Committee and CAC(2013) to start this work. Thereafter, Draft Codex Standard on Aubergines, Garlic and Kiwifruit were introduced in the 18th Session of the Committee held in 2014 by India, Mexico and New Zealand and Islamic Republic of Iran respectively. These new Work proposals are still lying at various stages of the development process.

In the last three sessions of CCFFV (17th session, 2012, 18th Session 2014 and 19th Session, 2015), work on only four standards under this Committee has been completed and adopted by the Commission. At present, Committee has six on-going proposals i.e - Draft Standard for Aubergines (at Step 7), -Draft Standard for Kiwifruit(at Step7), -Proposed draft Standard for Ware Potatoes(at Step 4), -Proposed draft Standard for Fresh Date (at Step 4), - Proposed layout for Codex standards for fresh fruits and Vegetables and -Discussion paper on Glossary of terms used in the Layout for Codex standards for fresh fruits and vegetables.

In addition, there are five new work proposals i.e on Yam (Costa Rica), Curry leaves (India) Shallots (Indonesia) Onion (Iran) Black berry(Mexico) for consideration. Generally Committee meet after 18 months, but this year the session is scheduled to be held after 24 months.

Keeping in view, the on-going work and new work proposals with the Committee, the current frequency of the Committee meeting with long intervals is an impediment to the standard development process. Therefore, in view of the workload that the Committee has ahead of it, it will be prudent for the Committee to meet every year for next three sessions, to be able to expedite the standard development process.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee is invited to consider the proposal for conducting meeting annually and make suitable recommendation to the Codex Alimentarius Commission for consideration.