

1. SCOPE

The following guidelines describe the composition and labeling requirements for packing media for use with canned fruits.

2. COMPOSITION AND DESIGNATIONS TO BE USED IN LABELLING

Any of the following packing media may be used:

2.1 WATER

2.2 Fruit juice or fruit pulp or blend of fruit juices or fruit pulps, unsweetened or sweetened with e.g., foodstuff with sweetening properties such as sugars or honey¹. Sweetened fruit juice or fruit pulp, depending on the concentration in Brix degrees (°Brix) measured in the final product, shall be designated as follows:

2.2.1 Lightly sweetened greater than or equal to 14° but less than 18°

2.2.2 Heavily sweetened greater than or equal to 18° but less than 22°

2.3 Syrup: mixtures of water and foodstuff with sweetening properties such as sugars or honey¹. Depending on the concentration in °Brix measured in the final product, these shall be designated as follows²:

2.3.1 Extra light syrup or slightly sweetened syrup greater than or equal to 10° but less than 14°

2.3.2 Light syrup greater than or equal to 14° but less than 18°

2.3.3 Syrup (optional) greater than or equal to 17° but less than 20°

2.3.4 Heavy syrup greater than or equal to 18° but less than 22°

2.3.5 Extra heavy syrup greater than or equal to 22°

2.4 Water and fruit juice or fruit juices, in which the fruit content exceeds 50%, with the exception of strong flavoured and/or highly viscous juices (e.g., mango, guava, cranberry, passion fruit, etc), in which case the fruit content could be less than 50%.

2.5 Nectars (Fruit juice or fruit pulp, foodstuff with sweetening properties such as sugars or honey¹ and water) as defined in the *General Standard for Fruit Juices and Nectars* (CODEX STAN 247-2005).

2.6 The designations used in association with the Name of the Food shall be one of the designations defined in Section 2.

2.7 The product may also be designated as “solid pack” meaning whole fruit or pieces of fruit, without any added liquid or with only a small amount of liquid, and with or without foodstuff with sweetening properties such as sugars or honey¹.

2.8 Regular pack – The product may also be designated as “regular pack” meaning whole fruit or pieces of fruit with liquid packing medium.

¹ As defined in the *Standards for Sugars* (CODEX STAN 212-1999) and *Honey* (CODEX STAN 12-1981).

² For canned apricots and canned cherries, the following syrup designations may be applied:

Extra light syrup or slightly sweetened syrup	greater than or equal to 10° but less than 16°
Light syrup	greater than or equal to 16° but less than 21°
Syrup (optional)	greater than or equal to 17° but less than 20°
Heavy syrup	greater than or equal to 21° but less than 25°
Extra heavy syrup	greater than or equal to 25° but less than 40°