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Comments from Thailand

General Comments on Agenda Item 3-8: Proposed Draft Standard

1. In general, Thailand has no objection on the proposed documents. However, we do consider that the format of the six proposed draft standards should be in accordance with the template standard layout and the consistency of existing standards should be in concerned. Despite a section scope and annexes which have already been concluded, there are some differences between them, especially, the use of term “repacking” and “repackaging” in each draft standard that we would like to seek more clarification. In addition, the requirements for six draft standard have not yet completed and their ordering is not complied with the template and the existing standards e.g. moisture content, chemical and physical characteristics.
2. In section product definition, we would like to add the text on the processing process to be in accordance with the details specified in the styles/forms (e.g. crushing or rubbing).
3. In section styles/forms, if any draft standards specified requirements on ground/powdered styles, we would like to propose to add section “2.2.2 The particle size of ground/powdered styles is determined by contractual agreement between buyer and seller” to each of them.
4. In section chemical and physical characteristics, we would like to add the text in the last sentence of the paragraph in section 3.2.2 Chemical and physical characteristics: “There shall not be any forms of adulteration in the product” to be uniformly described in each draft standard for consumer protection.
5. In section food additives, we would like to propose the committee to consider amending section 4: Food Additives. Due to the fact that each draft standard format is not uniform and only anticaking agent is allowed to use which is not complied with GSFA in which other functions of food additive are allowed, so, the text should be reformatted and the use of Food Additives in spices and culinary herbs should be conformed with GSFA.
6. In section labelling, we agreed the deletion of “Country of harvest” because its necessity could not be identified and only “Country of origin” is enough according to CXS 1-1985.
7. In section method of Analysis, with referring to the draft standard for dried or dehydrated ginger, we would like to proposed to include the parameters for Mammalian excreta and other excreta in to the same one because the same methods are used for both of them and their results could not be distinguished.