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COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT STANDARDS FOR WHICH THE ENDORSEMENT REQUIREMENTS FROM RELEVANT COMMITTEES HAVE BEEN FULFILLED¹

FOR ADOPTION BY THE 49TH SESSION OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION

Submitted by

Egypt, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Thailand, United Arab Emirates and the United States of America (USA)

BACKGROUND

1. This document compiles the comments on the standards and related texts submitted to CAC49 for final adoption, as indicated in the relevant circular letter (CL 2026/45-CAC). The comments include those received through the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS)², or via email by the time this document was issued.
2. The comments in response to CL 2026/45-CAC is shown in Appendix I.

EXPLANATORY NOTES ON APPENDIX I

3. The comments received are presented in a table format, with two columns as follows:
 - **First column** – Presents the comments with the rationale.
 - **Second column** – Presents the provider of the comments (name of Member or Observer).

¹ This document contains comments on the draft regional standards for quick-frozen dumplings (Asia) and maamoul (Near East). For comments on the standard for fresh curry leaves, please refer to Appendix II of [CX/CAC 25/48/3 Add.1](#).

² OCS is an online tool that enables Codex Contact Points to submit comments on draft texts in a standardised way, thus providing more transparency and better management of comments on different Codex texts as requested through Circular Letters. Since its launching at CAC39 (2016), the OCS has been used for different Codex Committees.

Appendix I

COMMENTS IN REPLY TO CL 2026/45-CAC

COMMENT	MEMBER / OBSERVER
<p>Egypt would like to convey its full support and approval for the following standards presented for adoption at Step 8:</p> <p>Regional standard for quick-frozen dumplings (Asia)</p> <p>Regional standard for maamoul (Near East)</p>	Egypt
<p>Yes, for adoption at step 8 for Regional standard for quick-frozen dumplings (Asia) and Regional standard for maamoul (Near East)</p>	Iraq
<p>Support for the adoption of the Regional Standard for Maamoul and advanced to Step 8.</p>	Saudi Arabia
<p>Thailand supports the adoption of the Draft regional standard for quick frozen dumpling.</p>	Thailand
<p>United Arab Emirates (UAE) supports the adoption at Step 8 of the the Regional Standard for Quick-Frozen Dumplings (Asia) and the Regional Standard for Maamoul (Near East) (REP25/ASIA, Appendix IV).</p> <p>The UAE considers that both standards have undergone extensive technical discussion and consultations through the Codex step procedure and are sufficiently mature for final adoption, in line with the Codex Procedural Manual requirements for Step 8.</p>	United Arab Emirates
<p>The United States supports the adoption of both standards at Step 8.</p>	USA