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FROM:  
Secretariat,  
Codex Alimentarius Commission  
Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme

SUBJECT:  
REQUEST FOR COMMENTS AT STEP 6 ON THE DRAFT CODEX STANDARD FOR POMEGRANATE (REP11/FFV, APPENDIX V)¹

DEADLINE:  
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BACKGROUND

1. The 16th Session of the Codex Committee on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables (May 2011) agreed to advance the proposed draft Codex Standard for Pomegranate to Step 5 for adoption by the 34th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (July 2011)². The Commission adopted the Standard as proposed by the Committee and advanced it to Step 5 for comments and consideration by the 17th Session of the Committee.³

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

2. Codex Members and Observers are invited to submit their comments on the draft Codex Standard for Pomegranate as indicated above. In making comments, special attention should be attached to those sections in square brackets (see paras. 94-120 of REP11/FFV for further details on the discussion of this matter at the 16th session of the Committee) in order to assist in the resolution of these matter and subsequent finalization of the Standard at the 17th Session of the Committee.

3. Comments provided on sizing and uniformity will be forwarded to the electronic Working Group on Pomegranate established by the Committee to work on sections 3 (sizing) and 5.1 (uniformity) with a view to make proposals for consideration by the 17th Session of the Committee.

¹ Reports of Codex meetings are available on the Codex website: http://www.codexalimentarius.net/ by subsequently clicking on Meetings and Events, Reports, ALINORM 11.
² REP11/FFV, para. 122 and Appendix V.
³ REP11/CAC, Appendix IV.