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**CL 2020/25-CPL**  
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**TO:** Codex Contact Points  
Interested International Organisations

**FROM:** Secretariat, Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme,  
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**SUBJECT** **Request for comments: Analysis of Responses to CL 2019/92-CPL: grain size in the in the standard for quinoa**

**DEADLINE** **15 March 2020**

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## BACKGROUND

1. The 42<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC42) agreed to<sup>1</sup>:
  - i. adopt, the provisions for moisture content with the deletion of the sentence "Governments accepting the Standard are requested to indicate and justify the requirements in force in their country" from the accompanying note; and
  - ii. return the section on grain size to Step 6 for further consideration by CCCPL, which would conduct its work by correspondence.
2. The CAC42 also noted that<sup>2</sup>:
  - i. The standard for quinoa would be published with a note to indicate that the section on grain size was to be developed<sup>3</sup>; and
  - ii. If consensus could not be reached at the next session, the section on grain size would be removed.
3. The Codex Secretariat distributed in September 2019, CL 2019/92-CPL requesting comments at step 6 on Section 3.2.7: Grain Size in the Standard for Quinoa.

## REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

4. Codex members and observers are invited to send their comments on CCCPL Chairperson's proposal for Section 3.2.7 Grain Size in the Standard for Quinoa (Appendix 2) based on the analysis of the comments received (Appendix 1).

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<sup>1</sup> [REP19/CAC](#), para 44

<sup>2</sup> [REP19/CAC](#), para 45

<sup>3</sup> *Standard for Quinoa* (CXS 333-2019) is available on codex website.

**ANALYSIS OF RESPONSES TO CL 2019/92-CPL**

1. In response to CL 2019/92-CPL, comments<sup>1</sup> were received from 6 member countries, which are detailed below.

**3.2.7 Grain Size**

2. Four comments (Canada, Peru, Thailand, United States) supported deleting Section 3.2.7 Grain Size provisions in the standard for quinoa.

3. One comment (Bolivia) supported maintaining Section 3.2.7 Grain Size provisions in the standard for quinoa.

4. Costa Rica submitted a statement that it has no comments at this time.

**CCCPL Chairperson's Proposal**

5. In view of the comments received in response to CL 2019/92-CPL, the CCCPL Chairperson proposes to delete Section 3.2.7 Grain Size in the Standard for Quinoa.

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<sup>1</sup> Comments are available [here](#).

**DRAFT SECTION 3.2.7 GRAIN SIZE IN THE STANDARD FOR QUINOA**  
**(at Step 8)**

**3.2.7 Size**

<b>Grain Size</b>	<b>Range mm</b>
Extra Large	Greater than 2.0 mm
Large	Greater than 1.7 to 2.0 mm
Medium	1.4 to 1.7 mm
Small	Less than 1.4 mm