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REVISION OF THE CLASSIFICATION OF FOOD AND FEED:

MISCELLANEOUS COMMODITIES NOT MEETING THE CRITERIA FOR CROP GROUPING (AT STEP 4)

Comments at Step 3 submitted in reply to CL 2019/04-PR
by Canada, Egypt and Ghana

Canada

BACKGROUND

- In accordance with the Terms of Reference given to the EWG on the revision of the Classification by CCPR50, the EWG considered the development of a system within the Classification to provide codes for commodities that do not meet the criteria for crop grouping. Examples of these types of commodities in Class A include water chestnut (*Trapa natans*), foxnut (*Euryale ferox*) and lotus seed (*Nelumbo nucifera*). These additional commodities are not expected to have an impact on any CXLs since these are added commodities and these types will not have representative commodities.

Current Situation

- Miscellaneous commodities that have been proposed for Class A (Primary Food Commodities of Plant Origin) are shown in Appendix I of CX/PR 19/51/11 along with appropriate codes. The Type is described as "TYPE MISCELLANEOUS" since types are already sequentially numbered from 1 to 20. The format for miscellaneous commodities for other Classes as needed are shown in Appendix II.
- CCPR is invited to consider the format and codes in Appendices I and II taking into account the agreement made at CCPR50 and the comments submitted in reply to the corresponding circular letter in order to provide guidance regarding the classification system for miscellaneous commodities.

Canada's Position on the format and codes proposed for Class A to E for the Type described as "Type Miscellaneous"

- As a member of the Electronic Working Group on the Revision of the Classification, Canada provided comments through this working group .
- Canada is in agreement with the format and codes as presented in Appendix I and II. It is noted that Appendix I contains the miscellaneous type for Class A for which there are currently 3 commodities. Appendix II contains the generic format/codes for Class B, C, D and E and there are no commodities in any of Type Miscellaneous for these classes.

Egypt

Egypt agrees on the classification mentioned in the following documents:

Document no. CL 2019/04-PR related to: Revision of the Classification of Food and Feed (CXM 4-1989) Miscellaneous commodities not meeting the criteria for crop grouping Request for comments at Step 3

Ghana

Position: Ghana supports the proposal of having a miscellaneous commodity grouping for those that do not meet the criteria for inclusion in a crop group.

Rationale: This proposal is consistent with previous agreement and gives the opportunity for individual classification of all plant commodities.