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Comments of Thailand

Proposal for amendment to the Standard for Bananas (CXS 205-1997)

Thailand fully supports Brazil's proposal to amend the Standard for Bananas by removing the reference to Group AAA bananas from Section 1 – Definition of Produce. This revision ensures that this standard can be used for all commercial varieties of bananas grown from Musa spp. However, we note that the main cultivars listed in the annex do not cover all commercial cultivars internationally traded these days. That is, the other cultivars which are not stated in the annex are not covered in this standard. Moreover, the cultivar names provided in the annex have other different local names used in trade. Thus, we kindly request CCFFV to consider removing the annex and the last sentence of Section 1 – Definition of Produce which states "Varieties covered by this standard are included in the Annex." to embrace inclusiveness of varieties in this standard.