



**JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME
CODEX COMMITTEE ON SPICES AND CULINARY HERBS**

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Draft Standard for dried cloves (Updated)
(Comments from Kenya, Tanzania and Thailand)

Kenya

Comment:

3. ESSENTIAL COMPOSITION AND QUALITY FACTORS

Kenya proposes the inclusion of a new clause on adulteration to read as follows.

3.2.4 Adulteration

Dried cloves shall be free from any adulteration.

Tanzania

GENERAL COMMENT

The URT would like to thank the Electronic Working Group chaired by Nigeria for the good work to come up with this draft standard for dried cloves for members' comments with the purpose of protecting the health of consumers and facilitating trade globally.

SPECIFIC COMMENTS

Section 3

The United Republic of Tanzania (URT) proposes the inclusion of a new clause on adulteration to read as follows.

3.2.4 Adulteration

Dried cloves shall be free from any adulteration.

Justification

There is a likelihood of adulteration by inclusion of other materials apart from cloves.

Annex ii Table 3 Requirement for Mammalian excreta

The URT proposes requirement for mammalian excreta in ground cloves be zero

Justification

Presence of mammalian excreta is an indication of poor hygienic practices and non-adherence to GMP and GHP. Its presence indicates contamination after processing.

Section 8.5, Inspection mark (optional)

The URT proposes that the term "inspection mark" to be defined for clarity.

Justification

The term inspection mark is not common; needs to be defined for clarity

Thailand

Thailand would like to provide suggestions on this document as follows:

1. We would like to propose to correct the scientific name of clove as follow:

“*Syzygium aromaticum* (L.) Merril & L.M. Perry”

2. We would like to delete a “section 3.2.3 classification” because there is no grade classified for clove in table 2 and 3.

3. In section 6 Hygiene, we would like to amend the updated title of CXG 21-1997 as follows:

“Principles and Guidelines for the Establishment and Application of Microbiological Criteria related to Foods (CXG 21-1997)”

4. In section 9 Method of Sampling and analysis, we do not agree with the amended title as it should be complied with the standard layout in Codex Procedural Manual and read as “Method of Analysis and sampling”.

5. We agree with the figure of 0% for mammalian or/and other excreta for ground clove in table 3 as it is an undesirable foreign matter in spices and culinary herbs.