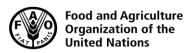
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Agenda Item 7.2

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Consideration of update to the template for SCH standards

(Comments from Kenya)

Kenya

Kenya proposes:

1. On the Template to the title:

Position: Proposal to write SCH in full: TEMPLATE FOR SCHSPICES AND CULINARY

HERBS STANDARD

Rationale: This is the first time in the document these acronyms are appearing.

2. On the title: Proposal to amend what is in square brackets and keep the text in the title to read: STANDARD FOR [INSERT EITHER THE GROUP NAME OR NAME OF A SCHAS APPROPRIATE WHERE OR INCASE OF A SINGLE COMMODITY IN A GROUP IS THE ONLY ONE BEING CONSIDERED IN THE STANDARD]

Rationale: This is more inclusive and not likely to leave out any product.

3. On the Scope: Proposal to amend the scope to read:

This Standard applies to all those plant **products** commonly sold in commerce as defined in Section 2.1 below offered for direct human consumption, commercial food processing and for repacking if required. The exact species bought/sold may be defined by contractual specifications. This standard does not apply to these products when intended for **non-food** industrial processing.

- a) Kenya proposes the addition of products. The addition of **products** is more inclusive of both plants and its products that may be used as a SCH.
- b) Kenya proposes addition of non-food to the last statement and this is to provide clarity.

Clause 2.1.1

Proposal:

- 1. To not include the table if the commodity is only one. Therefore, a statement referring to a common/commodity name and scientific name should be used in this section.
- 2. to change the topics on the table to read

Common Commodity Name	Trade Common Name/s	Scientific name
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- a) The renaming of Common name to commodity name to align to the commodities covered by the title
- b) The renaming of Trade names and replace it with common name is to avoid locking out some products
- 3. Clause 2.2 Proposal to add Common name to the title and where it will be subsequently used. To read: {SCH group/Commodity name}

Rationale: This is to align to the title of the text.

4. Addition of or as may be required by national legislation in the statement to read:

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ground/powdered. Particle size to be determined by contractual agreement between buyer and seller or as may be required by national legislation

Rationale: National legislation could be an interested party in the setting up of standards.

5. Amendment to clause 3.2.3 Chemical and physical characteristics

SCH group name shall comply with the chemical and physical properties in Annex I, Table 4 2-Chemical Characteristics and Annex I Table 2-3- PhysicalCharacteristics. The applicable chemical and physical properties may be amended to reflect commodity unique properties.

- <u>a)</u> Renaming of the tables as appropriate to avoid confusion between table in clause 2 and the ones in annex.
- <u>b)</u> Amendment and addition of the statement, the applicable chemical and physical properties may be amended to reflect commodity unique properties.
 Rationale: The provided statement provides for flexibility in the application of the clause.
- c) Deletion of the statement as shown in the Introductory remarks to Sections 4 to 9: These sections reference existing Codex Guidelines and General Standards on Food Additives, Contaminants in Food, Food Hygiene and Labelling. These criteria can be amended if needed to reflect a commodity unique properties, requirements or trade practices.

Rationale: This is not provided for in the Codex Procedural manual.

6. On Annex 1 on the table of chemical Characteristics

Position: Kenya proposes to insert a foot note guiding on the parameters. Other parameters may be added or not included based on the products of interest.

Rationale: The table as is does not apply to all SCH, other characteristics are not covered and may not apply for others.

7. On Annex 1 on the table of physical Characteristics

Position:

a) Kenya proposes the deletion of the requirement on Live insects.

Rationale: This is covered by national legislation on phytosanitary.

b) Kenya proposes the separation of shriveled, immature and Broken

Rationale: Shrivelled and immature reflect on the quality of the plant commodity while broken has been included in the styles.

General Comment: Rename the tables to avoid confusion as tables 2 and 3 respectively in the annex.