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Agenda Item 5

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### DRAFT AMENDMENT TO THE STANDARD FOR QUICK FROZEN LOBSTERS GOVERNMENT COMMENTS AT STEP 6

#### EL SALVADOR

##### 1. SCOPE

change only in Spanish version – (“squat lobster” in English version)

##### 2. DESCRIPTION

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##### 6.1 THE NAME OF THE FOOD

The product shall be designated:

- (i) Squat Lobster if derived from the species *Cervimundia johnii*, *Pleuroncodes monodon* and *Pleuroncodes planipes*

#### Comments

1. *Pleuroncodes planipes* is a species belonging to the Galatheididae family that may be found in all the coast of Central America and in El Salvador since 1980 in fisheries statistics.
2. FAO has realized a study on the presence of *Pleuroncodes planipes* on the coast of El Salvador, see Annex 1, Bibliography.
3. The authorities of the United States of America recognize that the following species can be marketed: *Pleuroncodes planipes*, *Pleuroncodes monodon*. *Pleuroncodes planipes* may be labelled as “squat lobster” in Canada, according to the Fish Seafood and Production Division, Canadian Food Inspection Agenda (Annex II) (Secretariat note: files were not attached).
4. The existing background information was validated with a new taxonomic study (Annex 1) to demonstrate the presence of this species and the difference with the species under consideration in the proposed draft amendment to the Standard for Quick Frozen Lobsters

**Comments**  
**Taxonomic Description**

Phylum Arthropoda,  
Class: Crustacea,  
Order : Decapodes  
Sub-Order : Reptantia  
Section: Anomura  
Family : Galatheidae  
Specie: *Pleuroncodes planipes* .  
Common name: squat lobster (langostino chileno, langostilla in Spanish)

Species reported from Baja California and in the coast of Central America. The characteristics that differentiate it from its parent species *Pleuroncodes monodon* are the shape of the transversal stripes through the external skeleton. *Pleuroncodes planipes* may be found in the North and *Pleuroncodes monodon* in the South of the Chilean coast

Research on this demersal resource on the continental platform of El Salvador was carried out from 1970 by Cole and Wieme, subsequently other authors studied its distribution and potential from 1971.

**Background documents on the research concerning the populations of *Pleuroncodes planipes* on the coast of El Salvador**

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**ANEXO II**

The following files are attached in this Annex: pagina.pcx, pagina2.pcx y pagina3.pcx