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**Outstanding Provisions in Citrus Fruits
Being Standardized by the Codex Committee on Fresh and Vegetables
(At Step 6)**

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SOUTH AFRICA

CITRUS FRUIT SIZING

South Africa proposes that the sizing requirements of the Codex and UNECE Standards in this regard be harmonised.

URUGUAY

GENERAL COMMENT

Uruguay considers that the document proposes to introduce an additional size based on the number of fruits per stocks as an alternative to the code for size.

EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

The European Community agrees with the proposed amendments, as in annex I of document CX/FFV 02/8, with regard to oranges. It also agrees to apply similar amendments for limes, grapefruit and pummelos.

The European Community wishes moreover to reach the greatest possible harmonisation of the Codex standards concerned with the UNECE standard for citrus fruits.

With regard to the draft standard for the oranges, it will inform of its complementary specific proposals within the framework of the examination of this draft. With regard to the three other Codex standards concerned, the Community proposes the following changes:

I Draft Codex Standard for Oranges***SOUTH AFRICA***

Oranges

We propose that an additional size code "O" be included with diameter 92 - 110 mm.

SPAIN

In the table related to oranges, it is proposed to include the code of size "0" with diameter of "92-110".

URUGUAY**DISPOSITIONS ABOUT THE SIZE CLASSIFICATION**

For oranges it is proposed to include the size code "0", from 92 to 110mm such as it appears in the CEPE Standard to citrus fruits orange.

II Codex Standard for Limes***SOUTH AFRICA***

Limes

We propose that the diameter range for size code 5 be amended to 42 - 49 mm.

URUGUAY**SPECIFIC COMMENT**

About the text of dispositions, it is proposed the next specific recommendations:

In the entire text, it should be clearly specified the terms by their scientific name.

This is especially important for the case of limes because the term "lemon" in some countries could originate some doubts if it is included the real lemon. If the citrus lemon or real "lemon" is included bigger sizes have to be considered in the scale.

EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

Limes:

"Size is determined by the maximum diameter of the equatorial section of the fruit, in accordance with the following table:

Size code	Diameter (mm)
1	58-67
2	53-62
3	48-57
4	45-52
5	42- 48-49

Limes may be packed by count. In this case, provided the size uniformity required by the standard is retained, the size range in the package may fall outside a single size code, but within two adjacent codes.

Limes with dimension of less than 42 mm are excluded.

Uniformity in size is achieved by the above mentioned size scales, unless otherwise stated as follows:

i) for fruit arranged in regular layers in the package, the maximum difference between the smallest and the largest fruit must not exceed 7 mm, within a single size code or, in the case of limes packed by count, within two adjacent codes,

ii) for fruit not arranged in regular layers in packages and fruit in individual packages for direct sale to the consumer made up by number of fruit, the difference between the smallest and the largest fruit in the same package must not exceed the range of the appropriate size grade in the size scale,

iii) for fruit in bulk bins and fruit presented in individual packages for direct sale to the consumer made up by weight of fruit, the maximum size difference between the smallest and the largest fruit in the same lot or package must not exceed the range obtained by grouping three consecutive sizes in the size scale."

III Codex Standard for Pummelos**SOUTH AFRICA**

Pummelos

We propose that size code 7 be amended to a minimum of diameter of 110 mm (instead of 112 mm).

EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

Pummelos:

" Size is determined by the maximum diameter of the equatorial section of the fruit, in accordance with the following table:

Size code	Weight (g)	Diameter (mm)
1	> 1700	156-170
2	1501-1700	148-162
3	1301-1500	140-154
4	1101-1301	132-146
5	901-1100	123-138
6	700-900	116-129
7	< 700	< 112 110-118

Pummelos may be packed by count. In this case, provided the size uniformity required by the standard is retained, the size range in the package may fall outside a single size code, but within two adjacent codes.

Pummelos with dimension of less than 110 mm are excluded.

Uniformity in size is achieved by the above mentioned size scales, except in the case of fruit in bulk bins and fruit presented in individual packages for direct sale to the consumer made up by weight of fruit, for which the maximum size difference between the smallest and the largest fruit in the same lot or package must not exceed the range obtained by grouping three consecutive sizes in the size scale."

IV Codex Standard for Grapefruits**SOUTH AFRICA**

Grapefruit

Appreciably the minimum and maximum diameters are the same in this case but the Codex standard proposes the inclusion of size range 86 - 99. If this is to be retained we would like to request that the marking of the size code be made optional.

SPAIN

In the table related to Citrus Paradisi, it is proposed to include in the Codex Standard for Citrus Paradisi, the size scales that are included in the (standard) CEPE Standard.

EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

Grapefruits:

" Size is determined by the maximum diameter of the equatorial section of the fruit, in accordance with the following table:

Size code	Diameter (mm)
1	109-139
2	100-119
3	93-110
4	88-102
5-4b	86-99
6-5	84-97
7-6	81-93
8-7	77-89
9-8	73-85
10-9	70-80

Grapefruits may be packed by count. In this case, provided the size uniformity required by the standard is retained, the size range in the package may fall outside a single size code, but within two adjacent codes.

Grapefruits with dimension of less than 70 mm are excluded.

Uniformity in size is achieved by the above mentioned size scales, except in the case of fruit in bulk bins and fruit presented in individual packages for direct sale to the consumer made up by weight of fruit, for which the maximum size difference between the smallest and the largest fruit in the same lot or package must not exceed the range obtained by grouping three consecutive sizes in the size scale."