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PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE PRIORITY LIST FOR THE STANDARDIZATION OF FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

- Comments in response to CL 2008/13-FFV

(Comments of Brazil, European Community and Iran)

BRAZIL

Currently, Brazil does not have a proposal for inclusion of commodities in the Priority List.

EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

The European Community and its Member States (ECMS) thank for having the opportunity to provide comments on the priority list for the standardization of the fresh fruit and vegetables.

The European Community would like to highlight the need for a very close cooperation between the Codex Committee and the UNECE and for continued harmonization efforts to avoid duplication of commercial quality standards.

Therefore, the ECMS see no priority for developing Codex-Standards for products where already UNECE standards exist (Kiwi, Pears, Pineapple, Strawberry, Garlic, Onion (Chanterelle is in progress)). If developing Codex standards in this field the ECMS would prefer to use the existing UNECE standards as a work basis and only add the Codex specific requirements on hygiene and contaminants."

IRAN

Iran is of the view that works on Kiwi might be initiated by the committee.