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Agenda Item 4

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DRAFT CODEX STANDARD FOR DURIAN AT STEP 4

(Comments at Step 3 submitted by Egypt and Kenya)

**EGYPT**

Referring to your document CX/FFV/14/18/6 Proposed Draft Codex Standard for Durian.

We would like to inform you that Egypt did not cultivate or import this kind of, so Egypt has not comments up till now.

**KENYA**

We hereby thank the eWG led by Thailand for the good work done to come up with this draft for our comments.

**2. PROVISIONS CONCERNING QUALITY**

**2.1 MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS**

**Comment:**

We refer to the above clauses and suggest that the word 'practically' be deleted from the standard and the word 'must' to be replaced with 'shall' in the text.

2.1.1 The durians ~~must~~ **shall** have reached an appropriate degree of development in accordance with ~~criteria proper~~ to the variety and to the area in which they are grown and to allow the fruit to reach an appropriate degree of ripeness.

**Comment on clause 2.1.1:**

We would like to modify the sentence as follows for clarity:

The durians ~~shall must~~ have reached an appropriate degree of ~~maturity development~~ in accordance ~~with proper criteria~~ to the variety and to the area in which they are grown ~~and to allow the fruit to reach an appropriate degree of ripeness.~~

**GENERAL COMMENTS**

We propose modifications to some of the text in CX/FFV 14/18/6 as outlined below in the Specific Comments section below. The proposed modifications are needed to make the text in CX/FFV 14/18/6 easily understood.

**SPECIFIC COMMENTS**

**5.2.1 Description of Containers**

We propose that part of the first sentence be modified by replacing "preservation" with "protection" "shipping and preserving ~~protecting~~ of the durians."

**JUSTIFICATION**

One purpose of packaging is to protect the Durian fruit. The package is not meant to preserve the Durian fruit as it is not a preservative

**COMMENT:**

We also propose that the second sentence in section 5.2.1 be modified by inserting the words "clean and" "~~Packages must~~ ~~container shall~~ be clean and free of all foreign matter and smell.

**JUSTIFICATION**

It is important that the cleanliness of the package is emphasized for the assurance of food safety and free from any contamination that can be easily avoided.

### 6.1.1 ~~Nature of Produce~~ Name of the Product

We propose ~~s~~ that the subheading is changed to reflect the information provided below (~~Nature of Produce~~ **Name of the produce**) or the information provided below the subheading is changed to bring it in line with the subheading title.

~~"If the produce is not visible from the outside, Each package shall be labelled as to the name and the variety of the produce. and may be labelled as to the name of the variety."~~

#### **JUSTIFICATION:**

The information provided below the subheading "**Name of product**" would bring it in line with the subheading and make it clearer to the user of the standard.

#### **Comment on clause 6.2.2**

### 6.2.2 ~~Nature of Produce~~ Name of Product

- ~~Name of the produce if the contents are not visible from the outside.~~
- ~~Name of the variety (optional).~~

#### Comment:

We propose that the '**Net weight**' in clause 6.2.4 should not be optional

### 6.2.4 Commercial Identification

- Class;
- Size (if sized);
- Number of units (optional);
- Net weight ~~(optional).~~

### 6.2.3 ~~Origin of Produce~~ Country of Origin

We propose that the sentence be revised to read "Country of origin and, optionally, district where grown or national, regional or local place name." To read.

"Country of origin and, optionally, **the name of the** district where grown or national, regional, **district** or local place name **where grown.**"