

# codex alimentarius commission



FOOD AND AGRICULTURE  
ORGANIZATION  
OF THE UNITED NATIONS

WORLD  
HEALTH  
ORGANIZATION



JOINT OFFICE: Viale delle Terme di Caracalla 00153 ROME Tel: 39 06 57051 www.codexalimentarius.net Email: codex@fao.org Facsimile: 39 06 5705 4593

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 4(B)**

**CX/FL 08/36/6-ADD.1**

# E

## **JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME**

**CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD LABELLING  
THIRTY-SIXTH SESSION  
OTTAWA, CANADA, APRIL 28 - MAY 2, 2008**

**GUIDELINES FOR THE PRODUCTION, PROCESSING, LABELLING AND  
MARKETING OF ORGANICALLY PRODUCED FOODS:  
DRAFT AMENDMENT: ADDITION OF ETHYLENE  
(CL 2007/34-FL & ALINORM 07/30/22 - APPENDIX IV)**

**GOVERNMENT COMMENTS AT STEP 6**

### **COMMENTS FROM:**

**CANADA  
KENYA**

**GUIDELINES FOR THE PRODUCTION, PROCESSING, LABELLING AND  
MARKETING OF ORGANICALLY PRODUCED FOODS:  
DRAFT AMENDMENT: ADDITION OF ETHYLENE  
(CL 2007/34-FL & ALINORM 07/30/22 - APPENDIX IV)**

**GOVERNMENT COMMENTS AT STEP 6**

**CANADA:**

Canada is pleased to provide the following comments on CL 2007/16-FL concerning the inclusion of ethylene in the *Proposed Draft Guidelines for the Production, Processing, Labelling and Marketing of Organically Produced Foods*.

Canada would like to note that before a substance is added to its Permitted Substance List, it has undergone an evaluation process against criteria appropriate to meet Canada's needs and circumstances. As such, Canada would like to remind the Committee that the intent of the Annex is an indicative list meant to provide guidance on substances which might be used by national authorities. Again, each country must evaluate, against the established criteria, whether or not it is appropriate to use a particular substance, given their regional circumstances.

Ethylene in organic agriculture is permitted in Canada, therefore, Canada does not object to the consideration of Ethylene as an addition to Annex 2, Permitted Substances for the Production of Organic Foods, Table 4, Processing Aids.

**KENYA:**

Kenya supports the use of ethylene in the use of ripening of kiwifruit, bananas and other relevant species.