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Use of ethylene as a flowering agent for pineapples and for degreening of citrus for the purpose of fruit fly prevention

COMMENTS AT STEP 3

COMMENTS FROM:

BRAZIL
NIGERIA
THAILAND

BRAZIL**(i) General Comments:**

We would like to thank for the opportunity to comment on CX/FL 12/40/8.

Brazil supports the use of ethylene as a flowering agent for pineapples and for degreening of citrus for the purpose of fruit fly prevention. The use of ethylene for these purpose were adequately justified against the criteria in section 5.1 of the Guidelines for the Production, Processing, Labelling and Marketing of Organically Produced Foods.

NIGERIA

Nigeria supports that ethylene be allowed for degreening of citrus fruit. However, it should be limited to situations where degreening is part of a strategy for the prevention of fruit fly damage in citrus and it should not have influence on physiological ripening (taste, flavour, texture).

Justification:

Ethylene is a natural component, it is harmless to human when appropriately used, and prevents damage by fruit flies.

THAILAND

Thailand supports the addition of ethylene that are used for de-greening fruits in citrus family and the induction of flowering in pineapples under the application conditions proposed by the working group to be new substances.