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Guidelines for the Production, Processing, Labelling and Marketing of Organically Produced Foods

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

At step 3 of the Procedure

Governments and international organizations in Observer status with the Codex Alimentarius Commission wishing to submit comments on the proposal are invited to do so **no later than 20 April 2012** to:

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The 39th Codex Committee on Food Labelling agreed to allow the use of ethylene for degreening of citrus for fruit fly prevention and as a flowering agent for pineapples. The Committee agreed to place these applications in Annex 2, Table 2, under "Other", with the justification that both applications could be seen as plant protection measures.¹

¹ REP11/FL, paras 96-97